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The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation, Inc. was established on August 17, 1957. The purpose of the organization shall be "The collection, administration, and investment of funds donated by any person(s), firm(s), or corporation(s), wishing: (1) to recognize various groups and/or organizations, (2) to honor members of the dairy and allied industries (living or deceased) who have performed distinguished services for the dairy industry of Michigan, (3) to provide scholarships for specific financial aid to worthy undergraduates desiring to acquire technical and/or academic training in the fields of dairy science, and/or processing or manufacturing of dairy products through regular four-year college courses, short courses, and/or such technical training as dairy plant engineering or such other courses as the Board of Directors deems advisable, and (4) to support specific educational programs enhancing the curriculum for students with a dairy interest."

The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund is the largest scholarship program in the College of Agriculture and Natural Resources.



#### LOWELL ALLEN

Retired Director of Membership Services Michigan Milk Producers Association

Lowell Allen dedicated his entire career to the Michigan Milk Producers Association and its thousands of dairy farmer members. Lowell was, and continues to be, highly respected by the Michigan dairy industry for his commitment and tireless efforts on behalf of Michigan dairy farmers.

Lowell was born and raised on a dairy farm in Livingston County. After graduating from Fowlerville High School, Lowell attended Michigan State University, earning a

Bachelor of Science Degree in Agriculture-Dairy Production. During his time at MSU he also worked at the Michigan State dairy barn. After receiving his Bachelor's Degree he continued on at MSU, completing a Master's Degree in Agricultural Economics.

Lowell began working for Michigan Milk Producers Association following his graduation from MSU in 1950. He initially joined the Association as a fieldman. His tenure at MMPA lasted until his retirement in 1988. During his 38 years of employment with the Association, Lowell served in many capacities. His duties included: fieldman, laboratory technician, director of Field Services, director of Outstate Markets and director of Membership Services, the latter for 23 years.

Lowell was responsible for the MMPA quality and field programs during an evolutionary period in the dairy industry. When the Grade A Law was passed, Lowell reorganized the MMPA membership and quality programs to complement and coordinate them with the new regulations. Under his direction, great strides were made in the attitude of dairy farmers toward the production of high quality milk. Tremendous progress was also made in the overall milk quality, placing MMPA's raw milk supply among the best in the United States.

Lowell has great compassion, accompanied by a great understanding, for dairy farmers. He directed a large field staff and was a dedicated and key MMPA employee for many years. He is truly one of the giants in the industry. On behalf of MMPA's past and present members, we are pleased to present this recognition to Lowell Allen for his 38 years of service to MMPA and Michigan's dairy industry.

Lowell and his wife, Doris, have three daughters, one son, and eleven grandchildren.



#### N. FREDERICK ANDERSON

N. Frederick Anderson is a retired dairyman from Coldwater, Michigan. He entered the dairy business in 1932 in partnership with his father, Emil Anderson, a Danish immigrant. Together they formed Anderson Dairy, which started with a single delivery route and grew to 10 routes supplied by a new plant producing 12,000 pounds of milk per day.

When it was sold in 1964, Anderson Dairy was the last operating dairy in Coldwater, a city of 10,000 in which 13 other dairies competed when the Anderson's first went into business.

Anderson Dairy began as a tiny plant on the Coldwater Jersey Farm, the Anderson family farm which provided the milk for the dairy. In 1951, after two decades of continual growth and expansion, the Andersons built what was then a-state-of-the-art plant. By this time the jersey herd had been sold and Anderson Dairy was buying milk from 18 area dairy farmers.

The new plant was described as a working model of the biggest, most modern dairies of the time. Its high-temperature, short-time pasteurizer processed 3,000 pounds of milk an hour. Anderson Dairy also produced over 1,000 pounds a day of cottage cheese, which enjoyed a reputation in southern Michigan for its excellent quality.

By the early 1960's small dairies were fast disappearing. The competition from supermarket chains, where customers could buy a half gallon of milk for less than the cost to produce it, and the changing lifestyles that made history of home milk deliveries, led nearly all locally owned dairies to cease operation or sell out to the huge corporate dairies such as Lockshore in Kalamazoo, Sealtest in Lansing and Detroit Creamery in Detroit.

Following the sale of Anderson Dairy, N. Frederick Anderson's years of business experience and personal knowledge of the community allowed him to change careers. He began as a loan officer at the Southern Michigan National Bank of Coldwater and by the time of his retirement in 1979 was a vice president. Over the past 50 years, N. Frederick Anderson has been active in civic affairs and has been an important contributor to the economy and quality of life of Coldwater.



#### KENNETH B. BAUSCHKE

A contribution to the Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation has been made in the name of Kenneth B. Bauschke, Okemos, Michigan by the Jackson-Leslie MABC-Select Sires Local and Dr. Clinton E. Meadows. Ken is being honored for his continual and undying effort in improving the dairy and beef cattle industries through his work in the Artificial Insemination (A.I.) Industry.

Most of us are familiar with Ken's work as General Manager at MABC-Select Sires, Inc., Lansing, Michigan. Ken served in that capacity for over 28 years. He began his career with the Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative in 1969. Under his

direction, the cooperative joined Select Sires, Inc., Plain City, Ohio in 1969. This merger allowed the cooperative to expand the quality of sires and services available to members. Through his guidance, the cooperative has grown from a single state cooperative to a tristate cooperative, which now serves over 8,000 dairy and beef farmers in Michigan, Indiana and northern Wisconsin. Today, the cooperative markets about 500,000 units of semen annually.

Through the years at MABC, Ken helped establish MABC-Select Sires as a leader in the A.I. Industry. He can be credited for initiation the use of micro-computers on sales trucks to assist with customer billing and inventory control, as well as the Embryo Transfer Service MABC now offers members in Michigan and Indiana. These are only two examples of the many programs and services Ken initiated while at MABC.

In addition to his work with the cooperative, Ken has volunteered his time for various projects and organizations. He was instrumental in the establishment of the Clinton E. Meadows Endowed Chair at Michigan State University. He also served several years on the National Association of Artificial Breeders (NAAB) board, two of which he was President.

Ken graduated from Michigan State University in 1950 with a Bachelor of Science in Dairy Production. Upon graduation, he accepted a position with the University of California, Davis, California as a laboratory technician in A.I. work. In 1951 he was selected as General Manager for Jessup Breeders, Glendale, California.

Ken's contributions to the A.I. industry have been great. He is being recognized through this scholarship for all he has done for dairy and beef breeders. Congratulations Ken on your many accomplishments. Your work in the A.I. industry has been beneficial to all.



### BERNARD B. BELLOWS

Bernard Bellows was fond of saying "all work is honorable but farming is special because growing food for people is the finest thing you can do."

Bernard was born and raised on a Centennial Dairy farm in Eaton Rapids, Michigan. And from an early age, he knew growing food was special. He loved planting trees and watching things grow. He was a member of the Arbor Day Society and worked tirelessly on his 350 acres, making his farm and his community a beautiful place to live.

He also believed in being progressive on the farm. He was the first to adapt new methods to his work and he tried to devote some part of each day to reading about new agricultural methods and applications. He put his knowledge to work by serving as a member of the McDonald Dairy Advisory Committee.

He was a devoted husband, father (3 children), grandfather (7grandchildren, 3 great-grandchildren) and friend. He volunteered his time with FFA as an Honorary Chapter Farmer and he served as a Michigan 4-H dairy judge and team coach. He truly believed in the goodness of family farming.

Bernard's values have been passed on to all of those who ever knew him. His love of agriculture is carried on by his family and by his son, Nick, who is the Chief Executive Officer of the United Dairy Industry of Michigan.

The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship is a fitting tribute to Bernard, who honored the dairy industry with his hard work, his dedication to his family, and his love of the land.



#### BRUCE E. BEVIER

Senior Vice President Lansing Dairy Inc.

Mr. BeVier grew up on a dairy farm in Haslett, Michigan. One of seven children, he helped his family produce and bottle raw milk for the Lansing area. Later, the business was merged with Lansing Farm products. Bruce stayed close to the farm scene until he went into the Marines.

Returning from the Marines, Bruce attended Michigan State University. He helped earn his room and board by staying over the milk house at the MSU Dairy Barn and

"milking his way through college!"

In the Marine Reserves, Bruce was recalled during the Korean War. He and his wife were "sweethearts" who married before he left for duty in the Marines. Returning from the service, Bruce's wife encouraged him to finish college. Between the funds from the G.I. bill and part time work for Sealtest, which was, at that time, Detroit Creamery, Bruce was able to graduate from Michigan State University in 1955.

Upon graduation, Bruce held numerous assignments with Sealtest in southeast Michigan. In 1969, he was send to Canada by Sealtest where he served on the Dominion Dairies corporate staff and consulted with other Canadian Sealtest plants on production and distribution. In the fall of 1977, he joined Lawson Milk Company (of Consolidated Foods, now Sara Lee) in Akron, Ohio as vice president of manufacturing and distribution. In 1982, Bruce jointed Wilson Dairy in Detroit, which acquired Lansing Sealtest one year later. He became senior vice president in 1984.

The BeViers has been married for 38 years. Mrs. BeVier is a school teacher. They have four children and five grandchildren. One BeVier son continues in the dairy business as plant manager of Frost Bite in Clare, Michigan. Both sons are Eagle Scouts. Bruce served many years as an adult leader in scouting, was an Eagle Advancement Chairman, and sat on numerous Eagle boards.

Since the early 1960's, intermittently, Bruce has represented Sealtest on the Dairy Council of Michigan Board of Directors serving as president in 1969. Since 1987 he has served as president of Michigan Dairy Foods Association. He is the vice president of the Dr. G. Malcolm Trout Memorial – the first to serve in that position and is currently president of the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Fund. Revered and respected by his colleagues, Bruce BeVier continues to serve the Dairy Industry with tireless energy, enthusiasm and integrity.



## CHARLES "JACK" CARVER

Charles A. Carver was better know to his friends and associates as Jack Carver. Jack was born in Milwaukee in 1911. At age 7 his family moved to Oshkosh, Wisconsin. There in 1918 his father and Uncle formed the Carver Ice Cream and Dairy Operation.

He attended Mercersburg Academy and graduated from the University of Wisconsin. In 1936 he began working for McDonald Dairy in Flint, Michigan. In 1937 he married Evelyn LaPlace. This union resulted in 3 children, Church, John and Candace.

In 1942 Jack was transferred from Flint to Ann Arbor where he managed the McDonald Ice Cream Operation. He was a founding Director of the Quality chekd Dairy Products Association and a member of the Michigan Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers. The Baskin-Robbins Ice Cream Company was formed in Ann Arbor and Jack became President and remained in that capacity until retirement in 1983.

He was active in the community life of Ann Arbor being a member of Kiwanis, Elks, Chamber of Commerce and Barton Hills Country Club.

It is fitting that the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship foundation recognize by this memorial C.A. "Jack" Carver.



# DARWIN JON CNOSSEN

Darwin Jon Cnossen, the third son of Harold and Karen Cnossen, was born on December 4, 1967. He lived his entire life in the Falmouth area, and was educated at Northern Michigan Christian School in McBain.

Family, church and community were very important to Darwin. He enjoyed spending time in family activities, was active in church as a Cadet leader and Youth Group officer, and his service to community included being a volunteer fireman and Little League Softball coach.

He was a 4-H member for 10 years and active in FFA for 2 years. His #1 hobby was making his work enjoyable, always organizing his welding; designing and manufacturing articles that he could use on the farm.

His favorite leisure activities were deer hunting, snowmobiling and canoeing.

Following high school, he spent his first year of college at MSU. He returned home and farmed for the next two years and also took some night classes at Mid-Michigan Community College in Harrison.

In September of '89, he went to Dordt College, in Sioux Center, Iowa with aspirations of completing his degree in agriculture and returning home to the family farm to join his father and brother.

His earthly dreams, by human standards were never realized. On June 11, 1990 he died very suddenly in a tragic fall on the home farm.

Darwin was a young man with too many talents and skills, and too much ambition and enthusiasm to be taken from this world so young," said his pastor at the funeral. "Even the most impartial and objective description and remembering of Darwin would tend to sound eulogistic. He was simply a tall, good-looking, intelligent, hardworking and happy young man."



### GEORGE C. COPE

I was born July 28, 1918 in North Belle Vernon, Pennsylvania, a small community about 40 miles south of Pittsburgh. My father was a mechanical engineer and worked in a nearby steel plant. In 1927, the family moved to Dearborn, Michigan, where my father worked as plant engineer for a steel tube manufacturing company serving the automotive industry. I attended grade school, junior high school, and graduated from Fordson High School of Dearborn in 1936. The fall of 1936, I enrolled at Michigan State College, subsequently Michigan State University. Having a desire to major in dairy manufacturing, I enrolled in the College of Agriculture. Among the required courses

for a dairy manufacturing major were Animal Husbandry, Field Crops, Poultry Husbandry, and so forth. Having grown up in the city, I was out of my element in the Agricultural School and quickly switched to the Applied Science curriculum. I majored in bacteriology and chemistry and took all my elective courses in dairy manufacturing.

After graduating with a Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State College in 1940, I went to work in the Pure Pak laboratory of the Ex-Cell-O Corporation. Ex-Cell-O, at this time, was in the early stages of developing, manufacturing, and marketing equipment for the fabrication and filling of the single service paper milk package. World War II brought a halt to the expansion of the single service milk package; however, it was evident that a shift would occur from house to house delivery of milk, to the purchase of milk at the supermarket in single service packages. At the conclusion of the war in 1945, I met with several leading independent grocers in the Grand Rapids area, and with their help organized the Country Fresh Dairy Company. The dairy started as a totally new operation. It processed its first milk on October 1, 1946, packaging all its milk in the Pure Pak single service container. All sales were made to stores operated by the independent grocers. The dairy, shortly after starting, was prosperous and continues to be a prosperous entity.

In 1948, with the help of Professors T.S. Lucas and G. Malcolm Trout of Michigan State College Dairy Department, I organized and served as the first President of the Western Michigan Dairy Technology Society. The Western Michigan Dairy Technology Society subsequently became the Western Michigan Food Industry Technology Society.

Subsequently Country Fresh became members of the Michigan Dairy Foods Association and the Dairy Council of Michigan. In 1972 and 1973, I served as President of the Michigan Dairy Foods association, and in 1975-76 served as President of the Dairy Council of Michigan. In 1970, I was elected to the Board of Directors of the International Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers and served as its Treasurer for the years 1981-82.

I retired from the industry in the fall of 1982. Subsequently I have been involved with the Senior Neighbors Program of Grand Rapids and served as its President in 1986-87. I am presently a Board member of Porter Hills Presbyterian Village, a retirement community in Grand Rapids, and serve as an elder at the Westminster Presbyterian Church.



### DANIEL G. CULP

Dan was born October 5, 1915, in Ames, Iowa and spent his early years there as the eldest of three children of Homer and Garnet Culp. It was often said by everyone in the family that Dan was a "born Mechanic". His sister remembers the dolls repaired and clock disassembled – his brother recounts tales of Dan as a teenager rebuilding a Model T. Ford. Dan's mechanical abilities were appreciated by many throughout his life, as he always made himself available to friends and family to help with car or appliance repairs – anything with a motor delighted him. His love of the outdoors led him on many fishing and hunting expeditions, and gunsmithing became a favorite

hobby.

Dan's family migrated from Iowa to Washington, to Illinois during the difficult depression years and then finally to Michigan. Dan graduated from Detroit's Northwestern High School in 1934 and a few years later went to work for the Excello Corporation as a machinist. During World War II, when Excello retooled for the war effort, Dan was a foreman and was deferred from military service because of the nature of his job. Excello manufactured Pure Pak machines and Dan's mechanical expertise led him to the dairy industry. In 1948, Dan accepted a position was the Greenbrier Dairy in Beckley, West Virginia as the plant operations manager. He knew the machines and was always on call to keep the cartons running.

Dan joined what is now Champion DairyPak in 1954 as a service engineer. He worked for the Cleveland Corporate Office for eleven years during which time he traveled to dairies throughout the mid-west and was responsible for handling any Pure Pak service problems for DairyPak customers. In 1965, Dan was transferred to Michigan as Senior Service Engineer. His territory was the State of Michigan plus northern Ohio. Dan continued to serve in this capacity until retirement in 1985, after serving 31 years with the company. His love of his job and his wonderful friends in the dairy industry kept him working until age 70 – then he went on call as a consultant.

Dan married Laura on June 1, 1940. They were married 52 years at the time of his death. They have three daughters, six grandchildren, and one great grandchild. His family was especially dear to him and he was a true hero to many nephews and nieces. His daughters' and sons-in-law fondly remember him explaining, teaching, telling stories and repairing! Everyone remembers his daily ritual of completing the cross word puzzle from the Free Press and always having a good book at hand beside his family room chair. Dan was notorious for his driving. During his traveling years, after arriving home on Friday night, Laura would ask him if he was tired, to which his usual reply was "No, I caught a nap on the turnpike".

Friends and fellow employees have many fond memories of Dan. One fellow DairyPak employee recalls Dan's hearty appetite and that "although Dan never had a bad mean, he did have his favorite restaurants!" One, in particular, was Tony Packo's in Toledo, Ohio, noted for its Hungarian hot dogs and hot Hungarian chili-Dan knew about this eatery long before Klinger of MASH fame!

Dan's service and commitment to the Dairy Industry, beginning when he joined Excello in the late 1930's endeared him to everyone with whom he come in contact as he made his rounds. Because of this commitment, Dan is being recognized by his family and friends as a "named honoree" in both the G.Malcolm Trout Dairy Memorial and the Michigan Dairy Memorial & Scholarship Foundation at Michigan State University.



#### FRED DOMBROSKE

Fred Dombroske will long be remembered as a kind, intelligent, gentle man. Many will be best remembers him for his contribution and commitment to Michigan Animal Breeders and the A.I. industry. Fred's vast knowledge of all aspects of the business, along with his caring attitude about people, his high standards of ethics and character, made him the person to contact at headquarters when one needed answers from the field, the office, or farmer members.

In 1944, while a student at MSU, Fred Dombroske was approached by A.C. Baltzer, Michigan State College Dairy

Professor, pioneer in Michigan A. I. development, and was employed as one of the four original team members in the organizational framework for Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative (MABC). The first office for this frontier organization was on the second floor of the Dairy Building, then located at the north end of Farm Lane. A.C. (Ace) Baltzer, George E. Parsons, Woody Snyder, and Fred worked to learn and create all facets of the new concept of using A.I. to improve dairy cattle for Michigan farmers. As the industry grew, Fred experienced every phase of MABC operations, overseeing sire housing, facility administration and laboratory management. Twice he was given the responsibility of acting General Manager. Fred was also involved in the technological changes in semen production, ranging from early semen extending methods and small plane delivery to technicians, to freezing with liquid nitrogen and direct sales to the farmer. He worked closely with the MSU Dairy Department and cooperated with MSU on several research projects.

Fred was born and raised in Gladwin County, Michigan, the son of Gottlieb and Eva Dombroske. Fred graduated as class valedictorian of Gladwin High School while working with his family on their dairy and crop farm. His enthusiasm for learning and his desire for personal and professional improvement led him to classes and coursework at LCC and MSU for most of his adult life.

Fred was married to Marlene Conklin in 1952. They are the parents of six children. Olan is a Doctor of Osteopathy, with a practice in Brown City, MI. He and his wife Sara, a former Biology teacher, and their two daughters, Helen, 6, and Miriam, 4, live in North Branch. A second son, Paul, has a Master of Music degree and serves as Music director and teacher at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing. Son, Mark is a 5<sup>th</sup> grade teacher and is the Our Savior Lutheran School choir director. Daughter, Jane, also a music teacher, is married to Saginaw attorney, Michael Weiss. Mary Ann teaches elementary music in the Sandusky, Michigan public schools, and their youngest daughter, Carol, is now a junior at Michigan State University, majoring in English Literature and Religious Studies. Her graduation will add two more degrees to the nine currently held from M.S.U. by the first five children.

Fred Dombroske died of cancer on November 14, 1988. Funeral services were held at Our Savior Lutheran Church, Lansing, where he had faithfully served as Sunday School and an Elder of the congregation.

In establishing this scholarship in Fred's name, the MSU Dairy Club pays tribute to a man – not with an obituary or a memoriam to his death, but with acknowledgement of the value he placed on education and recognition of the dignity of his life.



### RUSSEL ERICKSON

Dairyman, Teacher and Advisor

Dr. Russell Erickson is a man who knows a lot about a lot of things and even more about the dairy business. He was reared on a dairy farm in Badger, Minnesota, where he learned the fine art of dairy farming from the man who knows it best – his father.

His love for the business took him to the University of Minnesota, where he received his B.S. degree in 1964 and M.S. degree in 1968 in Dairy Science. In 1969, Dr. Erickson brought his talent to Michigan State University, earning his PhD in Dairy Management in 1972. He joint

M.S.U.'s Dairy Department as an assistant professor in 1973; became associate professor in 1979 and is currently a professor in the Animal Science Department.

From the beginning of his teaching career, Dr. Erickson took an extremely active role with his students. He is a permanent advisor to the M.S.U. Dairy Science Club, advising up to 75 students per year. For ten years, he served as faculty coordinator and manager of the Dairy Research and Teaching Center, hiring and supervising over 350 students.

His sincere concern for dairy students is widely recognized. Part of his success a teacher, in and out of the classroom, is due to the fact that either his Ph.D. or his academic rank are barriers for students. They easily interact with "Russ" while showing great respect for his expertise, judgment and authority. In 1985, the M.S. U. Dairy Club dedicated its 1985-86 yearbook to him for "his solid and understanding counsel to its many club members" The College of Agriculture and Natural Resources also presented him with the Alpha, Zeta Distinguished Service Award in 1980.

Russ' expertise is recognized internationally as well. Over a two year period, 1986-1988, he served as Project Leader on a MSU/USAID Faculty Expansion Project at the University of Zimbabwe. He also has taught 2 – 3 week courses through the USAID program in Turkey, Egypt, and in 1990, Poland.

Although he was always busy, Russ always found time to help young dairy farmers and students get started. He is an annual judge for the Michigan Milk Producer's Young Dairy Couple Program, which helps dairy farmers strengthen their leadership abilities and broaden their knowledge of milk marketing and MMPA. He also is active in the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation, serving as secretary from 1984-86 and 1988 to the present.

He is the proud father of three children: Lori, Jeff, and Stacy and the ultra-proud grandfather of one grandson, Eric. He lives with his wife, Gerry, in Okemos, Michigan.

The Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation is a fitting tribute to Russ, whose commitment to his students, his work and Michigan State University has made a significant contribution to Michigan's dairy industry.



## ANDY WINFIELD ERICKSON

#### **Minnesota Dairy Farmer**

He was a steward of the earth and always gave back what he took in his career as a dairy farmer. Andy Winfield Erickson lived by this credo and will long be remember for the love and respect for mother earth, for all animals under his care and most especially young people.

Andy and his wife of 61 years, Oline, owned and operated a dairy farm in northern Minnesota. Besides running a dairy farm, Andy and Oline raised 10 children. Andy with an eight grade education instilled in his children the desire that they could go forward and accomplish whatever their

dream. In pursuit of their drams, 8 of these 10 children obtained a college education. One of his children we have the honor of having here in Michigan as Michigan State University Professor in the Animal Science department, Dr. Russell.

Although only receiving lonely white ribbons on their first calves, Russel and his brother Sheldon went on to participate on the state top dairy judging team. Andy thought it was important for the children to compete in various contests. He believed that healthy competition helped prepare a person for real life situations. A judging experience taught teamwork, decision making, critical judgment, and an opportunity to meet other people with similar interests. In show ring competition, to be at the bottom of the class was to learn from those above; to stand at the top of a class was a sense of pride.

Besides operating his dairy operation, he also raised and entered many competitions with his Belgian horses. One of his most memorable trips was in 1976 when he and Oline were chose to drive Minnesota's lead horse drawn wagon, in a bi-centennial celebration journey from St. Paul, Minnesota to Valley Forge, Pennsylvania.

His commitment to agriculture made him a leader and an active member of many community affair groups. Andy served on the board of directors for the Northwest Artificial Breeders Association, Roseau County Board of Commissioners, County Welfare Board, Badger School Board, Greenbush Hospital Board, American Dairy Council and Roseau County Fair Board, of which he was superintendent of livestock for many years. His contribution to both Roseau County and the dairy industry was recognized, and commemorated by the naming of the Roseau County fair's Andy Winfield Erickson Livestock Judging Pavilion.

We are pleased to honor Andy Winfield Erickson through the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation. It is only appropriate that the funds donated in his memory be used for the education of future generations. His dedication to his family, his community, and the dairy industry will not be forgotten.



# FREDERICK P. (TED) HALBERT

Ted was born in Battle Creek, Michigan October 9, 1920. He was involved in the family farm which was located north of town. Each morning before he went to school, Ted milked fifteen to twenty cows by hand. After graduating from Battle Creek Central High School, Ted went on to MSU where he majored in Animal Husbandry.

Upon coming home to Battle Creek in 1942, Ted started farming with his father. Thirty cows and one hundred-fifty acres of land provided opportunity and plenty hard work.

Ted still found time for social activities, and in March 1943, he married Esther Page. They were to have four children: Barbara, Frederic, Kay, and Mark. In 1946, Ted bought two hundred-forty-six acres and ventured out on his own. Gradually through his industriousness, Ted increased the size of the farm and was one of the first farms in the state to milk 100 cows. Ted continues to expand the business, and in 1972 and 1975 respectively, Frederic and Mark became partners in the business which today totals more than 2800 acres and nearly 1200 head of Holsteins.

Ted has always been involved in leadership activities in and out of agriculture. Some of which were: Calhoun Co. DHIA Board (5 yr.), Battle Creek Local MMPA (10 yr, 3 Pres), MMPA State Board (13 yr.), MMPA Market Committee (17 yr.), Dairy Council (18 yr) Farmer of the Year Calhoun Co. (1971), Dairyman of the Year (MSU, 1977), Professional Dairy Farmers (one of the founders, board member, past president), and Battle Creek Farm Bureau Board (14 yr). Other activities were: Kiwanis (30 yr), Family & Children Services (3yr), Local School Board (3 yr), and Redemption Lutheran Church (member over 30 yr, 4 yr board member).

Ted has always maintained close ties to MSU and the Cooperative Extension Service, which allowed access to the resources only a major university such as MSU could offer.

Ted retired in 1982 after being diagnosed with Parkinson's disease. Today he and Esther still live on the farm Ted purchased in 1946, where Ted is still busy raising pigeons and Polish Mute Swans.



#### J. LEON HARVIN

Upon graduation from Clemson College in 1922, Leon started working at the Artic Dairy in Detrout. He was industrious young man and came to the attention of an executive with Freeman Ice Cream Co. In 1925 Leon became the Manager of the Freeman Condensery in Ovid. In 1928 he became the Plant Manager of Freeman Ice Cream, Mt. Pleasant, and was the leading plant manager in the Freeman chain. In 1930 he was sent to manage the Lansing plant. Even during the depression, he was managing the only branch showing a profit when Freeman Ice Cream went bankrupt in 1934.

Leon went to John J. McDonald (McDonald's Dairy, Ann Arbor), showed him the books, and asked for assistance in buying the Lansing plant when it was put up for auction. They bought the plant and Harvin's Ice Crean Co. was created.

Leon's philosophy was to produce a quality product and Harvin's Ice Cream was truly a gourmet ice cream. His slogan was, "You can pay less, but you can't buy better."

Harvin's Ice Cream Co. was sold to the Lansing Dairy Co. in 1958, which was later bought out by McDonald's Dairy of Flint.

Leon was active in the Michigan Association of Ice Cream Manufacturers, and served two terms as President. He was a life member of the Kiwanis Club and Elf Khurafeh Temple.

Leon passed away in 1989. The Michigan Dairy Scholarship Foundation is a fitting memorial to Leon who was a great believer in quality dairy products, education and assisting young people.



# ANDREW (ANDY) JACKSON

Andrew Jackson grew up on a dairy farm in Allegan County. The dairy industry has been an important part of his life. His Bachelor of Science degree from Michigan State University is in Animal Husbandry. He is a member of Alpha Zeta and Farm House Fraternity and of the Livestock Judging Team and Block and Bridle Club.

Upon graduation from MSU, he came to Heritage Acres dairy farm as manager. He formed a partnership with the late Claude A. Burkhart, who maintained a herd of Registered Holsteins.

In 1941, he and Claudine Burkhart were married and have always lived on their Centennial farm. Their daughter, Coralene Bloss, followed her parents through MSU. She and her husband Basil have two children, Christopher, a student at MSU, and Ruth, a sophomore at Swartz Creek High School.

Andrew has assumed leadership roles in farm organizations at the county, state, and national level.

In 1955, he was elected to the Board of Directors of Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA). For the nine years that he was on the board, he was on the Executive Committee. He represented MMPA on the Michigan Producers Dairy Association of Michigan Board of Directors. He was on the American Dairy Association (ADA) of Michigan Board of Directors, served as President for 3 years, and served on the National ADA Board of Directors.

In 1963, Andrew was leader of a 5-man team of Dairy Ambassadors to Russia, and was the only farmer.

Andrew was on the Michigan Farm Bureau Board of Directors for twelve years. He also served on the State Resolutions Committee.

Andy was on the Howell Cooperative Board of Directors for 20 years and served as President. He was a member of the Michigan Artificial Breeders Cooperative, Holstein Fresian Association, Michigan Livestock Exchange, and the Fenton Livingston Soil Conservation District. He and Mr. Burkhart received the Goodyear Award for Outstanding Soil Conservation Practices. For the last 22 years he has helped to develop an understanding of agriculture through "Farm Folks", a column in the Livingston County Press.

Jackson is active in the Oak Grove United Methodist Church, teaching Sunday School classes and has served on the Board of Trustees, was President of the Men's Club, and a Lay Delegate to the United Methodist Detroit Annual Conference.



#### JEWEL M. JENSEN

Jewel Jensen, a son of Danish parents, grew up in Midwestern United States. He was educated in the public school system and with determination continued studies in higher education. When the Great Depression was just beginning, Jewel Jensen, usually called "Joe" by comrades, earned a Master of Science degree at Iowa State University. His major was Diary Technology.

After some commercial work in the dairy industry, Joe was hired by Michigan State College to do extension work and student teaching. His overall objectives included improving the quality of raw milk produced on the farm and finished

products in the plant. Sanitation used in production methods and equipment sanitizing became an area of special interest for Joe. He also became an expert in sensory evaluation of dairy products and coached the Michigan State University student dairy products judging teams in the National Collegiate Contest for many years.

The effectiveness of various detergents, sanitizers, water quality, temperature and procedures used for cleaning a variety of dairy equipment were studied in great detail by Professor Jensen. He became known nationally for these investigations. Note worthy was his development of the procedure using a lye solution for removing milk fat from teat cup inflations thereby restoring them to nearly new condition. Also, he found that by using a fairly strong solution of sodium hypochlorite the bluish color formed on stainless steel could be removed. This discovery showed the bluish color was formed by the lower strength of sodium hypochlorite used for sanitizing.

In the early days of pipeline use in dairy barns some installation mistakes were made. One of these was found by Professor Jensen when studying the cause of a rancid flavor induced in raw milk. His system analysis showed that a riser in the pipeline caused agitation and air incorporation in the warm milk resulting in a distinct off flavor.

Professor Jensen was a man of high character and highly respected by all those who knew him. He retired from Michigan State University in 1969.



### LAWRENCE A. JOHNSON

Lawrence A. Johnson was born in Grand Rapids Michigan on January 4, 1911. He received his elementary education in one-room schools in Mecosta County and graduated from Big Rapids High School in 1928. He then became a dairy herd improvement association supervisor in Muskegon County for three years.

His advanced education consisted of the two-year General Agriculture Short Course at the then Michigan State College in 1933; a Bachelor of Science Degree in dairy husbandry in 1936; a Master of Science degree from Rutgers University in 1939 and a Ph.D. degree from the

University of Wisconsin in 1959.

Dr. Johnson served as Extension Dairyman with the University of New Hampshire from December 15, 1938 to April 30, 1945. Since May 1, 1945, he has been an Extension Dairy Specialist at Michigan State University. From 1945 to 1961 he was responsible for the dairy herd improvement association testing program. During this 16 year period over 900 DHIA Supervisors were trained in special short courses. He served as the Superintendent of the Official Testing for the Advanced Registry and Herd Improvement Registry testing programs of the dairy cattle breed association in which nearly 500 breeders of purebred dairy cattle were enrolled at one time.

Some of his activities included the organization of Michigan Dairy Herd Improvement Association, Inc. in 1950 and the adoption of the central processing of DHIA records on modern data processing machines in 1954.

During 1966 and 1967 he was on a special assignment as an Extension Livestock Specialist with the IRI Research Institute, Inc. of New York City and was stationed at Recife, Brazil.

He is a member of the American Dairy Science Association and of the American Society of Animal Science. He has served as secretary and as chairman of the Extension Section of ADSA, and has been chairman of the Dairy Records Committee and of the Teaching Methods and Exhibit Committee both of ADSA.



Natural Resources.

#### DR. CLIFF O. JUMP

Dr. Cliff O. Jump is a graduate of Kenton High School, Kenton, Ohio, Ohio State University and Michigan State University, obtaining a Doctorate in 1976 in Vocational-Technical Education. During his career he has taught vocational agriculture at Kenton and Mount Vernon High Schools in Ohio. He has been a high school principal and the director of the Calhoun Area Vocation Center. For the past 13 years he has been Assistant Director of Academic and Student Affairs, College of Agriculture and Natural Resources, with specific responsibilities as Director of the Institute of Agricultural Technology and Director of Outreach Programs in the College of Agriculture and

Because of his expertise in Vocational-Technical Education, Dr. Jump has served as consultant with the National Center for Vocational-Technical Education, State of Maine Vocational Education Advisory Committee, Leadership Development Program at University of Michigan, State of Michigan Advisory Council for Vocational Education, and National Advisory Committee for Research in Vocational Education. Dr. Jump also served as Chairperson of the Task Force Committee on Kellogg Biological Station's Conference Program, on the board of directors for the Michigan Occupational Education Association and membership chairperson of the Central Region of National Association of College Teachers of Agriculture.

Dr. Jump is more than an educator, he also serves the community. He has been a member of the Battle Creek Area Chamber of Commerce, Battle Creek Inter-Agency Advisory Committee, Battle Chapter of the National Management Association, Calhoun County Economic Development Commission, Michigan Jersey Cattle Association and the American Jersey Cattle Club.

Dr. Jump has received many honors and awards including the Calhoun School Board Association's professional service award, Denison University Educational Service Award, Silver Knight of Management Award from the National Management Association – Battle Creek Chapter, and a Citation from the 78<sup>th</sup> Michigan Legislature for distinguished leadership in vocational-technical education.

Dr. Jump has played a vital roll in the academic and personal development of many young people. Dr. Jumps involvement with judging teams has enhanced students communication and decision making skills. For the past seven years he has taught the four year dairy cattle judging course. As an instructor in this course he has also been responsible for the coaching of the Dairy Cattle Judging Team. The students on these teams have included a top ten team ranking at the national contest 6 of 7 years, with

individual two years he has coached the first and second place individuals in oral reasons at the national contest.

Because of this interest in furthering the education of Michigans dairy students we honor Dr. Clifford Jump as one of Michigans Dairy Leaders.



#### FRANK KOVAL

#### A Life Dedicated to Positive Industry Change

Frank Koval has savored the past thirty years of his life working to improve Michigan's dairy industry. A man of tireless energy, Frank has been instrumental in achieving uniform standards for milk testing—and a united dairy industry.

Frank was born on a dairy farm in Ohio. One of seven children, he worked with his siblings to maintain the family operation that ranged from producing to distributing dairy products.

That experience continued until 1945, when Frank entered the Navy at the end of World War II. On his return, he began his studies at Ohio State University. He had leanings toward dairy and veterinarian medicine and was scientifically oriented to both. He graduated in 1950 with a bachelor's degree in Food Science.

He began his post-graduate work at the Evaporated Milk Association, a national organization located in Ohio. After spending five years working with the plants on quality control and processing, he was named the extension specialist in food science at Ohio State University. During that time he received his master's degree from Ohio State University—and his future position in Michigan became available.

Frank's initial objective upon arriving at Michigan Dairy Foods Association in 1959—then known as Michigan Dairy Products Association—was to reorganize the diverse dairy groups into one organization. With that reorganization accomplished, Frank dedicated boundless energy to government dairy inspection standards. "There were a lot of laws on the books that were duplicates of other laws. We set up a goal to have one agency in the state government to inspect, and one standard, the U.S. Public Health Standard. As a result, we have what we feel is one of the best all-around dairy programs in the country, as far as uniformity of inspection and costs to the industry and the public. We feel like we've accomplished a lot because we have good people in the industry," the Certified Association Executive added.

Almost from the time of his arrival in Michigan he became involved with the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation and later with the G. Malcolm Trout Memorial from inception. He is an outspoken advocate of both scholarship funds wherever he travels and currently serves on the Executive Board of both.

Good people, indeed. People, like Frank Koval, who have devoted endless energy, love and commitment to affect positive change in this vital industry. For all of the above

reasons it is entirely fitting and proper that Frank Koval be a "named honoree" of both scholarship memorials.



#### **GLEN LONDON**

Glen London was always a step ahead of the dairy industry. In 1936, Glen, his brother Clyde, and his brother-in-law Duward Blizzard entered the dairy business with thirteen cows, a small family farm and a dream. Today, London's Farm Dairy, Inc. in Port Huron is one of the largest dairies in the state, servicing the entire eastern half of Michigan from Oscoda to Detroit.

The history of London's Dairy reads like a classic success story. In 1939, Glen and the family developed and introduced a new cream top milk bottle that featured a separate container on top of the bottle to hold fresh cream.

To sell the bottle, salesmen were hired to go door-to-door to convince housewives of its advantages. The risky campaign worked, and in just three weeks, sales doubled.

A few years later, Glen and his family took another chance and re-mortgaged their father's farm to purchase the North Side Dairy; London's present headquarters. The purchase made London's the largest dairy in Port Huron. In 1946, London's became the first dairy in the region to produce and sell milk in paper cartons. The new production techniques allowed London's to expand wholesale operations and purchase Gannon's Dairy in St. Clair and Clarkston Dairy in Croswell and a number of other small dairies.

As the business grew, so did the need for more accurate accounting. London's was clearly before its time when it jumped head-first into a new and emerging technology-computerization. At Glen's urging, the company became the first dairy in Michigan, and one of only a few in the country, to computerize its business operations in 1953.

"We were the only dairy in the state that knew what it actually cost to produce milk, regardless of carton size. This gave us a tremendous competitive advantage, especially when it came time to bid for business," Glen said.

The London family also instituted a very active operating-management team. IN 1955, they introduced a Profit Sharing Plan that would allow the employees to purchase the company when the original stockholders retired. The plan brought the management and the employees closer, and in 1981, the employees bought all of the company's stock.

During the 70's, London's introduce the plastic gallon and was one of the first dairies in the country to tie a blow mold machine by a conveyer to a bottle filler successfully.

Glen was always active in business and community affairs. He served as board member of the Dairy Council of Michigan, the Detroit Milk Dealers Association, and the Michigan Dairy Food Board, where he served as President from 1977-1979.

In addition, Glen was on the Port Huron City Council for seven years. He was President of the Industrial Development Corporation, Goodwill Industries and Noon Optimist Club and was a board member of Port Huron Hospital, the Chamber of Commerce and United Way. He was a United Fund Chairman in 1987.

He was also on the board of Youth for Christ, taught Sunday school for ten years and served as church treasurer. He was one of the founders of the local, Christian radio station WNFA-FM and still serves on its board of directors.

Glen married Rita Maxwell in 1940 and recently celebrated his 50<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary. They have three daughters, all of whom worked for London's at one time. Daughter Judy still works there as Sales Secretary.

The Michigan Dairy Scholarship Foundation is a fitting tribute to Glen, who leadership and substantial contributions to the Michigan dairy industry will be long remembered.



# WILLIAM MACK, SR.

#### A True Veteran

William Mack, Sr. knows the meaning of the word veteran. Before entering the dairy industry in 1946, he served five years of active combat duty during World War II. Bill entered as a private, but came home as a major and a respected war hero, having earned the military's second and third highest decorations, the Silver Star and Bronze Star, for his bravery in the European Theater of Operations.

Those years taught Bill a lot about discipline and dedication. In 1946, he took a position with SealRight Co.

as their sales representative in Michigan. Bill stayed for 13 years, was promoted to regional sales manager, and spent hundred of days and nights "on the road" promoting and selling dairy packaging.

In 1959, Bill accepted a new position with Dairy Pak as their salesman in Michigan, Ohio, and Indiana. His dedication is evident not only by the twenty-two years he remained with the company, but by his work. During the early 60's, Bill was on the forefront of new technology and helped many of his clients make a smooth transition from wax-emersion to plastic-coated paperboard containers – one of the more significant milestones in milk packaging.

Bill retired from Dairy Pak in 1981, but has remained active in many dairy associations. He is a life member of the Allied Ice Cream Association and served for 15 years as a Michigan Dairy Boosters on the board member, serving as its president in 1968. Bill represented the Dairy Boosters on the Board of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation from 1962-1967.

Family life has always been a top priority in the Mack family. Bill and his wife Maxine currently live in Birmingham and are celebrating 48 years of marriage. Their son Bill carries on the dairy tradition as a manufacturer's representative for companies that service the dairy industry. Bill and Maxine have two grandchildren, Kimberly and Lesley. One son, Richard, passed away in 1978.

The Michigan Dairy Scholarship Foundation is a fitting tribute to Bill, who's dedication to his family, his country, and the dairy industry make him a true *veteran* in every sense of the word.



### **ROBERT MARTUS**

Michigan's dairy industry has had many great leaders through its history. Some have garnered notoriety and popularity for their works while others have earned a deep, quieter respect from their fellow farmers. Robert (Bob) Martus was one of those individuals who did not seek recognition for his work during his lifetime, but is now remembered fondly by friends and neighbors for his dedication and commitment to Michigan's Dairy industry.

Bob Martus was active in many groups in Lapeer County from the time he started farming in the early 1940's. He held a special passion for the Soil Conservation Service and Michigan Milk Producers

Association. In the 1950s his commitment to MMPA was tested as milk strikes and boisterous meetings overtook his community. The "Fair Share Days" as they are now called, were centered in Martus's Lapeer County. Martus never backed down on his commitment and risked his own safety many times to see that the milk was delivered to the dairies.

Bob believed in cooperatives, in working together to solve problems. He used his involvement in cooperatives and other organizations to keep informed of the issues and to stay a top changes in his business. He built one of the first automated parlors in the county and in the 1960s was the first to milk 100 cows. He was known throughout the area as a hard-working man who enjoyed a good argument, a good story and a good laugh.

Bob, the father of 10 children, was active with his family in 4-H activities and served on the school board for 20 years while his children were in school. In the 1970's he served two terms on the MMPA board of directors. He took great pride in having never missed an MMPA board meeting.

Bob is remembered as an individual who put his heart and soul into the organizations he chose to belong to. In addition to MMPA, the Soil Conservation Service and 4-H, he was a member of Burnside St. Mary's Catholic Church, Lapeer County Farm Bureau, board member for Lapeer County Cooperative and board member for the Lapeer Farm Credit. He was serving as a district director of the Soil Conservation Service at the time of his death.

Bob and his wife Dorothy celebrated their 53<sup>rd</sup> wedding anniversary shortly before he passed away on April 26, 1997. Two of their sons, Louis and Dan, continue to operate the family farm.



## WILLIAM E. MCCARTHY

Born March 20, 1933, William E. McCarthy knows dairy from the farm to the grocery store – and how to get and keep milk as nutritious and tasty as possible. As a young boy, Bill spent time on his grandfather's dairy farm and as he grew older he worked on neighborhood dairy farms and dairy plants. After high school, he went to New York State Agriculture and Technical Institute in Canton for two years, graduating in 1953 with an Associates Degree.

In September 1954, he began study at Michigan State University, majoring in Dairy Production, graduating with a Bachelor of Science in June 1957. After that he spent six

months in the US Army Reserves on active duty, and remained in the reserves for 5 ½ years.

Bill married Rosemary Eaton on May 10, 1959 and moved to St. Johns, right in the middle of his three years of work for Michigan Farm Bureau. In July 1960, he began work for the Michigan Department of Agriculture's federal grading of dairy products under USDA contract. From 1963 to 1965 he served as a Grade A Survey Officer and in 1965 he was promoted to training and regional supervisor. This was at the time of Michigan's adoption of the Pasteurized Milk Ordinance which necessitated the hiring and training of many new inspectors.

In 1982 Bill was promoted to Assistant Division Chief, and in 1988 he became Director of the Dairy Product Division. He remained active with Michigan State University teaching Milk Safety classes and presenting dairy seminars. He also produced and presented a short TV series "Dairy Inspectors and You".

Bill has always been active in his community. He is a Past President of St. Johns Jaycees; he served 2 terms on the St. Johns School Board; he is a Past President and current member of the St. Johns Lions Club. In 1965 he chaired the St. Johns Michigan Week and became St. Johns Outstanding Young Man of the year for 1965.

Nationally, Bill is the Secretary/Treasurer for the Dairy Division of the National Association of State Departments of Agriculture and is a National Council of Interstate Milk Shippers Council Member, serving as chair and as a member of various committees.

Bill and Rosemary have 5 children: Brian, Kelley, Kathleen, William and Colleen, and 7 grandchildren. In his free time Bill enjoys golf, refinishing furniture, photography, volunteer work and travel. He looks forward to taking his grandchildren to see the Lansing Lugnuts play baseball.



#### THE MCGUIRE FAMILY

Some of the finest Guernsey cows in the country were raised on farms surrounding Northville and Novi. The Guernsey, a breed of cows medium in stature, brown and white in color, produce rich creamy milk. From that breed of cow, Guernsey Farms got its name.

Back in 1940, two farmers, John Appelhoff and John Livingston, produced hundreds of gallons of rich Guernsey milk daily. They needed a way to process and sell their milk, so they bought, from Frank Ainger, the Red Rose Dairy at 125 South Center Street in Northville.

John McGuire had completed a dairy program at Michigan Agricultural College (MSU). He was looking for an opportunity to produce ice cream, chocolate milk, buttermilk, sour cream, and eggnog using the formula he had developed. Appelhoff and Livingston gave him that opportunity. They hired him on May 5, 1940 to run the dairy; which they renamed Guernsey Farms Dairy.

The war years were hard. John McGuire had to work some very long days. He picked milk up from the farms before most people were out of bed, brought it to the dairy, pasteurized it, and delivered it to customers before supper. After supper, he returned to the dairy and made ice cream with his wife Pat. Some days seemed to begin before the previous ones had ended.

Appelhoff and Livingston sold Guernsey Farms Dairy to John McGuire and Fred Russell in 1945. They ran it as a partnership until 1952, when John McGuire purchased Russell's share. "From then on Guernsey Farms Dairy was a family-run dairy," recalls John McGuire. His business philosophy is simple and continues to guide Guernsey Farms Dairy today: "Produce good products, maintain the quality and give good service in delivering them to customers."

John and Pat McGuire always wanted a big family. The Dairy provided the necessities of life for their fourteen children: Tom, Pat, Jim, Mary, Peg, Hugh, Joe, Mike, Fran, Lucy, Rita, Marty, Paul, and Karen. All fourteen have had extensive work experience in the dairy.

Some old timers will remember the little wooden frame store next to the dairy at the foot of the Center Street hill in Northville. They'll remember the thick malts and huge cones the McGuire kids used to make. The kids also helped make ice cream, bottle milk, and worked as jumpers on home deliver milk routes.

As the dairy grew, some family members moved on. Others stayed and helped move the dairy to this location in Novi on the northern border of Northville in 1966.

Today, Guernsey Farms Dairy remains a family-run dairy. Its products are made following closely the formula John McGuire started with. "For us it's more than a job; it's a family tradition to produce quality dairy products and deliver them with good service."



## ROGER W. MELLENBERGER

Roger Mellenberger was born August 12, 1944 and was raised on a dairy farm in Dane Country Wisconsin. Roger earned his B.S. in General Agriculture (1966) from University of Wisconsin at Platteville, M.S. in Dairy Nutrition (1969) from University of Wisconsin at Madison and Ph.D. in Nutritional Sciences (1972) from University of Illinois at Urbana. In 1972, Dr. Mellenberger joined the faculty at Michigan State University as a Dairy Extension Specialist and he is currently Professor of Animal Science at Michigan State University.

In addition to professional activities, a major priority in Roger's life is his family. Roger enjoys and supports a wide variety of activities with his wife Marge and four children: Rodney, 22; Michelle, 20; Matthew, 16 and Ann, 11. Roger's priority for family enhances his sensitivity to the challenge of dairy farmers to balance time between family and cows.

All of Dr. Mellenberger's professional activities involve the dairy industry. Roger's extension program is focused on milking practices and is designed to enhance quality of milk, health of cows and to maximize profit. In addition, Roger is faculty advisor to the Kellogg Dairy herd (140 cows), he represents MSI in regional dairy management research, he plans the Annual Fieldsmen's Conference, he serves on the Milk Exclusion Committee for the National Mastitis Council and he is a co-advisor to the MSU Dairy Club. Roger has also served as Secretary to the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation.

Dr. Mellenberger is recognized nationally for his expertise in milking and mastitis. But, Roger's major strength as an extension specialist is that he evaluates farms using a holistic approach. In addition to cows and equipment, Dr. Mellenberger is informed on current issues and has a broad understanding of the dairy industry. Roger remains current with research and commercial developments, has excellent skills to interpret and critically evaluate data and he has created a progressive educational program in dairy management. In 1987 the high quality of his efforts was recognized formally when he received the MSU Outstanding Specialist Award and was also honored by Michigan Dairy Fieldmen for exemplary service.

Dr. Mellenberger is an educator in all of his professional activities. Roger's students are undergraduates, extension agents, Dairy Fieldmen and farmers. A feature of Roger's educational philosophy is to identify and explain fundamental issues that affect success or cause problems in dairy herds. Thus, goals and solutions to problems are focused on causes not effects. Consequently, Roger's students use principles of biology, finance and husbandry to develop procedures and to adopt new technology. Another feature of Dr. Mellenberger's educational philosophy is that he encourages students to assimilate

information, to think critically and holistically. Consequently, Dr. Mellenberger encourages all students to determine fundamental causes of managerial problems and to identify fundamental opportunities to improve dairy management.

As an academic advisor Dr. Mellenberger has great insight regarding strengths and weaknesses of people. He encourages students to formulate goals. Roger then guides students to experiences that will remove weaknesses, foster strengths and achieve goals. Importantly, Dr. Mellenberger challenges students fully express their potential and to contribute to the dairy industry and society. Because of his ability to motivate students Dr. Mellenberger is among the most effective academic advisors at MSU.

Dr. Mellenberger is an inspirational leader for all of his students. His philosophy, mission and high standards epitomize the standards set forth by the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation. Thus, the Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation is proud to honor Dr. Roger Mellenberger for his dedication, vision and substantial contributions to the Michigan Dairy industry.



### MARJORIE MELLENBERGER

Tonight it is my pleasure to break tradition by honoring the first woman to join the select group of Honorees of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation. This will not be a litany of how many positions this person held in the dairy industry or honors received; rather, this will be a story of love and friendship.

Our story begins on July 31, 1943 in Reedsburg, Wisconsin, when this lovely lass was born the youngest of 10 children to Raymond and Rose Lins. This young lady was raised on a farm outside of Plain, Wisconsin.

Our story flashes forward to March of 1963 when this young lady is introduced at a polka dance to a handsome lad from Belleville, Wisconsin. A polka dance date on the following Saturday night forged a union that remains today.

This young lady gambled her future when she married that young lad in 1966, when he was a struggling graduate student at the University of Wisconsin. This young lady started a child care service to supplement the whopping \$2,400 assistantship. Their lives continued on a journey to the University of Illinois to pursue a Ph.D. for the young lad. Child care again helped support a growing family. Many days found this young lady on a bicycle with two children, taking dinner to a graduate student slaving at the Round Barn Lab.

Jobs were scarce in 1972, but Michigan State University came calling with a job that fit his career goals. No questions were asked, but full support was given as this young lady packed her family once again and headed north. She again provided loving child care for 6 to 12 children, plus caring for her 4 children and a husband whose favorite song was "On the Road Again".

Words can never describe what her loving support of her husband's career choices have meant to him. This young lady has been a very devoted church member ("Outstanding Volunteer" in 1993) and supporter of her children Rodney, Michelle, Matthew and Ann and the many day-care children that graced our house. I know of no better way to say "Thank you" than to honor her tonight. Any successes that I have achieved are because of you. Please help me in honoring my wife, Marjorie Mellenberger.



## JIM PELHAM

Jim Pelham retired as Hillsdale County Extension director November 30<sup>th</sup> of last year. The man with a 38 year career working with people and farms was born at Cement City, the son of a Cement plant laborer. He attended the cement City Schools and graduate in 1945. He then attended Jackson Community College after a stint with the military in Germany and earned Bachelors and Masters Degrees from Michigan State University.

His dad bought the families first forty acres, a very poor piece of ground, when Jim was a small boy and paid for it by raising Jersey heifers to freshening and turning them

over to the Mortgage for thirty-five to forty dollars each.

In 1941 the family went into farming in earnest and with a lot of hard work from the whole family, paid for the home 83 acres in four years. It eventually grew to cover 190 acres plus an equal amount of rented ground with 17 cows milking very well.

Jims' ag teaching and county agent career eventually caused him to draw close to some excellent dairymen. Jim can honestly say that the dairymen taught him more about cows and dairy farming than he taught the Dairymen.

Jim never owned a cow in his life and hasn't milked one in nearly forty years. The closest he came to that was managing herds and farms at the State Reformatory in Ionia and State Prison of Southern Michigan in Jackson; both of which increased production per cow by the at least 3000 pounds during his tenure.

Dairy young people mean a lot to him – they are the future of the dairy industry and possibly more important are a great off-setting force to young people growing up in America without solid values, ethics, ambition and moral character.

Jim lost his best friend and wife of 38 years nearly three years ago. Without her support and encouragement he would never have accomplished much.

Jim has three children and eight grandchildren. His daughter, Marcia Garrison and family returned from Ludington when their mothers time was short and bought the home farm house five miles from where he lives on Lake LeAnn. Carol Coomer and her husband were forced out of farming and live in Portage, son Jim Jr. and family have a small farm at Blessfield from which he commutes to his grain trading office in Toledo.

On February 24, 1990 Jim was given a new lease on life with the marriage to Rose Ann Smith Wittenberg a lifetime dairy farm person he had known since high school. Her

departed husband's father was superintendent of the cement plant where Jim's father worked and loaned his parents the money to buy the home farm in 1941.

Jim stated that he is greatly honored by this tribute and exceedingly pleased that his career will continue to help others through the Michigan Dairy Scholarship and the Hillsdale County Agricultural scholarship, even now as he is turned to pasture and enjoying retirement and working other areas of interest including farm real estate



## NORMAN (NORM) L. PETERSON

Norm Peterson was director of Membership Relations for Michigan Milk Producers Association (MMPA) for 33 years before retiring in 1974. In that position, he worked with MMPA members planning and scheduling meetings and he literally attended thousands of MMPA membership meetings. Norm was a key person in helping members develop and maintain the democratic processes, so necessary to assure that the organization was controlled by its member owners. He was considered a true friend by countless dairy farmers throughout Michigan.

Norm received much enjoyment and recognition for his work with youth groups. He spearheaded the MMPA 4-H mil marketing tour for 33 years. He developed the MMPA-sponsored FFA Parliamentary Procedure contest.

In 1951, MMPA, through Norm's direction, initiated the Outstanding Young Dairy Couple contest. This activity, one of MMPA's most popular membership programs, continues to help identify and encourage the development of dairy leaders for both MMPA and the dairy industry.

Norm was born on a farm in Huron County and attended Harbor Beach schools. After attending the county normal, Norm taught in a one room school in Huron County. He then attended Michigan State College. After graduating from MSC, he taught at Morenci, Michigan where he met his wife Mabel. They moved to Sebewaing where he taught Vocational Agriculture and also served as Principal. He joined MMPA in 1941 and his 33 years there saw massive changes in the dairy industry, in MMPA and for dairy farmers. Norm and Mabel were parents of two daughters, Jane Peterson and Marcia MacDonald.



## JOHN C. POLLARD

Born in Iron Mountain, Michigan in 1898. He told stories of delivering milk as a teen-ager to homes in Iron Mountain. The milk was ladled into the customers container. In 1921 John and 2 brothers purchased a dairy farm in Norway, Michigan. They started bottling milk and delivering to homes in Norway from the back of a Model T. A few years later John and his wife Mabel bought his brother's share of the business.

Many stories are told about people that received milk free during the Depression. Their first delivery truck was a 1938 Dodge. During World War II a lack of help forced the dairy

to discontinued house to house delivery. However, every quart of milk the farm could produce was sold through local stores. When the war ended retail sales were resumed.

At this writing the farm and dairy continues to operate with more emphasis on wholesale. John was very supportive of his church and community. He received many awards. Included in the awards were Farmer of the Year and Agricultural Product of the Year. At one time 5 of his grandchildren wee in the School of Agriculture. One grandson was a recipient of a Dairy Memorial Scholarship. John remained active in the dairy business until his death as the result of an automobile accident in 1986.



# JAMES (JIM) E. POLLARD

Jim Pollard knows the dairy industry inside and out. Over the last 47 years, he's managed to work almost every job within a dairy plant. He began his dairy career in the early 40's at his father's small, fluid milk and cream plant, Pollard's Dairy, in Norway, Michigan. Jim ran the plant his last two years of high-school, learning the ropes from his dad and getting hands-on experience in dairy processing.

In 1949, Jim took his talents to Michigan State University, putting his years of experience to work at the M.S.U. Creamery. While earning his degree in Dairy Science, Jim tried "just about everything within the plant."

After graduating from college in 1951, Jim spent three years in the Army where he developed his skills as a tactics Instructor in the Infantry. He earned the rank of 1<sup>st</sup> Lieutenant, but left the Army in 1954 to join C.F. Burger Creamery Company in Detroit, Michigan where he supervised operations as the quality control director and later as the plant superintendent.

Klenzade Products, a division of Economics Laboratory, Inc., recognized Jim's leadership capabilities, too, and hired him in 1962. At Klendzade, Jim sharpened his skills as a territory manager, earning high praises from his supervisors and his peers.

In 1979, Jim joined Wyandotte Chemical, later incorporated with Diversey, where he remains today. He continues to dabble in all dairy operations, but works primarily as a technical sales specialist.

Jim also remains dedicated to various dairy-related organizations. He is a past president of the Detroit Dairy Technology Society and current president of the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation.

He is an active member of his church as teen Sunday school teacher and administrative board member.

From the marriage of Jim and Ruth, there were four children. Collette, their daughter (now deceased), followed her father through Michigan State.

The Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation is a fitting tribute to Jim, who's commitment to his work, his community, and his family has made a lasting contribution to Michigan's dairy industry.



## **BERT ROELOF**

#### A Man of Vision

Bert Roelof can be remembered for many things during his lifetime: his dedication to his family, his commitment to his church, and his contributions to agriculture. However, most people remember Bert for his absolute love of the dairy industry. From 1931 to 1990, he dedicated his life to making Roelof Dairy in Galesburg, Michigan, a quality fluid milk processing plant.

Bert grew up with the business, established in 1919 by his father John a Dutch immigrant. John Roelof sold milk that was produced and bottled on his farm from his back porch

in the 1920's. Later, Bert expanded the business from horse-drawn wagons to trucks, providing service outside the Galesburg area.

In 1931, Bert finished high-school and entered the family business, along with his brother Hutson. During the next several years, Bert helped establish Roelof's as one of the principal dairies in Kalamazoo Country. The family delivered milk seven days a week to villages such as Galesburg, Climax, Comstock, and Augusta.

"My dad was the hardest working person I've ever known," son Wayne Roelof said. "He occasionally ran wholesale routes until he was sixty-five."

That competitive spirit resulted in tremendous growth for the family business. In 1927, there were 56 licensed dairy operators in Kalamazoo. Today, only one operator Roelof Dairy, is a fluid milk plant. Much of the growth can attributed to Bert's timely purchase of approximately ten other small dairy plants in Kalamazoo County. The expanded business allowed Bert to service the entire southwest corner of Michigan.

Bert also is noted for having the first high-temperature, short-time pasteurizer in Michigan, which increased milk processing efficiency. Soon, other dairy processors followed Bert's lead and began using he faster models.

Bert's sons, Wayne and Phil, continue to operate Roelof Dairy with the same success as their father. Today, Roelof's is one of the leading fluid milk plants in Michigan and services over one thousand wholesale customers.

"We owe our current success to Dad's hard work and dedication," Phil added. "He was still coming into the office six days a week to the day he passed away." He is survived by his three sons, Brian, Philip and Wayne and one daughter, Janet.

The G. Malcomb Trout Memorial is a fitting tribute to Bert, who's dedication, vision and substantial contributions to the Michigan dairy industry will long be remembered.



## **ELTON R. SMITH**

During the thirty years that he has been a member of the Michigan Farm Bureau, Elton Smith has been active in all phases of the Organization's programs. He has served as President of the Michigan Farm Bureau since 1964. He also serves as President of Farm Bureau Services, Michigan Agricultural Cooperative Marketing Association, Farmers Petroleum Cooperative, Farm Bureau Mutual, Farm Bureau Life, Community Service Insurance Companies and Community Service Acceptance Company. He has served on the Board of Directors of the American Farm Bureau Federation since 1966.

Smith is a partner in a 700-acre, 425-head dairy farm, known as Med-O-Bloom, in Kent County near Caledonia. A prominent Guernsey breeder, his herd ranks consistently near the top of the state's dairy lists. He is past president of the Michigan Guernsey Breeders' Association and has been a prime promoter of livestock health improvement in the state.

In 1953 he was honored as Michigan's "Dairyman of the Year" and also the same year received Michigan State University's "Distinguished Service to Agriculture" award.

Mr. Smith has been an ardent supporter of 4-H. He currently serves as Vice-President of the Statewide 4-H Foundation.

In early 1973, Mr. Smith was named to the Federal Farm Credit Board by the Secretary of Agriculture, Earl Butz, as his personal representative. In the early part of 1975 he was appointed to the technical Advisory Committee on Fruits and Vegetables for Trade Negotiations by Secretary Butz..

Mr. Smith is a graduate of MSU's Agricultural Technology Course. He has taken an active interest in farm policy, conservation, community planning and civic affairs. He currently serves on the Michigan Bicentennial Commission.

Smith, and his wife Lynde, have a married daughter, Barbara. They have been lifelong members of Caledonia United Methodist Church where they are both active.



## IVES J. STAFFORD

Ives Junior Stafford was born at Frankenmuth Junction, Saginaw County in 1913. He graduated from Flint Central High and went on to Michigan State College of Agriculture and Applied Science (MSC) now known as Michigan State University. He graduated from MSC in June, 1935 with a Bachelor of Science in Agriculture degree. John A. Hannah was the secretary of the State Board of Agriculture at the time and Robert S. Shaw was President of the College. Ives was a member of the Sigma Chi Fraternity-Gamma Psi Chapter.

Like so many others, his favorite teacher and inspirator was Dr. G. Malcolm Trout. Ives enjoyed a lifelong friendship with Dr. Trout after his graduation from college.

His first job in the dairy industry took him to 3333 Grand River in Detroit soon after he graduated from college to work for Sealtest Dairy. He married Harriet Elizabeth Hill of Parshallville in April of 1936.

Late in 1940 he accepted an offer to help Dr. Paul Harmmer of the Soils Department of Michigan State College to develop virgin much land for an experimental muck farm near Bath, Michigan. In 1942 lves and his family left the muck farm to go back to Sealtest of Kalamazoo to the commercial world of making ice-cream. He spent many years managing Kraft Sealtest plants around Michigan.

During 1958 Ives served as President of the Kalamazoo Management Association and in 1962 served as President of W. Michigan Dairy Tech. During his career he enjoyed most developing ice-cream novelties such as ice-cream sandwiches and sundae cups. He also worked on a holiday ice cream pie project for Sealtest which used, now collector, Sealtest 9" glass pie plates, a vanilla ice-cream crust, and fillings such as strawberry and chocolate. Ives and a line foreman developed a rosette on the top of the pies.

In 1967 his expertise was needed at Wesley Quaker Maid in Detroit. He retired from Wesley in 1978. His retirement took him to the farm, owned since 1954, in Richland that he and his youngest son Walt had nurtured into a very successful beef and grain operation. During his retirement he enjoyed working on the farm, and sharing the bounties of his prolific garden.

Ives and Harriet have four children, daughter, Carol, and husband, Roger Meyer, who with their son Paul have a herd of registered Holsteins in Byron Center; and son, Walter, and wife, Jean, who continue to farm the family farm with heir son, W.,J. in Richland. There are nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Two of the

grandchildren are involved with agriculture off the family farm. Jan Sweers (Meyer) of Williamston who has served as Dairy Youth Extension Specialist for Michigan State University and Cindy Reisig (Stafford) who serves as Executive Vice-President of the Michigan Cattlemen's Association.

In December of 1993 Ives died at home from cancer. The memorial fund with the Michigan Dairy Memorial and Scholarship Foundation is a fitting tribute to a man with an impeccable work ethic and family values. He would be proud of the Foundation's efforts to provide scholarships to today's young people.



## CY TREMBLAY

Cy was born on a farm in Bay County, moved and raised on a farm in Genesee County. His first eight grades of schooling were in a one room school. He graduated from Flint Central High School in 1932, the depth of the great depression.

He was out one year trying to get resources together to go on to school. He entered Michigan State College in the fall of 1933. He worked at the MSC Dairy and MSC Beef barns. Cy had a summer job at the Soo Creamery, Sault Ste Marie, Michigan. One of his jobs was to supply the passenger liners as they went through the locks. He

dropped out of school for a term and worked at the dairy to acquire enough money to finish at MSC. His job at Soo Creamery piqued his interest in dairy and he transferred to dairy manufacturing from Animal Husbandry.

Like so many others his favorite teacher and inspirator was Dr. G. Malcolm Trout.

Cy was married to Vera Jones in 1937. He then returned to MSC and graduated in 1938. He was employed by Arctic Ice Cream (Sealtest) in Detroit for a short time before being assigned to the Sealtest plant in Ovid.

He served in the U.S. Navy in World War II becoming an officer. He was assigned as gunnery officer on the JUSS Jeffers, a Destroyer Mine Sweeper. The USS Jeffers was in constant patrol duty in the Pacific and was the escort ship for the USS Missouri, escorting it to the Tokyo Bay where the peace treaty was signed (on board the USS Missouri) ending the U.S. Japanese conflict.

Cy returned to Ovid as assistant plant manager, he continued to work for Sealtest until 1957 when the Ovid plant was sold to Michigan Milk Producers Association. He was a key person in remodeling and operating the Ovid plant, and was a key element in developing Michigan Milk Producers Association marketing program. Cy became Ovid plant Manger in 1967 and continued in that capacity until 1979 when he retired.

Cy and Vera have two children and four grandchildren. They have been very active members of the United Church of Ovid. He served on the Village Council of Ovid, was a charter member and has held all offices in the Ovid Lions Club

Cy Tremblay not only had an outstanding career in the dairy industry, but he was and still is a good citizen. Michigan Dairy Memorial Scholarship Foundation Inc. is proud to include Cy as a Honoree.



# WILFERD LEWIS "WIFF" WARDIN

Born September 15<sup>th</sup>, 1927 to Albert and Lenora Wardin in Hemlock, MI. There were four children Carl, Wilma, Wilferd and Paul. His grandparents Karl and Augusta Wardin came from Germany and settled in Hemlock in 1883, so the Wardin farm became a Centennial farm in 1993.

Wiff attended St. Peter Lutheran grade school, he was a Hemlock High School graduate and took short courses at Michigan State University in 1949-1950. He was drafted in 1950, Korean conflict, and served 2 years. He was shot

during basic training and stayed two full years at Fort Belvoir, VA Army Corp of Engineers.

Wiff farmed all of his life. First with his father and brothers, then in partnership with his brother Paul. At the time of his death he was in partnership with three of his sons, Michael, Matthew and Joel. They milk around 175-200 Registered Holsteins, 200 young cattle. The Wardin Brother Dairy farm has been progressive in farming methods and leaders in their area. One of the first in the area of tel-farm, embryo transplants, all no till and D.H.I.A. for sixty-five years. They were interviewed many times by the Saginaw News for their views on farm issues. We were followed during the drought with a series of four articles throughout the year.

Wiff was a lifelong member of St. Peter Lutheran Church. He was in the choir for thirty years, Mens Club, held many offices in various groups, Chairman of the Congregation for fifteen years at the time of his death. Serve on the Building Committee for new church and the many additions to the parochial school.

Hemlock school board member for thirteen years, the last four as Chairman. He was a Park board charter member, board of Review, Saginaw County MMPA Officer, and MMPA board of directors eighteen years, appointed by Gov. to Dairy Marketing Commission. A 4-H leader, also the Saginaw County Developmental Committee.

He was a good athlete; baseball was his favorite sport, an enthusiastic Detroit Tiger fan. Played basketball and baseball. Tried out for a Major league baseball team.

Wilferd married Carol January 6, 1952. They were married forty-one years at the time of his death. They had six children, four boys and two girls. Michael, Jonathan, Matthew, Joel, Rebecca Zulch and Rachael Schettenhelm. There are nineteen grand children ten boys and nine girls.

He has received various awards through the years, F.F.A., Soil Conservation; he has been inducted into the Michigan Farmers Hall Fame. Honorary Director of N.M.P.F. for recognition of his service local, regional and national for milk producers.

Wiff was a honest hard working man with a wonderful sense of humor. He had a great love of life, laughter, family, friends, his church and his country. If there was a job to do and he felt he was capable he was willing to do it.



## WALTER W. WOSJE

General Manager Michigan Milk Producers Association

Dedication, determination and a genuine sense of commitment to the dairy industry, cooperatives and dairy farmers has earned Walt Wosje a great deal of respect and admiration from his peers and from the dairy farmers he serves.

Walt began his tenure with Michigan Milk Producers Association in March 1985, assuming the role of General Manager. In ten short years, Walt has established an impressive list of accomplishments for the cooperative and

its members. Most notably is his involvement in pooling over-order premiums in Michigan, re-establishing the Michigan Super pool. Under his leadership and direction, MMPA has tallied record earnings and posted millions of dollars in saving for Michigan dairy farmers.

Walt has worked in some facet of the dairy industry nearly his entire life, beginning with his family's dairy farm in South Dakota. He earned a bachelor's degree in dairy science and a master's degree in agricultural economics at South Dakota State University. Walt also served two years in the U.S. Army, attaining the rank of Lieutenant.

After college, Walt joined the Twin City Milk Producers Association as an economist, and was promoted to Manager of Marketing and Administration for Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. after it merged with Twin City. He served as Manager of Mid-Am's Northern Division from 177 until 1984 when he joined the MMPA corporation management team.

Walt serves as a District Director on the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives Board and as a Director of the National Milk Producers Federation and the American Dairy Products Institute. Walt has also served on the Michigan 4-H Foundation Board of Trustees. In 1983, he was named to the Cooperative League of the USA's Dairy Advisory Committee for international development.

Walt and his wife, Yvonne, have two sons, Kyle and Jonathon. Walt served as a 4-H club leader when his sons were in school and guided the boys in their 4-H projects. The Wosjes has successfully shown beef steers at local, state and national shows.

Walt is also an active member of his church, holding offices and serving on various committees. As hobby, he enjoys gardening and growing "giant" produce to exhibit at the county and state fairs.

On this, Walt's tenth anniversary of service to MMPA and its members, we the MMPA board of directors, wish to commemorate Walt's contributions and dedication to the dairy farmers of Michigan with this Dairy Memorial Scholarship.



## **ED WRIGHT**

"This is Guernsey County" Do these words have a familiar ring to them? Many of you may instantly imagine the voice of the man who so often speaks them, or the sign that accompanies him on many of his Guernsey Missions. Besides his sign, "this is Guernsey County", he has several other trademarks, a jacket that says, "Are your registrations up to date?" Many times he would hang it in the window of his car while traveling. He is also known for his checkerboard hat.

Ed Wright became involved with Guernsey's as a child. He bought his first Guernsey at 9 years of age for a 4-H

project. They have been a way of life for him ever since. Ed Wright graduated from high school in 1936 and then attended MSU 2 year short course from 1937 to 1939. Ed then went to work for Cesor Farm in New Hudson, Michigan. He later purchased the home farm and hauled milk. The home farm herd was dispersed because of bangs disease. After the dispersal he leased 30 cows from Howard Colby and each year he sponsored a pumpkin patch for 1000 children in cooperation with Superior Dairy. He was a member of the Board of Directors of Michigan Animal Breeders Cooperative and a Director of Michigan Guernsey Breeders Association. On a Saturday in September 1965, Ed sold his Maple Grand Guernsey herd and went to work for American Guernsey Cattle Club as a field representative for Michigan, Indiana, Illinois, Ohio, and Kentucky. He did fieldwork, registration, and state & District shows for 28 years. Ed was honored as Dairyman of the year by the Department of Dairy Science in 1962. He also served the people of the state on the Michigan Ag Commission for 8 years.

One of Ed's favorite duties as an employee of the AGCC has been working at the North American Show in Louisville, KY, the past 15 years. He enjoyed working with Harold Workman and all the other Kentucky people. From his work with Guernsey's, Ed has accumulated many memorable experiences. He cites the month he spent in Washington, Oregon and Idaho doing field work as an important time for him. He also remembers the trip with Guernsey breeders from the United States and Canada to England, where he enjoyed attending the Royal Show, and the Isle of Guernsey. Spending 10 days traveling with some men from Japan was unforgettable for Ed. He remembers that he never ate so much celery in his life before that time. To be hospitable, Ed even ate raw fish with them. Although Ed has been a busy man for many years, he did make time for a family. With his wife Shirley, they have two daughters. Nancy and her 14 year old son Bryan live in Warren, MI. Lynn and her husband Gary live in Jackson, MI.

"Ed Wright is a very sincere, honest, loyal, hard-working individual" said Clint Meadows. "All his interests and efforts were directed towards dairy farming with major emphasis on the success of the Guernsey breed and especially the individual Guernsey breeder. As

an employee of the AGA, Ed never wasted a moment of their time and not a penny of their resources. It should be obvious that I have a great admiration for Ed Wright and will continue to have a close relationship with Ed and Shirley."

Whatever your association has been with him over the years, Ed Wright will undoubtedly become a part of your Guernsey memories.