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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Dexter Enthusiast:

On August 20 and 21, 1977 the directors met with Dr. H. E. Callen, Vice-President and myself at Cherry Hill, New Jersey, in a directors' workshop. The purpose of this two-day workshop was to develop management strategy that would strengthen the Dexter Association. The sessions were long and tiring, but extremely fruitful. As a result of this meeting many changes were made and the way was paved for others. Let me tell you about a few of the changes.

First, regional boundaries were changed through a give and take process by the directors to arrive at a more equitable distribution of responsibility. In the past, each region was assigned a number for purpose of identification. Now the regions have a name as well as a number. The list is the first page of our Bulletin. In some cases there are numbers in parenthesis following a state. This means that only those persons that have the same first three digits for their zip code will be in that region.

I would like to congratulate our new directors, John Howard, James Johnson, John Diffily, and Robert Hermann, on their appointment by the Board. I feel that they will serve you to the best of their ability.

In the very near future each director will be contacting you to determine whether or not you wish to receive The Bulletin. If you do not become a subscribing member prior to December 31, 1977, your name will be removed from the mailing list. Naturally, each director is anxious to have as many active people as possible so they will be in touch with all the people in their region to ascertain their desires. If you would care to help your director, you might drop him/her a line indicating your intentions.

Should you care to send a check in the amount of \$3.00 for a subscribing membership, it can be sent to: Mark L. Davis II, 208 So. Walnut St., Milford, Delaware 19963, Attention: American Dexter Cattle Association; or to Mrs. Richard Davis, R.D.4, Box 74-A, Dover, Delaware 19901, Attention: American Dexter Cattle Association. A receipt will be mailed to you upon receipt of your payment. This receipt may be used as a tax deduction since the Association is a non-profit organization.

There are many other things that could be mentioned about the Directors' meeting; however, some should be held back for the December issue.

By the way, The Bulletin will be coming out four times a year from Cleveland Ohio after our mailing permit expires in Milford, Delaware on December 31, 1977.

The new editor of the Bulletin will be Jim Johnson, our director for the Central States region. Jim agreed to assume this responsibility since my time commitments did not allow for me to continue as editor.

I would like to thank you for your past support and patience, and know that Jim will receive the same consideration from you.

With my very best wishes,

(s) Mark L. Davis II

Mark L. Davis II, President
American Dexter Cattle Assn.

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Animal Exchange is a free service for members, registration numbers are requested to support the listings in this column.

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS

Pacific Region

All five heifer calves, recently offered for sale by Talisman Farm, have been sold and delivered to nice, new homes. "T. Temperance" (renamed "Penny") is now with Mr. & Mrs. Ed Zieler of Cloverdale, Calif. - "T. Tallulah" is with John Wilt of Santa Rosa, Calif. - "T. Touthay" resides with Gayle and Lorne Strider of Laytonville, Calif. - "T. Timbergirl," appropriately enough, has gone to the Mother Lode area to live with Ed Webber of Somerset, Calif. - "T. Tiffany" left in mid-September for Roseburg, Oregon to join Bettie Coe's household.

In addition to "Tallulah," John Wilt has acquired two Dexter cows from Don Piehota, as well as a cow ("Tallulah's" mother) and a bull from Talisman Farm. He is well on his way to herd status.

Besides losing these five young ladies, their father and the mother of one of them, Talisman Farm acquired two young bulls this summer. One bull was acquired from Don Piehota and the other (bred by Mrs. Moore) from Bill Dasbach of Denver, who made the trip with his family and spent a few days visiting the beaches and Redwoods before returning home with the cow we traded for the bull. Good things are expected of both newcomers!

With the influx of new Dexter owners on the Pacific coast, the first Pacific Regional Membership Meeting is planned for sometime in the spring of 1978. Hopefully, future issues of THE BULLETIN will contain contributions from Pacific Region members of interest to all Association members.

(John Hays)

Rocky Mountain Region

Five families (12 people) attended the second annual ADCA meeting for Rocky Mountain area residents at the home of John Howard in Boulder, Colorado.

Because the scheduled guest speaker was unavailable, John Howard spoke about what interests him concerning genetic traits and a method of selecting breeding stock. John's references were the (aAa) Animal Analysis Association of Plover, Iowa and a book entitled, Wortham Lectures in Animal Science, written by Jan C. Bonsma.

Discussion brought out the following ideas: one topic for the next meeting should be animal nutrition and the organic methods of obtaining it, a request was made for the establishment of better communications with ADCA and a suggestion that regional meetings be held more often.

The following announcements were made: the Walther's have moved; their new address is Box 56A, RT.#1, Rush, Colorado 80833. The Dasbach's will be moving to their new farm in September. Carol Howard, John's wife announced that John was now the Director for the Rocky Mountain Region of the ADCA.

(John F. Howard, Jr.)

Central States Region

Jim and Lois Johnson of Richfield, Ohio, along with Rick and June Oster of Macedonia, Ohio, (who just purchased their first cow from Dr. Callen of Butler, Pa.) enjoyed the week of August 7 - 14 exhibiting their Dexters at the Cuyahoga County Fair in Berea, Ohio.

There was a tremendous amount of serious interest shown in the breed - all decked out in shamrocks and cow bells. Most common remark overheard was, "They're all bulls, they all have horns!"

Dr. Callen's new cow, "Malach's Bridget," and her ten-day-old calf were the stars of the show. Earlier, Dr. Callen had exhibited her at the Butler County (Pa.) Fair where the calf, "Duffy" was born, then let her come to the Cuyahoga County Fair since the Johnson's calves were older.

(James Johnson)

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS (continued)

Mid-Atlantic Region

A combination meeting and picnic for the Mid-Atlantic Region was held at the home of Bob and Cathy Wright (Shady Nook Farm, Mt. Bethel, PA.) on August 28, 1977. Participation was 101% . . . 100% owners and breeders, plus 1% - a subscribing member!

The business meeting covered the following topics:

1. A brief review of the recent Board of Directors meeting.
2. Regional Business
 - A. A comprehensive herd count within the Region.
 - B. Annual Dues - a guarantee that this Region will be current for 1978.
 - C. A bank account for this Region - which will pay our way to future meetings and special events.
 - D. A discussion on the concept of establishing a herd bull.

Our compliments to Bob and Cathy Wright for a great picnic - no one went away hungry or thirsty. . . a hot August Sunday helped! Special thanks to Wright's for bringing their fine herd from pasture into a special holding area, to join us at the picnic.

We were pleased to see our "junior" member, Dean Filburn, who recently purchased the Rodale Press herd; and old, familiar members Don and Pat Piehota (now residents of Oxford, PA.) perhaps the most experienced Dexter travelers in the Association.

(Tony Pressens)

Southern New England Region

You are invited to a FIELD DAY and OPEN HOUSE AT BENBYRE FARM on Saturday, October 22nd, 1977 from 1:00 P.M. to 5:00 P.M.

Our herd of registered stock will be on display. Ray Gordner of the Hesston Corp. will acquaint you with the modern large package system for hay by a talk and demonstration.

Palmer Langdon will talk on the breeding, feeding, and housing of Dexter Cattle and answer questions and several other A.D.C.A. directors have also agreed to be present.

There will be a bulletin board for stock exchange and a display of literature, herd books, periodicals, etc.

Light refreshments will be served.

Come to see our fine cattle, participate in the program and enjoy the hospitality of Benbyre in Autumn. Bring your entire family. So that we may know how many to expect, a note would be appreciated.

Driving directions: From the North--209 South from Kingston, left turn on 213 East after passing thru Stone Ridge, New York, then 1st right beyond abandoned railroad overpass, Ulster County 1. South 3 miles to the Farm. From the South--209 North from Ellenville. 1st right turn off of 209, Ulster County 1, beyond hamlet of Accord (turn is at Sammy's Place). North to farm. From the East--West on 299 out of New Paltz. 1st right after bridge, sign Lake Mohonk. 1st left on Ulster County 6 over mountain, left at foot of mountain at cemetery. Stay on 6, avoid 6A, cross Rondout River, left at stop sign to farm. From the West--pick up the route from either Ellenville or Kingston.

(Al Bendelius)

NORTHERN NEW ENGLAND REGION

There is an urgent need for an accurate listing of Dexter cattle in the Northern New England Region to help breeders, buyers and sellers. In order to formulate such a list, would members of this region please forward information on the names and the registration numbers of the cattle they presently own, including those for sale, and on those cattle that have died or were butchered.

Associate members should forward information concerning cattle they wish to purchase.

(Wilmer L. Schmell)

NEWS FROM THE REGIONS (continued)

Mid South Region

The successful bidders at the May 9th, 1977 Dexter sale of Texas A & M University were:

John Diffily, R.D. 6, Box 246D, Weatherford, TX 76086
Maurice Tague, Rt. 3, Dewitt, IA 52742
Mrs. Dorothy Sherman, Rt. 1, Columbia, MO 65201
Robert E. Forbes, 3619 Washington Ave., Vincennes, IN 47591
James H. Mitchell, Rt. 2, Box 71, Paris, MO 65275
Vincent Wirtz, Rt. 2, Box 16, Roosevelt, UT 84066
Harry Julian, Wills Point TX 75169
K. C. Howard, Rosanky TX
Vernon Palmer, 6815 Shavelson, No. 5, Houston, TX
Dan Harrell, Rt. 4, Box 89, Elgin, TX 78621
(John Diffily)

ANIMAL EXCHANGE

For sale by Mark Davis:

"Colorado Pogo"	Reg. # 1806	DOB 6-13-76	\$500.00
"Colorado Hugo"	Reg. # Pending	9-28-76	\$500.00

For sale by Don or Pat Piehota of Oxford PA (215-932-5127) are 2 cows and 1 bull as a herd for \$1,300.00 cash/part trade.

"Alpine Tina"	Reg. # 1499	4-21-70
"Donna O'Callen"	Reg. # 1635	4-7-73
"Colorado Charlie"	Reg. # 1676	12-16-72

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

R.R. 2, Portland
Ontario, Canada K0G 1V0
September 16, 1977

Dear Mr. Johnson,

I have just finished talking by telephone to Bud Callen and promised I would write to you immediately to add a news item for the Dexter Bulletin which is about to appear.

The Canadian branch of the American Dexter Association is about to be augmented by four new active members who are expecting a shipment of six yearling heifers from the herd of Mrs. B. W. Rutherford in Devon, England. These animals are to be shared among Mr. and Mrs. Ross Stone; Mr. and Mrs. L. Higgins; Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Crowe and Eric Lawlor. The first three couples all have farms in the neighborhood of Portland, Ontario (north of Lake Ontario) and Eric is an agricultural student. All six heifers will be kept together to form the nucleus of a jointly-owned herd.

Mrs. Rutherford has, by long years of careful breeding and selection, produced a strain of miniature (rather than dwarf) Dexter cattle which come in the middle range between the short-legged dwarf animals and long legged cows. She has not had an incidence of bulldog in over seven years and is convinced that she has arrived at a bulldog-free strain. However, this has been achieved as a result of fairly intensive in-breeding, and we have all agreed that the time has come to introduce new blood from an American herd.

Between now and next spring we hope to locate, for sale or rent, a bull with the miniature body type of Mrs. Rutherford's line and a good record in terms of offspring. We hope this will be the beginning of a profitable collaboration for Dexter breeders in three countries. Please contact Mrs. Doris Crowe, at the address indicated above. We'll be glad to drive down to see likely bulls and exchange experiences.

I hope you can use this information and that there will be some response from other Dexter owners. I was tremendously impressed when I visited Mrs. Rutherford recently.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR (continued)

We spent a good deal of time visiting other Dexter herds in the south of England and I was able to also read a good deal of material which she had gathered on the Dexter breed.

Hoping to see you at the next meeting,

Yours with thanks,

(s) Doris Crowe

WHERE ARE THE BULLS?

Few, if any, breed associations pay so little tribute to their male animals than the American Dexter Cattle Association.

It seems that in recent years we have become spellbound by the "sacred cow" and have forgotten the most important animal--the herd bull. Until our bulls are selected and raised for quality and performance, rather than service, the Breed will continue to lack basic breeding fundamentals.

During a recent Regional meeting, a discussion was held on the herd bull and the lack of outstanding bulls in the different Regions. All agreed, with personal pride, that their herd bull was the best, however, all also agreed that none helped performance records.

Therefore, we will, within our Region, commence with the selection of an individual herd bull, attempting over the years to establish performance records and hopefully bring back the Dexter bull into its proper place.

(Tony Pressens)

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