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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

Daisy Moore Retires

Daisy Logsdon Moore, longtime Secretary-Treasurer of the American Dexter Association has retired. This move was dictated by poor health. However, Mrs. Moore is still available for on-the-spot consultation. Her continued interest and assistance are much appreciated by her successor, Kay Moore Baker.

The American Kerry and Dexter Club was organized in 1911. The 1st secretary-treasurer was Professor Charles S Plumb, Columbus, Ohio. Due to lack of interest and registrations, the association drifted.

In 1940 the club was re-organized by two men: John Logsdon and Roy A Cook. From 1949 to 1949, the 2nd secretary-treasurer was Roy A Cook of Independence, Iowa. Upon his death, his secretary, Cleo Aschim, finished out the year.

From 1950 to 1982, the 3rd secretary-treasurer was Daisy Logsdon Moore of Decorah, Iowa.

Upon Daisy's retirement, announced at the 1982 Directors' meeting, Kay Moore Baker of Rochester, Minnesota became the 4th secretary-treasurer of the ADCA. Although Kay lives in Minnesota, the national headquarters address will remain Decorah, Iowa. (Rochester being only about an hour's drive from Decorah.)

It is believed that Dexters were introduced to this country between 1905 and 1915. Dexters have been in Daisy's family since 1919 when her father, John Logsdon, began raising them. The foundation of the Peerless herd was obtained from Elmen-dorf Farm of Kentucky (original importers of Dexters), James J Hill of St Paul, Mn, and August A Busch (Budweiser) of St Louis, Mo.

Daisy has been around Dexters all of her life. She can remember when the association meetings were held around her father's dining table. And Kay can remember her grandfather and her mother making the trip to Independence and returning with the records to keep the club going. Kay says also that, looking at old photographs, all of the children in the family probably sat on a Dexter cow before they could walk. It is no wonder that now, Daisy enjoys looking out of the window of her farmhouse watching the herd gathering early in the morning or at dusk with their calves running and playing together.

Over the years, Daisy has devoted a great deal of time and energy to the Dexter Association because of her love for the small black and red animals. She was honored at the October 1975 ADCA Meeting for 25 years of service. We honor her now, at her retirement after 32 years of faithful service to the American Dexter Cattle Association, the name which was adopted in 1957 during Daisy's tenure of office. May she have many more happy years watching her beloved Dexters, and watching her daughter and grandson doing the daily chores, all the while expending plenty of the T L C that has made Daisy's herd indeed "Peerless".!

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Standards Committee

The committee chairman, Don Piehota of Byars, Oklahoma has very promptly provided us with the recommended Description and Standards for the Dexter Cow. (The Bull having already been done). He also has a scale of points recommended for both the cow and the bull. In order to speed publication of this issue of the bulletin, we are holding these items for the next issue, Spring 1983. You will have this material in plenty of time to study it before the 1983 meeting.

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Letter From the President - - continuedHerd Books

Kay Baker is in the process of revising the herd book. I know many of you did not receive one during this period of transition, but rest assured that you will all be receiving your books within a couple of months.

1983 General Meeting - American Dexter Cattle Association

The following meeting plans were forwarded to me by Gary Prichard of Eugene, Oregon who is hosting the meeting:

Arrangements have been made to hold the 1983 ADCA meeting at:

The Angus Inn
2121 Franklin Blvd
Eugene, Oregon 97403
Phone (503) 342-1243

- The facilities are good; rooms begin at \$20.00 for a single and \$27.00 for a double. (There is a local room tax that will be added.

Tentative meeting agenda is as follows:

Friday	Hospitality and welcome
Saturday	Coffee & Rolls General Meetings - 8:00 to 10:00am Brunch - 10:00 am Meetings - 12:00 to 4:00 pm Visit the Dexter herd at the Prichards Pitt Style Barbecue in the evening
Sunday	Coffee and Rolls Board of Directors meeting Brunch

Meeting highlights might be considered as follows: We're going to check some Dexters in at the Motel. That's Right! We are going to put up a tent and move some Dexters in so you can go out and talk to, touch, gaze upon, etc. No need for homesickness out West. We are not sure what we'll do besides compare notes but suggestions are in order. If the weather is cooperative, and it should be, we'll have morning coffee and rolls with the Dexters. John Hays and Sandy Thomas have both indicated they will bring animals and the invitation is open to anyone who wants to display animals. Also we are open to suggestions as to what to do with the animals besides talking about and gazing upon.

Secondly, we are tentatively planning on bringing up the topic of parasites, the control and treatment thereof, etc. We have several experts in the field in mind and hopefully we can present you with some new knowledge and assistance in that area.

For those of you who might be considering combining a vacation with the Dexter meeting, the Angus Inn is a "stone's throw" from the Willamette River, is on the Jogging/Bike paths, has a sauna, jaccuzi and, of course, a nice swimming pool. You'll be an hours drive from the coast with its great scenery and rugged beaches or in the opposite direction, an hours

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drive from spectacular mountain scenery with snow-capped mountains and intriguing lava beds and great fishing. Campsites are plentiful in and around Eugene for those who want to camp or RV - - just let us know and we'll make arrangements.

If you are flying, you can expect to have your flight routed in through San Francisco, Seattle, or Portland although some of the carriers have flights directly in.

In the next bulletin, we will have registration information, forms, and more details. Anyone wanting to make suggestions about program, or desiring information can contact:

Gary Prichard
85627 Dilley Lane
Eugene, Oregon 97405
Ph (503) 747-7665

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REPORT FROM THE PACIFIC REGION

I urge all Pacific Region Dexterites to attend the Annual Meeting of the American Dexter Cattle Association to be held this year in Eugene, Oregon on July 15, 16 and 17, 1983. This is the first time in history that the Association has held its yearly meeting on the West Coast and it will be a fine opportunity to meet Dexter people from around the country, swap Dexter talk, ask questions and generally have a great time. Gary Prichard will arrange and host the gathering and is planning a most interesting program, aided by Sandy Thomas and others. Gary has a fine herd of Dexters on his farm close to Eugene. Further details, application blanks etc. will be forthcoming, but circle the dates now. You will have a great time.

For any of you who will be driving north and passing anywhere near Comptche (which is just off Hwy 128, about 12 miles due east from the town of Mendocino) Belle and I would be delighted to have you drop by Talisman Farm on the way and have a beer or coffee or both and view our Dexters. Just telephone ahead so we can have the gate open for you. Unfortunately, Comptche is a bit off the direct north and south routes - in fact, it is off the route to anywhere, which is the main reason we could not insist that the meeting be held here in our area - but if time is not that critical the scenery is great and I think you would like our Dexters. If we have already left for Eugene, "J. W.", our congenial ranch manager, can welcome you and show you the animals.

Again, I hope all of the Pacific Coast people will make a real effort to attend, to demonstrate our interest in the breed and have a great time while doing so.

See you there!!!!

John Hays, Director
Pacific Region

REPORT FROM THE SOUTHEAST REGION

Mary Hinson of Davidson, N C writes: Although we had a sale for Molly (their heifer calf) we couldn't part with her especially since we are getting another 2 1/2 acres fenced for pasture. So why not.

Maggie is giving a good 2 gallons a day. I have been making cheese. It's still aging so I don't know whether it's any good or not. We could easily sell extra milk, butter and cheese from 2 cows. Raw milk is hard to find around here. I haven't pasturized any of it and had no problem. I skim the cream after 24 hours and sell the skim milk to 3 different families and they keep coming back for more!

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REPORT FROM MID-ATLANTIC REGION

Mark Davis with a young Irish Dexter he had to feed by hand after its mother died.

An extremely nice article was published in the "Delmarva Farmer" paper about Mark and Marge Davis and their herd of Dexters in Milford, Delaware:

- - "We grow as much of our hay as we can, and right now we have about 14 acres in alfalfa. We feed it in big round bales because it is easier to work with. About the only grain we feed them is when we're finishing one for slaughter. We finished out a steer in 120 days, almost completely corn-fed. He weighed about 1200 lbs and dressed out at about 57% of live weight. If these cattle are raised for beef, they don't develop a thick, heavy tallow.

Perhaps one of the greatest advantages of the Irish Dexter Cattle is the ease with which they calve. Generally, they will drop their calves without trouble and we seldom have to call the vet or pull the calves.

Mark and Marge were living in Colorado when they first read about Dexters. Mark traveled to Argyle, Texas to purchase his first cow and calf and a 14-month old heifer. "The cow was milking, but she was very wild", he said with a chuckle. "A rancher friend of ours taught me to milk." The couple later purchased a herd bull from Decorah, Iowa and in 1966, they and 5 cattle moved to Delaware.

Mark Davis is Immediate Past President of the American Dexter Cattle Association.

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REPORT FROM NORTH PLAINS REGION

Kathy DeLane' of Fairgrove, MO has added a different dimension to her Dexter farming. She is involved "up to her elbows" with artificial insemination. She took a course in A I and bought her own storage tank for semen. She calculated that with the feed and handling necessary to keep a bull, she would recover the schooling and tank costs in two years. Then, she does inseminating for her neighbors in exchange for pasture. Kathy says she has been successful every time!

REPORT FROM CENTRAL REGION

Much has happened at Briar Hill Farm over the last few months. Several cattle were sold: Gary Prichard, along with two of his friends, Reid Powell and Ted Bittner, made the trek from Oregon to Ohio to purchase some cattle. They left with Thomas, Erin, Bernadette and Nellie, all of Briar Hill breeding, and Lady Belle of Wicke Estate. (We have since learned that Lady Belle produced a heifer calf for her new owner.)

Jim Balzewski bought Laddie o' Briar Hill for his farm in Dorr, Michigan. Scott and Jean Powell bought Cricket and Dermott o' Briar Hill as the nucleus of their future Dexter herd in Eaton, Ohio.

But we have suffered one great loss. Many of you have met our Grandma Grismer on your visits to our home. It was she who cooked a meal or set up a lunch for you. And it was she who loved to help fold, staple, stamp or label your Bulletins. She passed away on February 11th after a 3-week stay in the hospital. Her legs were bad, and were much worse over the last year. She had been in for a skin graft. She had a massive heart attack the day I brought her home. One of the things that brightened her last day was knowing that I had mailed the last issue of the Bulletin on my way to the hospital.

I felt she truly deserved recognition for her help to us and to the Dexters!

Lois Johnson
Richfield, Ohio

FOR SALE * * * * FOR SALE * * * * FOR SALE * * * * FOR SALE * * * *

Delaware

Animals for sale, both male and female, of assorted ages.

Contact:

Mark or Marge Davis
Davis Dexter Farm
208 S Walnut St
Milford, DE 19963
(302) 422-9861

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Ohio

Semen from Jamie O'Callen #1949 for sale. For details,

Contact:

James G Johnson
4092 Broadview Rd
Richfield, OH 44286
(216) 659-4861

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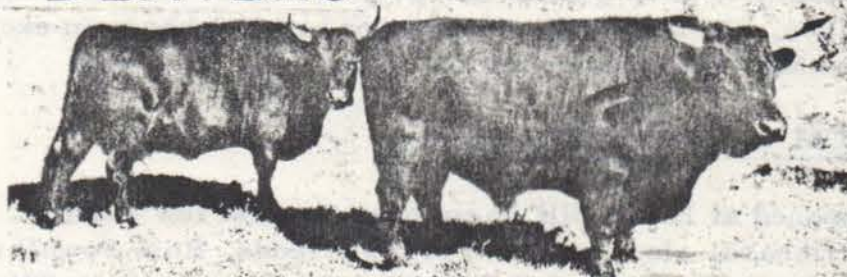
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Membership - Annual Renewal	15.00
Transfers	10.00
Registrations	10.00
Bulletin Subscription only	5.00

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