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LETTER FROM THE PRESIDENT

The annual meeting is over and is now history. However, I cannot let it pass without some comments. I was most happy that your Directors saw fit to create the Canadian Region (Region XI) so that one of their own could better deal with some of their unique problems. I was just as pleased that Dean Fleharty was elected Vice-President. Dean certainly has a lot of knowledge and expertise that should add greatly to the overall performance of the American Dexter Cattle Association.

No matter how hard we try to produce a meeting that should be of some interest to everyone, there always seems to be criticism from someone that "this is not the type meeting we need or want". It became more evident that something is wrong when an individual stands up in the meeting and praises the quality and type speakers and later to your back says we should not have as many speakers so that they could do other talking. If this is the situation, then the input from the individual members is even greater in need. Again stop and consider your input and what you expected. If change is to be made, then there needs to be voice to support that change.

Considerable time was spent with the staff at the Harley Hotel to work out meeting times, eating times and a menu that we thought would be acceptable to everyone, considering all factors. It was a great disappointment to learn that the food did not appeal to the appetite of everyone. Now would be the time to indicate your choice of menu for next year if you were dis-satisfied as Eric Lawlor is busy planning that meeting for the third weekend in June. The 1986 meeting is scheduled to be held at Guelph, Ontario, Canada.

Now to a more pressing issue at hand - that of election of Regional Directors for some Regions. If you are dis-satisfied with results from your region, it could very possibly be because of your Director. Some Directors have been elected in the past who have not attended meetings, have not supplied articles or information for the Bulletin and do not conduct Regional meetings or exchange information. Stop and think - are you satisfied - If Not, then consider if you should run for Regional Director and if so, send your name to Kay Baker, Secretary, before November 15, 1985. You need to be a paid-up member for election. The Regions are listed on the front page of the Bulletin, and the Regions open for election this year are: Region I, Region II, Region III, Region XI (Canada) for 3-year terms. Region VII and Region IX are open for 2-year remaining terms either because of resignation or no longer interested in the Association. Some of your Directors are doing an excellent job working for their Region and to these individuals, I say Thanks, and keep up the good work. Don't forget to run again when your term is up.

Schedule for Election of Officers:

By November 10th:	Your interest must be known to Kay so that she can enter your name on the Ballot.
November 25th:	Ballots will be mailed to all paid-up members.
December 15th:	Ballots must be returned to Secretary for tabulation.

Use the time between now and November 25th to campaign for your issues and gain support from your Region. Results of the election will be published in the issue of the Bulletin you will receive the last week of December. All information for that Bulletin must be received by December 15th.

If you are in need of a list of members in your region so that you may campaign or contact them, please contact Kay Baker or myself. Only paid-up members can vote - not individuals subscribing to the Bulletin.

I sincerely hope each of you has had a good year attending shows and promoting Dexter Cattle. New brochures are available to anyone in need, published by the association for membership usage at no charge in reasonable quantities.

Anyone that has cattle to register would profit from the Directors' generosity. At the annual meeting they adopted a program to try to get registrations and transfers up to date so that information could be complete and accurate by December 31, 1985. All Registrations sent in between now and November 30th, 1985 will be at one price, \$10.00 each

Letter From The President - - continued

regardless of age.

Please let us hear from you with all information regarding Dexters - - shows, special exhibits, unusual visitors to your farm and any educational or informational articles that may be reprinted. It is your article that makes the Bulletin either interesting or just another piece of "junk" mail. If each of you would contribute, we could certainly have a Banner Bulletin with the next issue.

Rosemary Rieman, your Director from Region I, has spent considerable time making a logo for promotional items or materials for use by the American Dexter Cattle Association. We hope that the logo is ready for the next issue and we can run a copy in the Bulletin.

Ruth Dunn, Director from Region VIII is checking into obtaining T-shirts, jackets and other imprinted materials using the logo. As soon as we have this information, we will pass it on for those of you who would like to help promote the Dexter breed through this type media.

James G Johnson, President

KAY'S KORNER

A special thanks to Lois and Jim for a "very good" meeting.

Do you want to save \$15.00 or more? If you have purebred Dexters that are over one year old and not yet registered, get the registrations in to me before November 30th 1985 and I will do them for \$10.00 each.

Do you have your 1985 dues paid???

Election of directors for Regions I, II, III, VII, IX and XI will be held this fall. Regions I, II, III and XI (Canadian Region) will be for 3-year terms. Regions VII and IX will be for 2-year terms. The results of these elections will be published in the bulletin. The Canadian Region was established as a separate region at the Directors' meeting as it was determined that they are unique with some of their problems and registrations and one of their own might be in a better position to keep on top of the situation.

1984 Financial Report

<u>Income</u>		<u>Expenses</u>	
45 new members	\$ 450.00	Refunds	\$ 30.00
125 annual dues	1,875.00	Bulletin exp (L. Johnson)	334.81
5 1983 annual dues	75.00	Postage (Kay)	458.12
43 1985 annual dues	645.00	Supplies (Kay)	274.62
6 dup registr. certif	30.00	Anundsen Publishing Co	314.34
34 subscriptions	170.00	Iowa State Tax	133.17
195 registrations	1,950.00	Internal Revenue Service	257.24
177 transfers	1,770.00	Secretary State of Delaware	35.10
books & postage	1,480.70	Decorah Greenhouse (flowers, Daisy)	41.60
banquet, Vt mtng	384.00	Air Trans. Bridgewater Cor. VT.	304.50
interest - ckn g acct	220.62	Vermont meeting expenses	642.20
credits	134.50	John Hays book expenses	1,809.79
donations	21.42	Secretary fees	1,800.00
Total	\$9,206.24	Total	\$6,435.49

On Hand January 1984 \$4,901.07

On Hand January 1985 \$7,671.82

Kay Baker, Sec/Treas.

REPORT FROM THE NORTH PLAINS REGION Rosemary Rieman, Director

Karrie and Todd Fleharty of Shome Acres, Concordia, MO showed Irish Dexter Cattle in the Lafayette County 4-H Fair and the Concordia Fall Festival 4-H Fair.

Jim, Jean and Jared Mitchell of Twainland Dexters, Paris, MO exhibited Irish Dexters Aug 31 and Sept 1 at the Bethel Sheep Festival. They were the only cattle invited to attend the festival.

Dan, Paula and Daniel Randall of Emerald Valley Farm, Pilot Grove, MO were going to show Irish Dexters at the Boonville Steam Show, Sept 13-15. But due to the 110+ degree weather for several days, all animal owners were notified to keep their animals home by the veterinarian in charge.

Rob and Betty Waller of Parkridge Farm, Bonne Terre, MO exhibited an Irish Dexter heifer at the East Perry County Community Fair at Altenburg, MO on Sept 21st. This is a two-day fair with approximately 22,000 in attendance. Also accompanying the Wallers to the fair were their daughters, Kem Waller of Columbia, MO and Sandra Gamby, her husband Randy and daughters Miranda and Tara of Imperial, MO. Joining them later in the day were Dan, Paula and Daniel Randall of Pilot Grove, MO and Jim, Jean and Jared Mitchell of Paris, MO.

The fall meeting of the MO Dexter Breeders Association was held Sept 22, 1985, 10:30 am at Parkridge Farm. This is the home of Rob and Betty Waller, Bonne Terre, MO. The Wallers daughters, Kem and Sandra and granddaughters Miranda and Tara were there to help their parents serve a roast beef dinner to all members and guests. Rob's parents, Paul and Rowena Pratte of Bonne Terre brought hot home-made yeast rolls to make a perfect meal. Members who attended:

Dean & Todd Fleharty, Concordia, MO
 Jim, Jean and Jared Mitchell, Paris, MO
 Dan, Paula and Daniel Randall, Pilot Grove, MO
 Kem Waller, Columbia, MO
 Rob & Betty Waller, Bonne Terre, MO

REPORT FROM THE PACIFIC REGION John Hays, Director

Sandi Thomas reports that she hosted a meeting of the Oregon segment of the Pacific Region in July which was well attended and much enjoyed by all. Sandi now has what appears to be the largest herd of Dexters in the Region.

In August, Jef Jalof exhibited some of his Dexters at the Apple Fair in Sebastopol, CA where they attracted much interest. A supply of the new flyers received from Jim and Lois Johnson was on hand and distributed to the many who had questions about the breed.

As directed by the Board at the Cleveland meeting, I have arranged for advertisements publicizing ADCA and the book on Dexter Cattle which will be appearing in Farmstead Magazine and Countryside commencing this fall.

Our calf production at Talisman Farm this season started out with a tilt toward bulls but I had a talk with the manufacturers and things have more than evened up.

As a note of interest, the current issue of Ark, the periodical published by the British Rare Breeds Survival Trust, advises that Dexters, as a breed, have now been raised from Class 3, (endangered) to Class 4, (watching) reflecting the increase in their numbers in that country.

ATTENTION 4-H & FFA MEMBERS AND FAMILIES ! ! !

Dean Fleharty requests information regarding all the young folk who have shown cattle at Local Fairs, County and State Fairs and any other places where cattle were shown. Dean would like the name of the exhibitor, name of animal and whether or not that young person is a member of 4-H, FFA or other group. Any awards received, pictures of the animal and/or child, etc would be welcome. The young people need recognition, and Dean would like to do something to help them. Please mail to:

Dean Fleharty, 1710 Shelby, Higginsville, MO 64037

REPORT FROM THE MID - SOUTH REGION Dan Harrell, Director

From Don Piehota, Byars, OK :

Keep the faith, Dexter breeders. While browsing thru the library last month, I looked thru several back issues of an imported magazine called "In Britain" which reports that the Falkland war almost wiped out the Falkland Island cattle herds. So the British government gathered up a dozen head or so of the very rare Shetland cow and flew them to the Falkland Islands. The weather there is so bad that this was the only breed that offered a practical solution.

We can say that about agriculture in the developed countries - the agricultural economy is so bad that the cattle that will be needed are those that will be practical for the region or conditions. The present tragic state of agriculture is breaking the back of the "bigger-is-better" attitude. I hope we are all preparing to take advantage of this opportunity for the Dexter cow.

Also, to change the subject, we have noticed thru 90 calvings that all our Dexter heifer calves have a little tuft of white hairs under the tail at the bottom of the vagina. It got so we just looked for that tuft to sex our newborns. We almost made a mistake recently when one heifer had only 4 or 5 short white hairs that didn't show up too well in the evening light. We were going to register her as a really good looking bull calf - how would we have explained a mistake like that to Kay!

REPORT FROM THE CENTRAL STATES REGION Richard Osters, Director

From Neisha Klein, Centennial Acres, East Leroy, MI :

It has been a busy year at Centennial Acres. We have had three new additions to our herd: Patrick, born March 18, Jeff, (later renamed by his new owner) born April 1 and Lillie, born May 14. Lillie is our first heifer calf so far. Patrick will be raised for beef, "Jeff" went to a new owner, and Lillie will join our slowly growing herd of brood cows.

We acquired our first Dexter from Evelyn Jensen in New York. We drove the calf home from New York in the back of our pick-up truck, on the turnpikes and interstates when she was about 4 months old. We created quite a stir at the gas stations on the turnpike. It's about a ten hour trip, but she and the others we have later transported have stayed nice and cozy in their thick beds of straw under the cap and seemed not to mind it at all. We have brought 4 calves in three separate trips.

All of our cows have been artificially inseminated. We have used semen from Jamie O'Callen with 100% conception rate. This year, we are using semen from a bull owned by Eric Lawlor. So far, our rate is not quite as good as last year. We have an excellent technician and we keep close watch of our cows and written records of their heat periods.

We raise all our own feed for our stock, without the use of any insecticides or herbicides. We raise open-pollinated corn which, we believe, is higher in food value. We raise our own alfalfa hay, some of which we sell in good crop years.

We have found Dexter cattle to be quite calm and easy to handle. We have the horns removed. Our facilities are a pole barn with box stalls. These stalls are used only at night from November thru March and not at all at other times of the year except for calving. We have an area in the barn where the cattle and horse can calk in out of the wind, rain, etc.

We have not used any milk from our cows yet. Before we had Dexters, we kept a Jersey milk cow. We had four children and when they were at home, we used a lot of milk. However, since they are all grown, we don't have use for much more than a gallon or so a week, so have not bothered with it. I really miss that home made butter, cheese and cottage cheese. Maybe next spring!

We have been well covered by the media in the past weeks. During July, our local paper, the Battle Creek Enquirer and News had a few paragraphs about us and our Dexter cattle in the column of one of the editors. In August TV Station WOTV in Grand Rapids did a segment on their regular feature ON THE MICHIGAN ROAD WITH DICK EVANS about

Report From the Central States, continued

us and our cattle. We enjoyed attending the last two annual meetings of the association. We have a video tape of the segment and will be bringing it with us to the meeting next year if we are able to attend.

We live on a farm which has been in my family (Neisha) for about 140 years and, in Michigan, that's quite unique because Michigan has only been a state about that long. The name of our farm is taken from the title given my mother's residence by the state, Centennial Farm, being the title given to a farm being in the same family over one hundred years.

Our goal for our farm is to build up to a herd of about 8 - 10 brood cows, and we are planning on reaching that goal in the next 1 - 2 years.

If any of you come to southern Michigan, we would welcome a visit from you. We are just off M66, about 7-8 miles south of the intersection of I94 and M66, near Battle Creek. Our road is L Drive South, and we live about 1/4 mile east of M66.

Frank & Neisha Klein
4780 L Drive South
East Leroy, MI 49051

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Briar Hill Farm enjoyed a visit from Don & Mary Louise Keller and Don's brother Bob and his wife Carol last May. Don purchased our Shamus as a new herd bull for their Dexters.

Bill Lutton of Litchfield, OH has purchased a little heifer calf, Shanda, as a birthday gift and 4-H project for his granddaughter, Amy Lutton.

We exhibited 25 head of Dexters at the Cuyahoga County Fair again this year, and we took Tara, Fiona, Brendan and Pilgrim to "Pioneer Days" at Cleveland Metroparks.

Gene and Pat Sacha invited us to their 5th annual Harvest Party, but Jim was working, and we were unable to attend. Would love to have seen Mary, their dear old Dexter cow again. (They ate Shaughnessy!)

We have butchered several bulls recently, and find them to be excellent flavored, lean meat. We are getting repeat customers for meat because of their low-fat content.

Lois Johnson
Richfield, Ohio

REPORT FROM THE NORTH CENTRAL APPELLACHIAN REGION

News from the Reads: After years of always milking a dairy cow and only occasionally milking a Dexter, we sold all but Dexters to better concentrate on the registered herd. Dexters are fun to milk! I use a bucket milker that sets next to the cow as the kind that sets under a cow doesn't work on the short cows - there isn't enough room. It takes about 4 minutes to milk out a cow and all have accepted the milking machine beautifully. We have had their milk tested and, as expected, both protein and butterfat are very high. Dexter milk is a superior product!

At the 1984 Dexter Show at the West Alexander Fair, besides the two 4-H heifers shown by our daughters, a yearling bull, bull calf and four more females rounded out our show string. Female champion went to Violet of Old Orchard and a very proud Jessica Read received the first Dexter trophy ever awarded by the West Alexander Fair. Sarah Read with her yearling Laurel of Old Orchard won a 2nd in fitting a dairy heifer and was placed 4th in showmanship (unfortunately, Laurel- like her dam-has a mind of her own!) Our week long adventure at the fair was a real experience. Malach's Bridget- a real pet at home and a cow that has been to fairs before glared at me the whole week. The biggest hit was our smallest cow - Charity - a perfect miniature dairy cow. The little cow with the big udder had a steady stream of visitors.

Plans are well under way for the 1985 show and we will be joined this year by another Dexter breeder!

Marcia Read
Claysville, PA

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Rosemary Rieman

Rt #1

Allison, IA 50602

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Material for next issue of the Bulletin to
be in by December 15th, 1985.Due to the length of the minutes of the
last meeting, they will either be included
in the next issue, or if we have more than
enough material a special mailing will be
made on the minutes.

In regard to Semen Shipments:

We find that we can get a 40lb tank to
use for our small shipments, and that
this tank can be shipped via several of
the lines such as Federal, Emery, etc.
We have not had enough experience with
it yet to know how the cost compares
with bus freight, but will keep checking.

Lois Johnson

Richfield, Ohio

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Contact:

Price - \$15.00 straw + shipping & handling. Semen guaranteed - money refunded if bulldog calf results.

Rosemary Rieman
Route 1
Allison, IA 50602
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