

# DEXTER CATTLE

**A Breed from the past ,  
for the present and the future .**

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## FROM YOUR PRESIDENT - - - GREETINGS AND SUGGESTIONS

If you have cattle for sale and are not advertising, it is like winking at a gorgeous woman in the dark; nobody knows what you are doing except you. Send your ads to Lois for results.

The 1990 area directors' election sheets are coming out in November. Now is the time to be thinking about who would be a good candidate in your area for the position.

Your voice in your breed association is through your elected area directors. Therefore, the election of your area director deserves careful planning and work to ensure that you and your area are represented by the most qualified individuals available. The business function of the ADCA is molded, guided and controlled by your board of directors. It should be apparent to every member that this is accomplished in the most prudent and effective manner possible. It is critical to all of us in the ADCA that we run our association in a business-like fashion. Get in there and make yourself heard concerning who will represent you and your area on the ADCA Board of Directors.

### THE FOLLOWING REGIONS ARE UP FOR ELECTION

#### Region IV

Montana, Wyoming, South Dakota, North Dakota, Colorado, Nebraska and Iowa.

- New Region...vote for one-year term.

#### Region IX

Arizona, Utah, California, Nevada, New Mexico.

- New Region...vote for two-year term.

#### Region X

Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia, West Virginia and District of Columbia.

- Vote for three-year term.

#### Region XI

New York, New Jersey.

- Vote for three-year term.

#### Region XII

Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut.

- Vote for three-year term.

#### Region XIII

Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota

- New Region...vote for three-year term.

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### DUTIES AND REQUIREMENTS FOR DIRECTORS

1. Needs to have been a breeder for at least three years.
2. Must be a member in good standing.
3. Are required to attend the annual business meeting (except in cases of sickness or death in family or some other legitimate reason).

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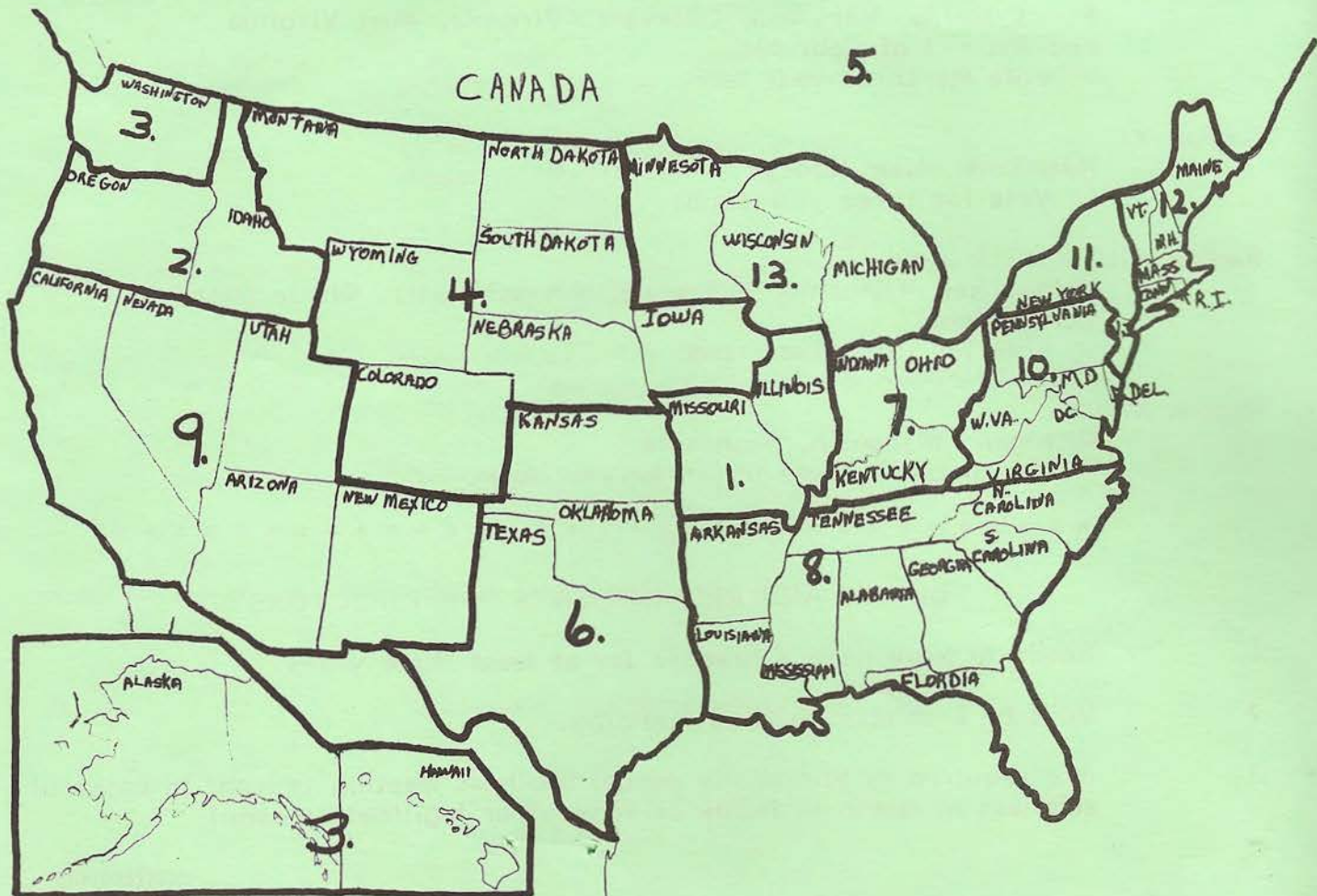


# Duties and Requirements for Directors - - continued.

4. Must notify the President of the ADCA concerning the aforementioned situation if not attending the annual meeting.
5. Should conduct at least one meeting per year within the district if at all possible. (Directors are allowed up to \$100.00 for postage and meetings.)
6. Should keep records of all letters and correspondence pertaining to ADCA business.
7. Should always encourage potential buyers to join the association.
8. Should keep in touch with the ADCA officers and respond to correspondence.
9. Should keep members informed of items of importance and always be courteous and help fellow members with problems and questions.
10. Should keep the President of the ADCA informed of problems within the regions.
11. Should never get involved in squabbles between fellow members within districts.
12. Should periodically submit reports pertaining to current news and happenings to Lois for input in the Bulletin.

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THE FOLLOWING DRAWING IS A MAP WITH THE VARIOUS DISTRICTS OUTLINED AND NUMBERED:





President's Letter - continued.

I am presently planning the agenda for the Board phone conference to be held in late November or early December. Any suggestions for the agenda should be sent to me no later than November 1, 1990.

Sixty days have come and gone, and as of yet I have not received any correspondence from the A.I. and Embryo Transfer committee.

I am glad to hear Region VI director, George Branson, is doing fine after his operation. We now wish him a speedy and complete recovery.

I would now like to take the time to thank the directors and officers for all the time and effort put into running your association for 1990 and helping to make this a very productive year. I appreciate your help and support as I endeavor to head the ADCA.

Philip R. Martz Sr.

**P.S. Do not forget about the ADCA meeting in Texas from June 14th to 16th, 1991. Start to plan for a very educational meeting with great Texan hospitality. More particulars will be discussed in the next bulletin.**

P.M., Sr.

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#### FROM THE SECRETARY§

**TATTOOS** - The tattoo letter for 1990 is "Z". The 1991 tattoo letter will be "A", starting at the beginning of the alphabet again. Therefore, this is probably a good time for most of us to order "A"'s for our tattoo kits since most of us have not had Dexters long enough to have had one on hand unless you have a complete set of letters.

The formula for tattoos is: Your Farm letter, the calf's number, and then the year's tattoo letter.

#### FEE SCHEDULE

##### Costs of Registrations and Transfers:

##### Registrations:

Cows up to 1 year old	\$10.00
Bulls up to 2 years old	10.00
Cows over 1 year old	20.00
Bulls over 2 years old	20.00

##### Transfers:

Regular Transfers	10.00
Inner-herd Transfers	5.00

Registrations and Transfers for non-members 50.00

New Memberships in the ADCA \$30.00

Annual renewal of dues

(due January 1 of each year) 20.00

Subscription only to the "Bulletin" 10.00

Be sure to get your 1990 calves registered before the end of the year for inclusion in the next Herd Book!

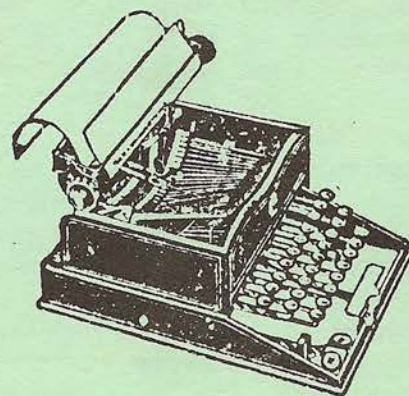


## LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

Do you believe another two months has flown by?

The DEADLINE for our next bulletin will be DECEMBER 1, 1990. Please, everyone, take a minute out of your busy schedules and send me some newsy items. This issue has used up everything I had on hand to publish and I will really be hurting for material.

How many calves were born this year? How many did you sell, and how many did you elect to keep to build your herd? How many jumped over the fence, or, more likely, went under it? What kind of fencing do you use on your farm? What kind of bedding do you prefer? How do you dispose of the manure pile? Just let us hear from you!



## DEXTER SEMEN FOR SALE

## OHIO

Semen collected from Jamie O'Callen, #1949. Black, proportionate type, proportionate sire, Mertwis Howard, (by A.I.) #1415, and short, well proportioned dam, Malach's Bridget, #1727.

\$15.00 per straw, 5-straw minimum.  
For shipping details, contact:

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

## OREGON

Thomas' Reu' Grande' #3847. About 38" - 750#, black (siring reds, too). Good proportionate conformation. Sire and dam both proportionate. \$20 per straw, no minimum.

Thomas' Magic Pride #3848. Conformation and size same as "Grande". 15 Years building our herd from this line. \$15 per straw, no minimum.

Pedigree copy w/photo on request.

Thomas' Dexters  
P O Box 135  
Antelope, OR 97001  
(503) 489-3385

## PENNSYLVANIA

Collected from:

Anton of Mt Carmel, #2871  
40" tall, red, 975 lbs.

For further information, contact:

Philip R Martz, Jr  
R D 4, Box 162  
Berlin, PA 15530  
(814) 267-5052

## CANADA

Lucifer of Knotting, #3122, available in both U.S. and Canada.

1 - 9 straws, \$50.00 ea.

10 or more straws, \$35.00 ea.

Both in Canadian currency.

Guaranteed not to sire a bulldog calf.

Paul & Judy Taylor  
SWC-70, R R #4  
Nanaimo, B.C.  
Canada V9R 5X9  
(604) 753-9295

Semen is owned by individual breeders.



## DEXTER CATTLE FOR SALE

## CALIFORNIA

Registered Dexter Calves available throughout the year. Call or write for current availability:

Steve Moore  
Moore Ranch Co.  
5844 Casitas Pass Rd.  
Carpinteria, CA 93013  
(805) 684-8046

## OREGON

Small but select herd of Dexter cattle, usually some for sale.

Kelvin Grove Stock Farms  
15060 S W Hillsboro Hwy  
Hillsboro, OR 97123  
(503) 628-1116

## TEXAS

3 Black bull calves, born in May 1990.  
Sire was Rafter Dee Finn Bennach, #2779.

Pat Cavness  
Box 409  
Lampasas, TX 76550  
(512) 556-6537 or 3639

## MISSOURI

1990 Heifer and bull calves (2 are dun).  
Also other females of various ages.

James Mitchell  
Rt 2, Box 71  
Paris, MO 65275

## VERMONT

NH 717 Forage chopper with corn and grass pick-up, exc. \$1800 or TRADE for registered Dexter cows, bred heifers.

William Kruesi  
R D 1, Box 549  
Wallingford, VT 05773  
(802) 446-2411

## OHIO

Some 1990 bull calves still available - sired by #3575, Martin o' Briar Hill - a handsome, even-tempered and well-proportioned bull.

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

## TEXAS

Due to health reasons, I must reduce my herd. I have 5 cows, 1 first-calf heifer and 2 young heifers for sale. All cows are hand milked and bred back. Will consider selling 4-yr old gentle bull (sires 75% heifers).

I'm interested in obtaining some bull calves or steers.

For more information, contact:

George Branson  
Rt 2, Box 158  
Goliad, TX 77963  
(512) 645-2207

**DEADLINE** for ads for the next issue of the Bulletin will be **DECEMBER 1, 1990.**

Please try to have your material to me by that date as I try to have as much as possible typed ahead in order to get the Bulletin out as quickly as we can. We never know if it will take 3 days or 10 at the printers'.

Thanks for your cooperation.

Editor

PLEASE NOTE that the American Dexter Cattle Association does not sanction any of the "Exotic" sales.

INTERESTING ITEM - - Shep Springer, your vice president, is on the Fair Board in his county in Colorado. He says they have a "catch-it" contest with calves every year, and it was proposed that next year's "catch-it" calves be Dexter cross-bred calves.



## THE BOOKSHELF

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DEXTER CATTLE by John Hays - USA

\$7.95 per copy plus \$1.55 postage and handling.

Order from:

Rosemary Fleharty, Sec  
Route 1, Box 378  
Concordia, MO 64020

THE DEXTER COW AND CATTLE-KEEPING ON A SMALL SCALE

by Dr William Thrower - England

\$9.00 ea, post paid. Order from:

Rosemary Fleharty, Sec  
Route 1, Box 378  
Concordia, MO 64020

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Perhaps our Bookshelf will be expanding soon as you will see when you read the letter from John Hays reproduced below. John has put a lot of effort into his book, "Dexter Cattle", and now into collaboration with Dr Curran of Dublin:

Dear Lois,

In return for permission to reproduce material from my book, I have received a courtesy copy of "Kerry and Dexter Cattle", a new book by Dr. P.L. Curran, a faculty member of University College, Dublin, and a member of the Council of the Royal Dublin Society. Following is an excerpt from the covering letter:

"You will find that the work is really a literature review, except where I interject comments or attempt a re-assessment.

"Copies are available from Dr. Charles Mollan, Science and Arts Officer, Royal Dublin Society, Ballsbridge, Dublin 4. The recommended retail price is £15 for hard-back and £8 for paper-back -the Irish pound is virtually equal to the pound sterling to-day. Postage is £1.50 extra.

"If a number of people wished to have copies or if the office of your association wished to take some as a stock for sale, then a good discount arrangement can be made with the Royal Dublin Society.

"You will be pleased to learn that we have assembled a half-dozen Dexter-type animals from farmers in County Kerry. These are being mated with Kerries in the traditional way, so that we hope to have pedigree Dexters once more in Ireland, other than those re-imported from Britain.

"Many thanks for all your help, and good luck with your Dexters.

"Sincerely, Leo Curran"

The hard-back edition is a handsome 142 page book replete with illustrations, and although the primary emphasis is on Kerries there is much of interest concerning Dexters, particularly chapter six entitled "Kerries and Dexters: One Breed or Two?"

I have discussed with Phil Marz the possibility of ADCA buying some copies at a reduced price for sale to members and it will be considered by the Board in November.

I hope you can include this letter in the next issue of the Bulletin.



John Hays



## A LETTER FROM DON PIEHOTA.

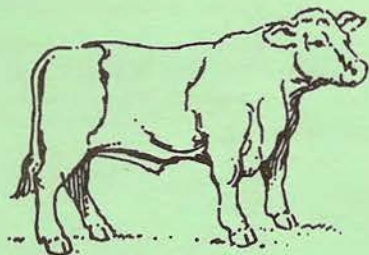
Dear Editor:

I enjoyed the Annual Meeting at Ft Collins and would like to express my appreciation to Shep Springer and the other officers of ADCA for a very inspiring and educational meeting. I was excited by the lecture we heard at the University in Ft Collins wherein we were told that the technology and talent exists - right now - to identify the genetic marker in the chromosomes of our cattle to indicate which ones carry the bulldog trait. We were told the work to do this might cost \$100,000 and, like everyone else present, I just felt numb. On the way home, I started to think that this amount could be handled by the hundreds of members of ADCA. At present, ADCA has a surplus of around \$15,000 in the treasury. With our tendency to run a surplus, I would say that placing these surpluses in safe investments would find us with almost half the funds necessary in the next 4 or 5 years.

I wonder if the membership of this association would be sufficiently committed to eradicating any trace of the bulldog trait that for the next 5 years, each registration and transfer would be temporarily increased by a \$5.00 assessment. This money could also be invested and would grow beyond our contributions. I would anticipate that in 5 years, two-thirds of the required funds would be raised if all the ADCA surplus funds as well as the money from the assessments would be placed in this fund each year.

The balance of money needed might come from: 1) contributions from other cattle breed associations plagued by the bulldog calf problem, 2) contributions from agricultural foundations, 3) reduction in the cost of the project by having it used as university research, or, PhD dissertation, etc. As a last resort we could begin the project with 2/3rds of the funds necessary and continue assessing and devoting surplus funds for a few additional years.

This would be the only way we could absolutely ensure the eradication of the bulldog trait. Eventually no calf could be registered without a tissue sample being submitted for testing so that we would know with 100% certainty which calves were not contaminated. By the year 2000 we would be reaping the benefits of our investment. I hope when we meet in Texas next year we will have such a program in place and can abandon the 19th century genetic approaches to our problem that have so often sabotaged us in the past.



Don Piehota  
P Bar Ranch  
Rt 2, Box 43 A  
Snyder, OK 73566

NEW SALES TOOL in the cattle industry! Remember Bill Bledsoe, the Colorado rancher who purchased 7 Dexter bulls to cross with his first-calf Gelbvieh heifers? Well, last month his Dexter/Gelbvieh cross calves appeared on a Video Livestock Auction via satellite. Sales from the video were to be completed on October 15th as we understand it. Many of our members who were at the Colorado meeting got a chance to see a video the Bledsoes had prepared just so the Dexter owners could see the results of the cross.

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William Malcuit of Strasburg, Ohio is trying the same thing - he purchased a Dexter bull to use on his first-calf heifers also. Beamish o' Briar Hill thinks he is in heaven with all those pretty Hereford and Angus heifers!



REGION 2 NEWS - Jack Goodman, Director.

When we were in Colorado for the annual meeting, Shep Springer gave your editor a copy of the May 28th issue of "The Fence Post", a local farm and ranch newspaper. It contained a really nice article about the Springers, written, of course, prior to the meeting. The following are a few excerpts from it:

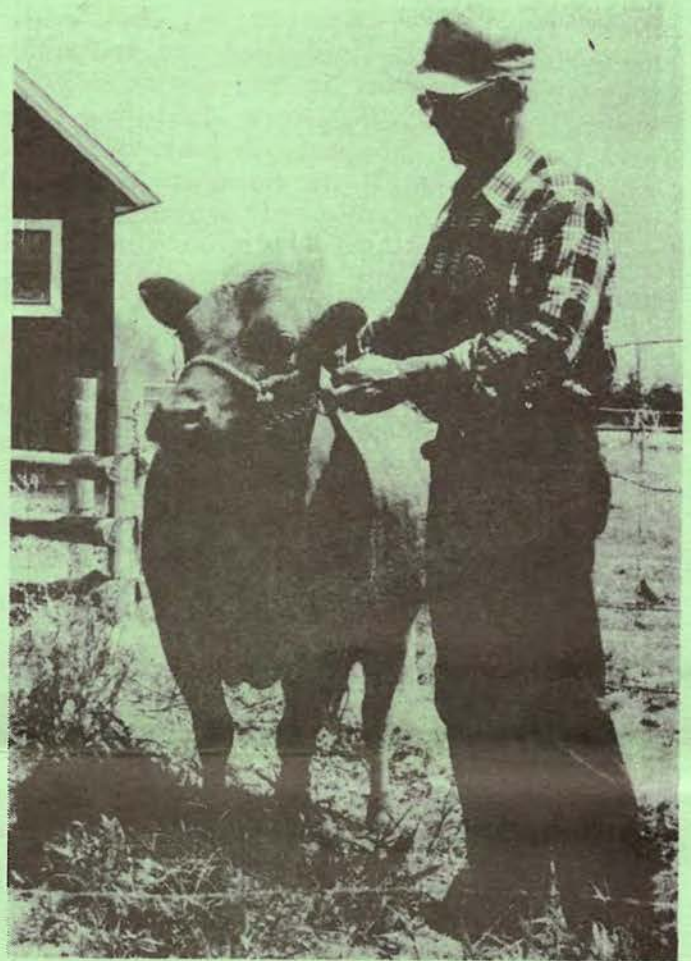
## AMERICAN DEXTER CATTLE

### CELEBRATE 50 YEARS.

Shep and Mary Springer of Ft Collins, Co are one of six ranchers in Colorado raising Dexter cattle. They have 20 registered Dexters, including one of only four or five red bulls in the country. Shep is vice president of the ADCA, and is hosting a barbecue as part of the 50th anniversary celebration being held June 22, 23 & 24.

The ADCA members are interested in artificial insemination and embryo transfer technology, and Shep is hopeful the June meeting (which includes a visit to ABS and a lecture on embryo transfer) will provide some guidelines for the registration of embryo offspring. Market demand far exceeds the availability of Dexters. Several breeders have standing orders for calves yet to be conceived.

From the first time he saw a Dexter cow, Shep has been intrigued by their size, disposition and milking ability. He is a dressed beef buyer, responsible for selecting up to 2500 carcasses a week for his customers. He grew up with livestock, and began working in the meat packing business in high school. He owned his own plant in Ft Morgan for 14 years.



**Singleton Tulp, held by Shep Springer, is part of an embryo transfer project - the first done in the United States with Dexter cattle.**

The Springers own only 5 acres of land, renting an additional 25 acres of pasture. Shep puts up around 1500 bales of hay from neighboring hayfields. With that combination, they successfully provide for their herd.

## REPORT FROM REGION 4 - George Branson, Director.

Pearl writes us that her husband went through some serious surgery, and I would agree most heartily. George had a triple by-pass with left carotid artery done at the same time! She says he is recovering nicely, however, walking up to 2 miles a day, and always out to see his Dexters. We are happy to hear he is doing so well. It is a long road back after a surgery like this.

Before George went to the hospital, the Bransons attended a regional meeting held by Janellen and Ernie Cole at Shiro, TX. on July 21st. In addition to touring their new log home, they enjoyed a barbecue lunch. Then the group went on to Neal and Calli Sutton's home where they had good old country music and a meal of barbecued brisket, pork and doves with all the trimmings. Pearl says you Region 4 members that were unable to attend really missed something.



From an article in the local paper in Lagro, Indiana:

Duane Siders of Lagro, Indiana is proud of his two head of Dexter cattle! Look at them and you might just want to cuddle one - silky black hair, trusting faces and gentle dispositions, even at feeding time. "Sure you can hug one" Duane says. "Hug the cow, why, you can hug the bull if you want". A Dexter bull is not that 2,000 lb., bad-to-the-bone animal which may be your idea of a bull.

Duane is interested in the breed because they are rare. He has a five-acre farm, and sees a hopeful future for the breed as small-scale farming becomes more popular and farmers look for animals that will not only require smaller grazing areas, but provide leaner meat. Siders said the Dexter meat he has eaten was not only leaner and redder, but more tender than cuts from other types of beef cattle. This is especially important to the small-scale farmer, he said, when that type of meat can be expected from an animal that eats mostly hay and grass. The Dexter bull eats nothing but grass and the cow only requires supplemental corn feeding when lactating.

Although he considers the cattle a hobby, Siders has always wanted to become self sufficient on his five acres and sees the small cattle as one way to reach that goal.



Chief LaGros (left) and Stutzman Peggy peer out of their stall.



**"DREAM OF RAISING DEXTERS COMES TRUE".** This was the headline on the "Country Life" page of the local paper in Baldwin, Wisconsin. The dream was that of Mrs Margaret Millhouse who, at age 70, is building a small herd of Dexters on her St Croix County farm near Baldwin.

Only 7 of the short, dark animals make up her herd now, but that number is expected to expand to 8 in late June or early July when a heifer named Little Babe is due to calve. If all goes well that will be the 2nd Dexter born on the Millhouse farm.

The diminutive Dexters share Mrs Millhouse's 30-acre farm with a miniature horse, a mouflon lamb, a rabbit, a Jersey cow and steer, turkeys, ducks, pigs, exotic chickens, 3 canaries, a registered Border Collie and an Australian Shepherd dog. "I raise a little of everything" Mrs Millhouse says.

She has lived on the farm since 1965, and despite her age and rheumatoid arthritis, she does most of the chores herself. Her son Craig, who lives at Woodville helps her with some of the work.

"I wanted to get some kind of cattle that I could take care of", she says, "and the Dexter's small size makes them easier to handle." She notes that Beaver, the first Dexter born on her farm, weighed less than 30 lbs and was only 22" tall.



**MARGARET MILLHOUSE WITH "LITTLE BABE"**

An ad in The Country Today led Mrs Millhouse to Mark Weber of Manitowoc. Mrs Millhouse soon became a Dexter owner, and became good friends with Mark who still raises a few Dexter cattle of his own.

Swampy Sue, Stormie Sue and Little Babe were the first three members of the Millhouse herd. She later bought MacKenzie O'Neil Kerry, Lilliput Tillie and Sam of Myers Farm from various owners. With the birth of Swampy Sue's calf, Beaver, Swampy Sue's calf, her herd increased to 7 head.

Margaret hasn't tried to milk her Dexter cows - her first task has been getting them used to being around people and staying in stanchions. Previous owners had not confined them in this way. "I'd like to milk one, she says, but she plans to use the rest of the herd as breeding stock so she can raise steers for beef and sell the heifers.