

## HEINLEIN GENEALOGY

### BELL FARM

clover and timothy yearly. They bred and raised Holstein cows producing and shipping over 1,800 gallons of certified milk daily. The designation "Certified," indicated that the milk, though not pasteurized, was produced in accordance with the strictest health standards of the time.

The reservoir capable of holding 12,000 gallons of water was built on Pine Hill, the highest point on the farm, where the first airport terminal building would later be built. Two wells brought forth 2,400 gallons of water per minute, which was pumped, to the reservoir one-quarter mile away. The water quantity was sufficient to supply all of the buildings. The creamery was capable of cooling both bulk and bottled milk within 10 minutes after it was produced. There were three large sterilizing compartments and a 14-foot by 14-foot walk-in cooler.

Milk was delivered, completely iced, twice daily to a number of local dairies, including

Reick's, Menzie, Page, Otto Suburban, Sewickley Sanitary Dairy and others.

The four large barns surrounding the creamery housed more than 200 milking cows. Each barn was designated for a specific purpose: a maternity barn, a bull barn, a dry barn, and a milk barn. All barns were equipped with heat, hot and cold running water, and locker rooms.

Mr. Bell hired P. B. Misner, who was considered the greatest breeder and judge of Holstein cattle, to be the superintendent of Bell Farm. Mr. Misner traveled throughout the country choosing the best Holsteins and purchasing them for the farm. Some of these became part of the "Bell Farm Show Herd, which was considered one of the greatest show herds throughout the United States.

Mr. Bell held an open field day at the farm for local 4-H Clubs and students of animal husbandry with judging by farm agents from Allegheny and surrounding counties. The boy and girl receiving the most points were presented a male or female calf of their choice. Activities of the day, which included food served cafeteria style, were held under a large tent which was rented especially for the occasion.

In 1927, Bell Farm was sold to E. E. Reick, Pittsburgh Dairy owner and his partner, C. L. Nettrour. At the time of the sale, the farm's livestock included about 200 of the finest Holstein cattle. Mr. Reick also owned two farms near Rootstown, Ohio, with a