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INFORMATION FOR COMMENTARY RE:

RECORD MILK-YIELDING COW, "BRIDGE BIRCH".

According to the "Farmer and Stockbreeder" there is no official world record as there is nobody or any official body which recognises as official any claim for a particular yield of milk. They believe there is an American beast that can beat it.

However, according to the British Friesian Cattle Society, it can definitely be taken as a British record. Naturally this Society is much interested in this Friesian cow.

The correct name is "BRIDGE BIRCH". (It is incorrect to add "11").

She was born on 4th March, 1939.

"During the 24 hours ended Monday last a pedigree British Friesian cow gave 155½ lbs. in the herd of R.A. Pierson. She was bred by Mr. A.C. Willy, of Bridge Farm, South Petherton and has been in the possession of Mr. Pierson for three years. During the week previous she gave 124 lbs. and then 134 lbs. (each in 24-hour periods. When the latter figure was given an official recorder was in attendance. When she gave the record yield on Monday it was necessary to milk her six times." The foregoing is a quote from the "Farmer and Stockbreeder"..

Further facts from the "Farmer and Stockbreeder": The average <sup>yield</sup> of a Friesian cow for a year is 8,363 lbs., i.e. this is the average recorded of good class Friesian herds. The total average from all breeds is approx. 7,000 lbs.

The British Friesian Cattle Society say that Friesian cows yield more than other types, this is an accepted fact.

The average yield of a normal Friesian for 24 hours is 5 gallons.

The man shown milking "Bridge Birch" is Mr. Hobbs, Mr. Pierson's manager at the farm. The location is Moortown Farm, Ringwood, hants.

1 gallon of milk = 15 LBS.

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