

Cattle-attack farmer fears for his children

By David Jones
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A FARMER was keeping his three children indoors yesterday as the police hunt continued in North Wales for an attacker who slashed seven dairy cows.

Tudor Edwards said it was unsettling to think that a knifeman was prowling the community.

He was speaking after six of the animals had their wounds treated by a vet and the seventh had to be destroyed because of the severe injuries suffered in the attack at Maes-y-Llyn Farm on the Horseshoe Pass road near Llangollen.

Feeding

"We are very concerned about the safety of our children, Geraint, Elen and Bronwen," said Mr Edwards.

"Normally, they help around the farm with the milking and feeding the calves, or they are out and about on their bikes.

"But they will not go out today because there is a dangerous person loose with a knife."

The family has received numerous telephone calls of support from shocked farmers and neighbours.

His wife, Gwen, said: "I could not sleep last night, I kept thinking about the wounds suffered by the cows.

"Usually, the cows walk down a track to the farm to be milked every morning. Today they waited up in the field for us to go for them, and then they trotted down rather than walking quietly as they usually do. It shows they are still unsettled."

The couple had considered keeping the three most seriously injured animals closer to the farm yesterday, but decided that separating them from the herd would only cause them additional stress.

Mr Edwards said police had searched some premises in the area in the hope of finding clues to the attack which is thought to have occurred at about 6.30am on Thursday.

A tension reel torn from one of the fences by the attacker has been discovered in bushes at the side of the road.



□ TUDOR Edwards checks the shocking wound to one of his cows

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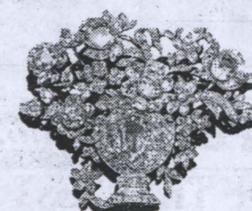
□ ONE of the wounds inflicted by the knifeman



□ GWEN Edwards: 'They are unsettled'

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