

Dairymen

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increase income. Shaffer cited an example of a Penna. dairyman who bought a herd of cows (grades and purebreds) without production records of any kind. With proper feed and management the herd averaged 466 lbs. of butterfat during the first full year of records.

"Are our cows better than records show?" Shaffer asked. Many dairymen could raise the production of present herds through better care and feeding.

Shaffer warned of the dan-

ger of becoming over-capitalized. He asked farmers to question their business to see if their investment is returning four per cent over a fair wage. Investment in non farm enterprises can easily earn this much he said.

Shaffer pointed to Pennsylvania's enviable position in relation to markets. The average blend price for milk in Pennsylvania was \$5.07 last year compared to \$3.26 for comparable milk in Wisconsin. When milk can be shipped from Wisconsin to Pittsburgh for about \$1.25 per hundredweight, we can not blame the Wisconsin dairy-

men for wanting part of our market, he said.

The business meeting threatened to show some of the stormy atmosphere which prevailed at last year's annual meeting when the validity of voting for director was questioned because of registration procedures.

After a member questioned the action of the nominating committee in placing only one name in nomination for director and one name for each of three of the Sire Reporting Committees the group voted the delegate

body be instructed to recommend that the nominating committee next year place at least two names on the ballot for director and each of the Sire Reporting Committees.

Earl Groff, Strasburg R., president, explained that prior to last year two names had been proposed for each office by the committee, but through a change in the by-laws, the committee was instructed to name only one candidate. Nominations were opened to the membership

Thursday night.

Abner Risser, Bainbridge R1 was reelected director for a three year term.

PROTET HOUSE PLANTS

Keep house plants away from radiators, but guard against freezing during cold nights especially where such plants are placed close to windows. Extension circular 491, "Growing Better House Plants," has other useful tips on growing plants in the home. It's available from county agricultural agents.



GETTING SET TO ENJOY homemade ice cream at a recent party sponsored jointly by the Penn Manor Future Farmers and Future Homemakers, are the presidents of the two groups. In front row left to right are Joyce Eckman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David C Eckman, Pequea R1, and Sterling Elmer, Jr., Lancaster R6. Looking on from the back row are members of the committee which was responsible for making the ice cream. Left to right they are Dennis Sangrey, Conestoga R2; David Siegrist, Lancaster R2, and Henry Barley, Lancaster R2, all Future Farmers enrolled in the "Boys Home Economics" class at Penn Manor High School —L F Photo

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