Milk Co-ops To Provide Markets Bargaining Agency Official Says

quarantee alternative markets highest possible price for the time to take all the protor then production farmers producer's milk, it has to set duction "we will know the were told Monday night

mist with the Metropolitian produced every day. Milk Producers Bargaining plant

Pineo said to meet the 90 million pounds of milk the asency would need to have committed to make construction of purchase of a plant profitable (operatives are be-) ing asked to commit 30 per cent of their production to the agency

Tom Tedesco field man for the agency said the move is needed to handle 'homelesmilk' in periods of flush when mesent plants can not handle increised volume of milk and more of the surplus has to go into the low value surplies products

Tedesco said 20 milk plants in the New York milkshed have closed since the first of January this year and 30 more are expected to close before the end of the ve

Pineo blamed the switch from cans to bulk tanks and the outdated facilities with the closing of plants.

He said there are only five modern efficient plants in the milkshed and these are incapable of handling the excess milk in times of tlush At such times many other, less efficient plants have facilities which are called into service

'If we have to price milk at the break-even point for the metficient manufacturer to turn it into butter and cheese instead of the higher value utilization products of ice cream cottage choese and cream we are depriving our-

selves of a reasonable return? Pineo diew attention to what he called a fine line of pricing above which the dealers would not take all the

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Milk marketing cooperatives milk every day. He said while a pince where handlers will dealers have been fooling us in producing at an increased rate

"As of July 1 we are under Agency told milk producers a pricing structure never be- manufacturing plant would gaining agency have been ask- recommends gathering eggs in a meeting at Mount Joy tore in check in the milkgive the cooperative a better ed to commit 30 per cent of often during hipt, summer
that the Agency is "very close shed" he pointed out, wherebargaining position. Pineo betheir production as well as a months, and removing anito deciding where to put up a by prices in New York are lieves, by removing enough proportionate share of the mal heat from them as soon as tied to the US average manu- excess milk from the market s) \$100,000 for the new plant facturing milk price with sea-

sonal adjustments. If we had that handlers would have to ture last year, manufacturers ply. they did

"I don't think they have"

If farmers are going to keep Clair Pineo, research econo- accept all the milk that is the past 'he said but added, he said the cooperatives are alternative markets. The mem-The proposed opening of a ber cooperatives in the bar- extension poultry specialist,

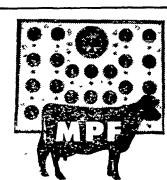
The Mount Joy Farmers On been under the present struc- compete for the available sup- operative, co-sponsors of the meeting, (with Interstate Milk using Class III milk would The supply of milk will not producers Cooperative) probeen paying 17c per go downward in the next few bably would be asked to suphundred pounds more then years, Pineo believes, and he ply less than 30 per cent to pointed to the number of the manufacturing plant beyoung stock, at the highest cause of its record of highplocessing plants in order to its primary aim to get the structure the handlers con- point in 8 years, and to high- Class I utilization and nearcooperative believe.

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