



ELECTED AT A MEETING MONDAY night were the above officers of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association. They are Jason Weaver, Quarryville R2, president; Kenneth Skiles, Narvon R2, vice president; Samuel Dum, 2191 Greystone Road, East Petersburg, secretary, and Jacob Houser, Lampeter, treasurer.

## DHIA Board Reorganizes; Reelects Jason Weaver

Jason Weaver, Quarryville R2, was reelected president of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association at the group's annual reorganization Monday night.

Kenneth Skiles, Narvon R2, was elected to replace Robert Hess, Strasburg R1, as vice president, and Samuel Dum, 2191 Greystone Road, East Petersburg, replaces John Shelly, Manheim R1, as secretary.

The board of directors reappointed Jacob Houser, Lampeter, as treasurer for another year.

In other action, directors voted to fix a charge of \$4.50 for any commercial wishing to receive the monthly newsletters and the annual report of the association. The price for the

annual report alone would be \$1.50.

Robert Hess, the county's delegate to the state association of DHIA directors, reported that the state will not push any form of testing other than the one now in effect, but will cooperate with any local organization which wished to include one of the other types of testing. He reported that approximately \$500.00 worth of equipment per tester would be required for making protein tests, and approximately \$150 worth of equipment per tester would be needed for the solids-not-fat test. He emphasized that the needed equipment is so delicate that it could not be hauled from place to place in an automobile.

The directors voted to instruct the head tester, Jay Risser, to have the supervisors poll their dairymen to find out how much interest there is in total nutrient testing of milk. If sufficient interest is shown, the board will then inquire about costs and attempt to set up a program for those interested.

A five dollar charge, in addition to the regular fees, will be charged for each milking over two per day. The ruling came about as a result of two dairymen in the county who have three cows on three times a day milking which causes the tester to make as many as four trips to the farm during the month.

An additional fee of \$4 per herd will be charged for the use of the milk-o-meter in milking parlors. This cost was to cover the time and mileage spent in transporting and washing the meters. This will be in addition to the 5 cents per cow now paid to the association for the use of the meters.

The directors informed the testers that no herds should be "averaged" unless in extreme cases of emergency and then only with the approval of the extension service and the farmer. If the tester can not collect samples from the herd during the centering period, the directors said he should secure a qualified replacement to take samples for him.

The meeting was held in the Lancaster County Farm Bureau Cooperative building, Dillerville Pike.

## SCD Banquet Is Next Week

A new color movie called "Beyond Tomorrow", produced by the Pennsylvania Soil Conservation Service, will be shown at the annual meeting and banquet of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District next Wednesday night.

Main speaker at the banquet, scheduled to begin at 6.30 p.m. in Hostetter's banquet hall in Mount Joy, will be Jack Owen, Editor of Lancaster Farming.

Awards for outstanding cooperation with the district will be presented by Richard Witmer, County Commissioner, member of the district. Henry Givler, secretary of the district, will present the annual report, and special guests will be presented by the toastmaster, Amos Funk, chairman of the district directors.

Garland Gingerich, teacher of vocational agriculture at Penn Manor High School, is banquet program chairman.

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