



SPEAKERS AT DAIRY SEMINAR sponsored by Miller & Bushong, Inc., and held Tuesday at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion. From left (front row); Courtney B. Burdette, Upjohn Co.; Dr. Thomas G. Culton, Miller & Bushong; M. M. Smith, County Agent; Dr. Vince Nielson, Milk Specialties Co.; (back row) LaMont Smith, Upjohn Co.; Jack Taschner, Dow Chem. Co.; William Johnstone, Penn State University; Robert E. Gregory, Miller & Bushong; and George E. Brightenback, Merck & Co. Not present for photo was Dr. Samuel Guss, Penn State University. L. F. Photo

● **Mirror Holds Key**

(Continued from Page 1) afternoon session was William Johnstone, Penn State agricultural economist.

In concluding his talk on the future of dairying in Pennsylvania, Johnstone predicted that "those who remain (in dairy farming) will have to do a better job than is generally being done now, but they will also get better incomes" for their efforts.

Johnstone told the dairymen that the milk price structure nationally is more favorable now than at any time during the past 15 years. But, he added, improved prices have historically led to increased total milk production. He cited three major periods of declining cow numbers since World War II. In each case, he said, there has been about an 18-month lag between the peak and low before the cow num-

ber decline reversed itself. History may repeat itself this time too, he said, advising dairymen not to get too complacent over the improving milk price.

Looking ahead, he said the immediate future is more favorable for dairymen than it has been in a number of years. "People have higher incomes, are better educated and more concerned about diet and nutrition — all of which points to a better future for milk."

The economist said that competition will be the biggest problem for the eastern dairyman in the future. With better transportation, milk will be more readily moved from producing to consuming points. This would be a good time, he said, for agencies and cooperatives serving dairymen to start doing the things which will have to be done to market more dairy products in the future.

A panel consisting of five specialists discussed managing of herd replacements. They were: Dr. Vince Nielson, Milk Specialties Company; George E. Brightenback, Merck & Company; Courtney Burdette and LaMont Smith, TUCO Products Div of Upjohn Company; and Dr. Thomas G. Culton, Miller & Bushong.

Other speakers in addition to Guss and Johnstone were: Jack Taschner, Dow Chemical Company, and Robert E. Gregory, Miller & Bushong.

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