

Senator Says Economy Depends On Agribusiness

A member of the Pennsylvania State Senate told a group of dairy industry people that on the well-being of agribusiness depends the well-being of our economy as a whole.

Senator Donald O Oesterling, speaking to the 43rd Annual Banquet of the Pennsylvania Dairyman's Association in the Penn-Harris Hotel in Harrisburg Tuesday evening said, "And if this well-being is going to exist it means that farm income must occupy a much more favorable position with respect to non farm income than it does at the present time. It is not enough that an occasional trickle of prosperity is allowed to filter down to the farmer."

that people thought the profit on a quart of milk was anywhere between 5 cents and 10 cents "Wouldn't they be surprised to know," he said, "that it is much closer to 1/2 of a cent."

In discussing the administration's apparent wish to transfer the functions of the Milk Control Commission to an agency of the Executive, presumably the Department of Agriculture, the senator said, "To this I do not subscribe, and I do not see how that could be of benefit to the dairy farmer."

The senator received scattered applause for this statement from the dairymen attending the banquet in the hotel ballroom.

On the imitation milk problem Oesterling said, "I haven't tasted it, but when some character begins with skim milk, adds coconut oil or some other saturated fat and additives, then tells me that it is just as good as milk, he'll have quite a selling job on his hands. I am a little wary of being told that 'here is something just as good and it is cheaper,'" he said.

In conclusion Senator Oesterling said, "It is my thinking that there should be a greater measure of co-operation among the farm co-operatives, and a greater measure of liaison among the co-operatives, the industry and the consumer. In other words, the dairy farmer and dairy industry will have to pay less attention to defensive action and pay more attention to offensive action. Let the dairy industry decline and the consumer will find, to his sorrow, what milk will cost."

Other features of the meeting were greetings from Leland H. Bull, Secretary of Agriculture and remarks by J. Lin Huber, Chairman of the Pennsylvania Milk Control Commission.

The immediate past president Paul R. Anthony made the annual Extension Award to Herbert C. Gilmore, Dairy Specialist from Penn State. Victor Plastow, Lancaster County Associate Agent received this award last year.



Clair Nolt, age 11 and his brother Dale, age 8, smile at the baby chicks eating mash at the Pennsylvania Farm Show this week in Harrisburg. The boys were visitors with their parents Mr. and Mrs. Miles Nolt, Manheim R1.

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7:30 p.m.—Central Area Tractor Maintenance Club meet, Landis Bros. Farm Equipment, Manheim Pk.
23-24—Turft School, George Washington Motor Lodge, King of Prussia
Wednesday, January 24
10:00 a.m.—Large Herd Owners meeting, State Agricultural Building, Harrisburg.

Thursday, January 25

10:00 a.m.—Large Herd Owners meeting, Toppers Dinner, South of Clarks Summit
7:00 p.m.—Garden Spot Air Welding School, High School Vo-Ag Dept.
7:30 p.m.—Swine Information meeting, Sales Pavilion at the Lancaster Stockyards
8:00 p.m.—Lancaster County Farm Management Meet, Farm Credit Bldg.

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