



AT THE SWINE BANQUET, (left to right) M. M. Smith, Lancaster County Agent making trophy presentation to George Cogley, Carcass Show winner.

Mark Nestleroth was the first place winner in the evaluation judging and John Hinkel, Association President, was in charge of the meeting.

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Lancaster Swine Producers Hold Banquet, Elect New Directors

Four directors were elected to three year terms at the Lancaster County Swine Association Annual Meeting and Banquet held last week at the Blue Ball Fire Hall. They are: Mark F. Nestleroth, Manheim R3; Robert Martin, East Earl R1; Melvin E. Huber, Lititz R1; and Robert W. Armstrong, Drumore R2.

In the evaluation contest, Nestleroth was the winner with a 103.4 point score. Others in the order of placing were: Ronald Harrison, 108.7; James Horton, 108.8; John Henkel, 113.4; William Fisher, 114.9; Clair Hartman, 124.2; John Strawbridge, 124.4; Elwood Houser, 125.2; Robert Armstrong, 125.3; Carol Henkel, 125.5; John Doll, Jr., 129.3; Leon Arnold, 131.4; Russel Sauder, 137.3; Joseph Little, 138.2; and Ruth Hartman, 140.9.

George Cogley, Ronks R1, had the best carcass in the associa-

tion show held at Kunzler & Co., Inc., last week. His winner had a ham-loin percentage of 44.2.

A special award was given to the James Z. Martin family, Christiana R1, in recognition of the late James Martin's work with the swine industry.

300 swine breeders and friends crowded into the fire hall for the all-you-can-eat ham supper.

Milk Testimony Is Favorable At Memphis

"Cooperative unity requires cooperative courage too, and we are glad for the sake of producers in the Northeast that Eastern's testimony received such favorable consideration at the Memphis hearing, and that Class I milk prices not only will drop after April 30 — but will actually be increased in the three main marketing areas of the Northeast."

In speaking for the board of directors, Irvin Schell, president of Eastern Milk Producers Association, stated Thursday that the Department of Agriculture has rendered a decision to boost Class I prices by 28 cents per cwt over existing prices in each of the areas.

As a result the New York-New Jersey Class I price has been boosted to \$6.39 from the present \$6.11.

Prices in the Mass-R I-N H Order will be boosted to \$6.67 compared to the present \$6.39, and prices in the Philadelphia Marketing Area will be boosted to \$6.93 compared to the present \$6.65.

"It is well to remember," pointed out Mr. Schell, "that Eastern and 20 cooperative groups affiliated with it had the courage to stand alone from a group of cooperatives, associations, and federations talking 'cooperative unity' and stand up for what it felt was best for dairy farmers. We did not feel we could make concessions to national dairy groups and hurt farmers of the Northeast by doing so.

"Eastern went to the Memphis hearing and asked that the price level not be allowed to drop after April 30. In addition we continued to recommend that the \$6.80 Class I price be adopted in the New York and Boston markets because we feel this is a realistic price for dairymen based on today's costs.

"Other co-ops in the Northeast went to the hearing asking for \$6.29 in New York and \$6.39 in Boston. It is certainly noteworthy that increases of as much as 28 cents per cwt would never have been granted if the government had not been convinced by our testimony that dairymen desperately needed this kind of an increase.

"It is also well to remember that Eastern was the only cooperative association whose testimony was accepted at the hearing. Testimony by Dr. Stewart Johnson, speaking for a group of cooperatives known as the New York - New England Dairy Cooperative Coordinating Committee, was objected to and was not even allowed to be entered as testimony at the hearing.

"We are thankful for the good of our members, and other dairymen in the Northeast, that we were able to represent all producers in the territory with our testimony.

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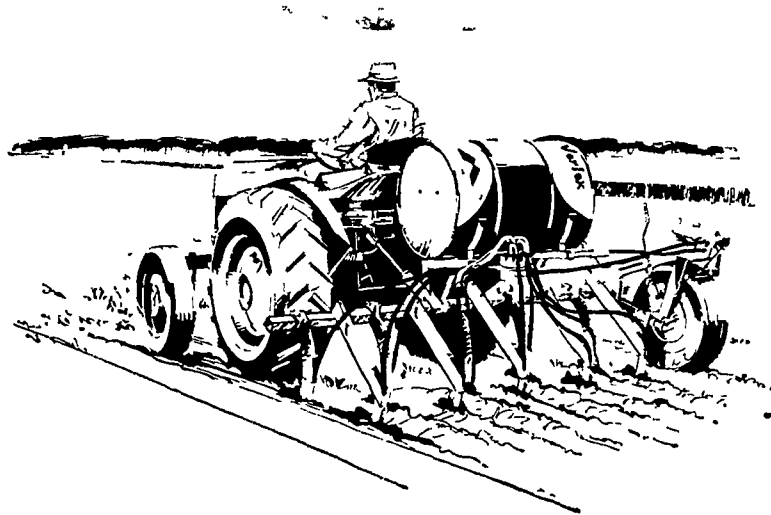
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