

● Dairy Day

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situation when looking to the future of dairying," he said. "For our dairy farms to get large, with large mechanical and capital investment we must have a place to drain off some extra farm labor."

Concerning the future outlook, the professor said production has now ceased to decline in the

last few months and cow numbers appear to not be declining as rapidly. Also the government is attempting to curb inflation which may cause a little more unemployment and change the favorable labor situation and slow down farm exits.

Deliveries have gone up in the last few months and the market for milk fat is weak. In Pennsylvania, the per capita consumption of milk is down a little. On

filled milk, Pierce said, "We were scared by them, but it has fizzled somewhat. In Arizona sales went up to 10 percent of class 1 milk but have since gone down. "I don't believe they are going to take a lot of the whole milk market," he said.

Speaking on present milk prices, he said he felt they may be a bit high. "The worst thing that could happen over the next few years would be to get prices higher." I think any co-op leader who is promoting higher prices now isn't realistic. We should be thinking about controlling production. If we increase production it will be hard to maintain present prices.

"We should be interested in promotion, I don't think we know yet what can be done to make new milk products and to put them in new packages."

Samuel Guss, Extension Veterinarian at Penn State spoke on "Herd Health Problems", saying "Anything you can do to have clean milk is worth while doing and has an effect on Mastitis." He recommended treating dry udders only when trouble ap-

peared during the milking period, and said the California Mastitis testing kit should be used on every animal. "It costs you five percent of your milk check if you have Mastitis in infected cows," he said.

If a cow's udder isn't hot or she doesn't have a fever it is best not to treat the quarter. "Just keep it milked out," he said. We treat too much mastitis.

On a question from one of the 300 farmers present at the all day program Guss said tests on vaccinating for mastitis have not proven successful.

On breeding problems Guss said the number one cause of troubles was infection picked up at a calving time. "I would like to see every farmer have a tiled floor calving stall that was as clean as a hospital and used only for that purpose," he said. A separate place in the meadow where other cows do not go is also good.

The professor said most cows in Lancaster County are over fed during the last part of their

lactation. "This is asking for breeding troubles," he said.

If the cow has had a calving problem Guss recommended not to try to breed her again for 90 days. He also said that animals on a rising nutrition level breed better. They do not conceive while losing weight," he said.

Other speakers on the program were Henry R. Geisinger, Executive Vice President of the Pa. Association of Milk Dealers, and Herbert Gilmore, Dairy Specialist at Penn State.

SOCIETY 14

Society of Farm Women #14 held their meeting on Wednesday, March 12 at the Hellenic Orthodox Church, Heishev Avenue, Lancaster. The Rev. Alexander Veronis spoke on "The Eastern Orthodox Church" which was followed by a tour of the church. Coffee and Greek pasty was served by the women of the church.

On March 27 Society 11 will entertain Society 14 at the Methodist Church in Quarryville at 1:30 P.M.


The next meeting will be held April 9 at the home of Mrs. Amos Ranck, Strasburg. The speaker will be Mrs. C. Parker Wright who will talk on the "Primitive Indians of Mexico". The Society will also hold a White Elephant Sale.

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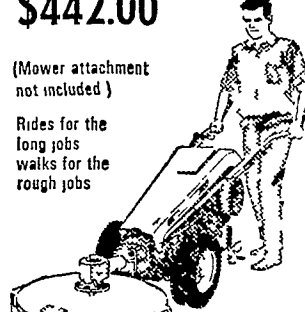
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