

Inter-State District 3 Holds Annual Meeting

Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative District 3, which comprises Southern Lancaster and Quarryville Locals, held its annual dinner meeting January 25 at the Memorial United Methodist Church, Quarryville with an attendance of 245 members and guests Donald B. Trimble, Peach Bottom R.D. 2, president of District 3, was master of ceremonies.

The keynote speech was given by Dr Paul E Hand, Assistant Manager and Economist of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, who spoke on "Things Affecting Dairymen." He said, in part, "Under federal promotion we have seen improvement in Class I milk sales in the past six out of eight months and improvement in Class I utilization. We can tell better after another year how well it pays. There is approximately \$180,000 per month or \$2,000,000 a year being spent on federal promotion. If state promotion goes in effect there will be no double collection for promotion and if any producer requests not to pay for federal promotion, he can drop out of it."

"The delegates to the annual Inter-State meeting in Philadelphia decided to keep the base program intact again, at least until the next annual meeting. Dr Honan has been working with Pa Secretary of Agriculture, Milk Marketing Board and heads of state farm organizations on a price-feed situation. Class I price will be about four cents higher and Class II about 30 to 40 cents higher than last year for February and March." He explained that the 300 new Inter-State producers



Mack A. Newton, left, received a clock last week during the annual District 3 Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative meeting in Quarryville. District 3 president Donald Trimble presented the award to Newton in recognition of his 20 years of service as a fieldman for the coop.

reported for October were from Dairy League and United Milk Producers in New Jersey.

He spoke about things that are going to happen this year. "The National Milk Federation has requested exemption from the National Bargaining Bill. Dairymen are interested in keeping the gains they have made. All agriculture must band together on legislation. Inter-State directors and members of Penn-Marva are opposed to any supply management at this time."

"Inter-State wants 80 to 90 cents increase for Class I milk in the state and it will probably increase prices to consumers. We are asking for state hearings for

the farmers in Altoona and Johnstown."

"One of the resolutions passed by the delegates to Inter-State's annual convention deals with taxes on land and land evaluation. In May, voters will be asked to vote on a state amendment to permit the Legislature to pass laws in recognition of land used by agriculture, allowing bonafide exemption for agriculture. All cooperatives will have to get behind it. Urban residents must see the benefits to them in relation to pollution, preserving open spaces, keeping food prices down and being able to buy food nearby where they

can get low cost food." He asked to support this legislation.

Kenneth M. Rutt, Quarryville R.D., who was selected as Young Co-operator for District 3, placed second at Hunt Valley in competition with contestants from 28 districts of Pa., N.J. and Md. July 20 he and his wife were given a week's all-expenses paid trip to Iowa State University to attend the Institute of Co-operatives. He reported 400 young couples across the country attended. He said eastern dairy co-ops are superior to most across the nation. He gave a very interesting report and challenged the members to get involved.

Mack A. Newton, Union, Lancaster Co., gave brief remarks. In recognition of his 20 years service as a fieldman for Inter-State and in relation to his retiring in May, 1973, president Trimble presented him with a wall clock.

Robert B. McSparran, director for District 3, assisted by fieldman James Barnett, presented plaques, pins and certificates to the following 25 year members: Loran Brinton, Clair DeLong, Irwin DeLong, Warren Griffith,

J. Paul Hertzler, Harry G. Kreider and Charles Long.

McSparran stated that since 1947 the price of milk has gone up approximately 30 percent, the size of farms about doubled and production per producer has tripled. He emphasized the importance of the Young Co-operator program which has been in existence five years.

Trimble presented awards to the following 4-H Dairy Club members who had the highest scores in the district: Barbara Aaron, Debbie Crider, Ricky Crider, Donna Akers, Mary Kirk and Joyce Groff.

Willis B. Krantz, delegate to the Inter-State annual meeting in Philadelphia, gave a report. Mrs. Krantz, Mr. and Mrs. Robert H. Kreider and J. Everett Kreider also were delegates.

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