

Octorara Local Formed Through Pequea Local

The Pequea Valley Local, a unit of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc., Syracuse, N.Y., held its semi-annual meeting March 9 at the Bird-in-Hand Motor Inn Restaurant with approximately 250 attending.

Because of the rapid growth in this Local with new members, it became necessary to split the Local. There was a double election and the name for the new Local is Octorara Local. Route 30 is the dividing line for these two Locals.

Officers elected to serve the Octorara Local are: Victor Groff, president; William Gerhart, vice-president; C. K. Breneman, secretary; Gideon Lapp, treasurer; Harold Moser, delegate; Donald Herr, alternate delegate

Wilmer E. Martin was elected

president of the Pequea Valley Local with John Weaver as vice-president. Other officers elected were: Abner King, secretary; David Smucker, treasurer; Luke Ray Zimmerman, delegate, and Paul Lapp, alternate delegate.

Alfred Wanner, director of this district, spoke briefly at the meeting. Freeburn Love, marketing representative, discussed current milk marketing problems. Fieldman and inspector, Ivan Redcay, spoke on the quality of milk.

At the close of the meeting 14 door prizes were awarded. Gifts from local businessmen included a drill, electric shaver, tool box, shovels, fire extinguisher, push broom and many others.

Individual farmers making up the local unit of Eastern belong to the foremost milk bargaining group in the nation with ap-

Cheese Import Pricebreak Up

The USDA has announced a change in the "pricebreak" which controls the quota status of imports of Emmentaler cheese, Gruyere-process cheese, and the miscellaneous tariff category of "Other" cheese. The pricebreak will increase from 62 cents to 69 cents per pound f.o.b. country of origin.

The change results from an increase in the Commodity Credit Corporation's purchase price for Cheddar cheese which was also announced today. Effective March 15, 1973 the CCC purchase price was 62 cents per pound.

Under the provisions of Presidential Proclamation 4138 of June 3, 1972, which established additional import quotas for the above-mentioned cheeses, imports priced below the pricebreak are subject to quota while those priced at or above the pricebreak are not. The Proclamation specifies that the pricebreak

proximately 10,000 members in all the major markets of the Northeast. The Eastern Association is made up of 200 local units in New York, New Jersey, Pennsylvania, Vermont, Delaware, Maryland and New Hampshire, with a newly built headquarters building in Syracuse, N.Y. made necessary by enlarged facilities of the organization.

shall be 7 cents above the CCC price, rounded to the nearest whole cent, and shall change whenever the CCC purchase price changes.

Shipments in transit at the time

of the change will not be affected. Proclamation 4138 provides that merchandise exported to the United States on a through bill of lading or placed in bonded warehouse on or before the date of publication of the Federal Register notice will not be restricted because of the increase in the pricebreak.

Reminder On Animal Coloration

With the Easter season approaching, Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Jim McHale issued a reminder that regulations restricting sales or coloration of ducklings, baby chickens and baby rabbits will be strictly enforced.

McHale referred to legislation passed in 1971 which amended the penal laws regulating the distribution of ducklings, baby chickens and baby rabbits.

The new law prohibits anyone from selling or giving away baby chickens, ducklings or other fowl under one month of age, or rabbits under two months of age as pets, toys premiums or

novelties. It is also illegal to color or dye these animals, or transport them into the Commonwealth.

Exempt from the law are breeders or stores engaged in the business of selling the animals for commercial purposes.

McHale said he has alerted inspectors in the Department's Bureau of Foods and Chemistry to enforce this law which is intended to protect small animals from mistreatment.

Persons found violating these provisions in the penal code are subject to a fine of up to \$100 or imprisonment of 30 days, or both.

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