

District 3 Milk Producers

Present Awards at Meeting

The annual noon dinner meeting of District 3 Interstate Milk Producers' Cooperative was held January 24 at the Memorial United Methodist Church, Quarryville with 260 people in attendance.

Members had the opportunity to meet their new president Lester C. Jones, Burlington Co., N.J. Jones has served on the Board of Directors for eleven years and was elected president in June 1973. He is also president of Pennmarva Federation. He, like the other board members of this farmer owned co-op, has a fine dairy herd. Coming

from the Garden State, Jones has a herd of 300 Holsteins and farms 600 acres to support his herd.

Jones reminded the members they were paid \$10.33 for Class I milk in December 1973 and will be receiving \$10.48 for January and \$10.78 for February. Class II price went down with imports as it is tied to a milkpowder formula. Most co-ops operate milk powder plants to handle milk over long holiday weekends and surpluses. They have hopes Class II price is going to go up. Right now 35 percent of the milk is going as Class II. Interstate members are

paying 5 percent a cwt. for advertising which amount to \$2,200,000. annually. Up to October they had an increase in Class I milk sales, then the price of milk went up and sales dropped.

Some of Interstate's problems now are getting fuel for tankers to go over their routes and enough fuel to dry powder. They are going to have to remodel the hauling system. Citing the present overlapping of routes, Jones said "You may have a new driver. There will be a little change but I believe you will get use to it."



Jason Weaver, left, president of Interstate District 3 and Lester C. Jones, president of Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative, were present for the annual noon dinner meeting of District 3 Interstate Milk Producer's Co-op.

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Speaking about Pennmarva Federation and the advantages of a single co-op he said "efficiency would be so much greater in fieldmen, hauling and bargaining. By consolidation we can up utilization. The co-ops have to work together. We're going to have to exercise our bargaining power to get a price for our milk."

Jason Weaver, president of District 3 was master of ceremonies and Thomas Galbreath, who has served nine years as secretary-treasurer, handled reservations. Invocation was given by vice president, P. Robert Wenger. Robert Wagner, District three's young cooperater, reported and Donald Trimble, delegate to Inter-State's annual meeting, reported. Dr. William Fredd introduced the following FFA

boys who have had outstanding projects: Tom McCullen, Joe Overly, Jim Kreider, Jeff Rutt and Gordon Herr.

Jason Weaver presented awards for 4-H Dairy projects to Donna and Gary Akers, Debbie Crider, Douglas Hershberger, Barbara Aaron and Mary Kirk.

Glenn Hough, who provided dinner music on the organ and piano, presented a patriotic medley on the program.

Fieldman Don Breiner gave brief remarks, mentioning particularly the new Interstate farm signs available to members. He introduced the other fieldmen Richard Weaver, James Barnett and Dr. Herbert Wohnsiedler.

Allen Bair, representing the Lancaster Co. Extension Service, spoke briefly challenging the members to analyze their farm records at the end of the year. He introduced milk testers Joe Lindcamp and Robert Brinton.

Robert B. McSparran, representing District 3 on

Interstate board of directors for 9 years, presented 25 year plaques, certificates and pins to Richard B. Lefever and Samuel Glick in behalf of his father Aaron Glick. Others so honored but not present were Robert Housekeeper and Robert Smith.

McSparran remarked "We've heard complaints about imports both in quantity and quality such as dirt, bacteria, mislabeling, additives, etc. Imports do affect our price. Milk co-ops have been the best bargaining agency we have. If there are several co-ops, we must have a central train of thought. The young cooperater has been a very important part of our co-op, a very good channel of information."

Southern Lancaster Local and Quarryville Local comprise District 3. Officers of Southern Lancaster Local are Robert L. Kauffman Jr.,

president; Kenneth M. Rutt, vice president; and David S. Huber, secretary-treasurer.

Officers of Quarryville Local are Robert E. Wagner, president; James A. Hess, vice president; and Robert H. Kreider secretary-treasurer.

Delegates from Southern Lancaster Local attending the annual meeting were J. Neal Johnson, Robert L. Kauffman, James G. Kreider, Donald B. Trimble and Thomas S. Bradley.

Delegates from Quarryville Local were: P. Robert Wenger, James A. Hess, Robert E. Wagner, Richard P. Maule, Willis B. Krantz, Clair E. Kreider, A. Dale Herr and Jason L. Weaver.

Concluding the program 30 two quart Interstate pitchers, three inflated cow balloons and a pail of dairy supplies were awarded as door prizes.

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Thomas D. Conrad of Beechdale Simmental Farms, Bird-In-Hand, has just returned from attending the annual Stockmen's School, sponsored by Agriservices Foundation, a nonprofit foundation serving agriculture. The Stockmen's School was held in San Antonio, Texas.

This year, the enrollees came from 37 states, and from Mexico, Canada, Australia, and South Africa.

Dr. Conrad had the following comment to make relative to the School: "I recommend this advanced course in Animal Science and Cattle Management for both the dairy and beef man and to anyone sincerely interested in improving their management techniques and their cattle."

Dr. Conrad announced that next year's School will be held January 6-9, 1975 in San Antonio.

For next year's program, as well as for copies of this year's Handbooks (three of which were printed; one for each beef cattle, dairy cattle, and horses), farmers and ranchers should write to the following address: Dr. M. E. Ensminger, President, Agriservices Foundation, 3699 East Sierra Avenue, Clovis, California 93612.

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