

Seipt Elected President of Dairy Shrine

Donald V. Seipt, Easton, was installed as president of the Dairy Shrine Club at its annual banquet, held in conjunction with the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy Show, running all this week at the Farm Show. It was the 25th anniversary meeting of the international dairy organization. The Northampton County Holstein breeder succeeds Dr. George Trimberger, dairy specialist at Cornell University, Ithaca, N.Y.

The Dairy Shrine Club meets annually to honor

outstanding dairymen. Membership now totals more than 5,500. Guest of Honor privileges were afforded Dr. Harry A. Herman, a teacher and researcher in dairy husbandry and a leading proponent of artificial insemination since its inception. Now retired, Dr. Herman is a native of North Carolina.

Two Pennsylvanians were among four men installed posthumously into the Shrine's Hall of Fame with the rank of Pioneer. Joe S.

Taylor was head of dairy extension at Pennsylvania State University at the time of his death earlier this year. John R. Valentine, Bryn Mawr, who died more than 50 years ago, was a lawyer and pioneer in the use of registered Ayrshire dairy cattle, maintaining a herd of 200 to supply his suburban Philadelphia dairy early in this century.

The other Pioneers recognized both died last year after lengthy dairy industry careers. O.F. Foster was operator of the

famed Lakefield Dairy Farm in Clarkston, Michigan, and Dr. James F. Kendrick, Arlington, Virginia, is generally recognized as the father of the Dairy Herd Improvement Association (DHIA) and is also credited with introducing electronic data processing to dairy production.

Lee Housley, Riceville, Tennessee, who earlier in the day served as judge for the Pennsylvania All-American Guernsey Show, was honored as the second

recipient of the Dairy Shrine Club's Breeders' Award. Housley maintained a herd of more than 550 Guernseys on over a thousand acres and bred "Housley J. Champion," the leading sire in the Guernsey breed over the past five years.

Tammen President of Plant Society

Dr. James F. Tammen, professor and head of the Department of Plant Pathology at The Pennsylvania State University, was named president of the American Phytopathological Society during its 66th annual meeting recently in Vancouver, British Columbia. He served as president-elect in 1973-74.

The society has over 2700 members throughout the world. Its purpose is to promote the increase and diffusion of all aspects of knowledge relating to plant diseases and their control. At the 1975 meeting, to be held in Houston, Texas, concern will be expressed for the role of plant disease epidemics in potential world famine.

In recent years Dr. Tammen served the society through four terms as counselor and counselor-at-large. He is also a member of the American Institute of Biological Sciences. His honor societies are Sigma Xi, Gamma Sigma Delta, and Phi Epsilon Phi.

Dr. Tammen became head of the Department of Plant Pathology in 1965. Since that time the faculty has grown from 12 to 29, graduate student enrollment from 12 to 36, and department personnel from about 40 to 100.

Under his leadership the faculty instituted new undergraduate and graduate programs. Research and Extension programs have been strengthened with emphasis on studies of plant disease management.

The National 4-H Service Committee, as its name implies, truly is a committee. The roster of officers, directors and members include public spirited leaders of business, agriculture and education.

Pumpkin Growing Contest

The fourth annual Twin Valley Future Farmers Pumpkin Growing Contest will be held on Friday evening October 11, 1974 in the Twin Valley High School cafeteria and auditorium. The contest is open to all students in the four elementary schools of the Twin Valley District. Last spring FFA members distributed over 1000 packets of seed to interested students along with copies of the rules and instructions for growing the pumpkins.

Those elementary students who have pumpkins for the contest should bring them to the cafeteria between 7:00 and 7:30 p.m. Each student is allowed to enter three pumpkins, but all must be from seed distributed by the FFA. Students should attach a card to their pumpkins giving their name, age, grade, school, and teacher's name.

While FFA members are weighing and measuring the pumpkins, a member of the high school faculty will judge the most unusual shaped pumpkin category. From 7:30 until 9:00 p.m. the film "The Absent Minded Professor" will be shown in the auditorium for the entertainment of the contestants and their parents. About 9:00 p.m. the winners will be announced and prizes will be distributed. Prize winners in each of the three categories - heaviest pumpkin, pumpkin with the largest circumference, and most unusual shaped pumpkin - will receive monetary prizes and will compete for grand champion trophies in each category. Over \$160.00 in prize money will be distributed.

This year for the second time, there will be a teachers division in the contest. Teachers will compete for a trophy for the heaviest pumpkin.

Last year's winners were: Larry Barnet, heaviest pumpkin; Rodney Stoltzfus, pumpkin with the largest circumference; and Sandie Ritchie, most unusual shaped pumpkin. Winner in the teachers division was Mrs. Devin.

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