

# Class I milk price to \$11

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cooperatives." It was no idle boast, as he brought along a complete financial report for each member to look at and among the findings was that 4.7 cents of the eight cents per hundredweight taken as patrons' contributions for capital will be returned.

Touching for a moment on the controversies which developed when independent shippers came under the Order 4 marketing umbrella, Gartley pointed out that his cooperative has undertaken a public relations campaign which included placing full-page ads in several newspapers and a Harrisburg area labor magazine. He also told the group that Inter-State has contacted 50 news centers throughout the country in an effort to make the consumers in town aware of rural problems.

Gartley's office announced recently that the Pennmarva organization has taken on two new members — Capitol Milk Producers and Lehigh Valley Cooperative. The new merger allows for all five members (Inter-State, Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, and Maryland and Virginia Milk Producers are the others) to work together in communications and legislation, Gartley explained. He emphasized that the individual cooperatives will maintain their independence in areas other than that.

With milk prices being on every dairyman's mind, Gartley informed the group that the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board hearing - which started in 1972 and just ended last May - was the longest on record and in all that time accomplished nothing. Gartley had no newsworthy item to report from the PMMB except that

"they haven't done anything."

A congressional hearing involving milk prices was held in Meadville last Friday, and a summary of the proceedings can be found elsewhere in this issue if I end up having the time to make a phone call or two in between covering fairs and shows going on this week. It was learned that Blair County dairyman and Inter-State member Willis Greaser testified at the meeting. He's the Blair Countian who visited the White House in January to tell his story to the President. He revealed to this reporter at that time that White House aids were sympathetic to the dairyman's cause. The suggested measures were shot down, however, when ranking congressmen put the pressure on President Ford and Agriculture Secretary Butz. Mrs. Greaser, who accompanied her husband to Washington and Meadville, came out of the White House meeting with the impression that the Treasury Department pulls a string or two at the Agriculture Department. She blamed the Treasury Department and its secretary (William E.

Simon) for at least a part of the dairyman's problems.

Getting back to the Inter-State meeting at the Witmer Fire Hall, Gartley announced that nationally known columnist and radio commentator Paul Harvey will be the speaker at this year's annual meeting. Mr. Harvey is the fellow who has come to realize (among other things) that "the farmer finishes his 40-hour week by Tuesday noon." Gartley read a commentary written by Harvey which received an enthusiastic response from the audience and I intend to ask the author for permission to run it in this paper across a full page. Chances are many of you will want to save it.

That wraps it up for news of interest to dairymen no matter where they ship to — now for information pertaining primarily to District 6 members of Inter-State.

The district has been altered somewhat and there are now five locals instead of four. An election of officers was held and the following people emerged as presidents of the five locals:

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Harvey Keller, president of Witmer local.

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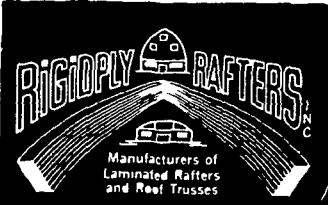
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past and present young cooperators of the district, Charles Rohrer and Robert Landis, respectively. Rohrer, who attended the National Cooperator Convention a year ago, encouraged dairymen less than 35 years of age to participate in the program.

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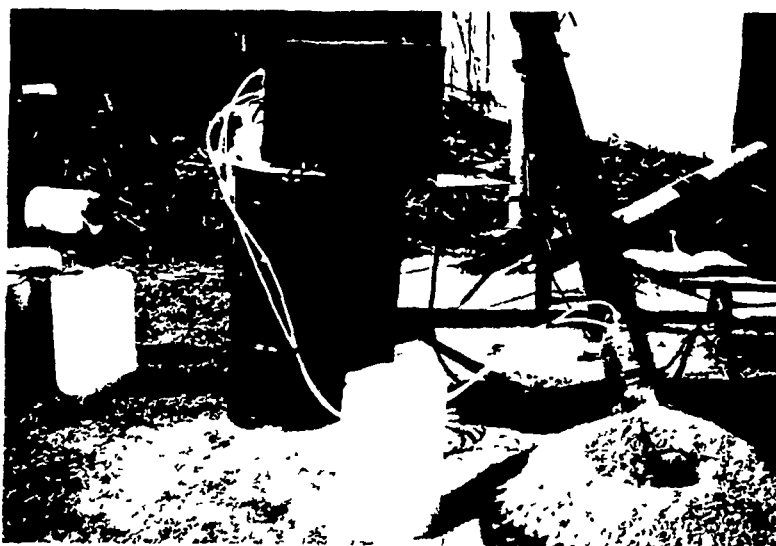
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