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## Honan sees improved milk prices

By DIETER KRIEG  
CHESTNUT LEVEL — Dr. James E. Honan, general manager and secretary of Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative, spoke at District 3's annual dinner meeting here, on Tuesday, and predicted that Class I and II prices will rise for January and February and then drop \$1.00 to \$1.30 by this summer. He described the market as being "considerably improved" since last summer and suggested that any drops experienced later this year would not be near as large as they were during the past two years. The primary reasons for this are that there is an increased demand for milk and because of the increase in floor prices which were approved last October.

The increase in demand for milk has left Inter-State with the unique situation of having to buy milk from a neighboring cooperative to meet its needs. "You have sales which you can't meet," Honan told the gathering, "we've got the market for you." He encouraged those producers who could increase production economically to go ahead and do so.

The Philadelphia-based cooperative is currently seeking new members, Honan revealed, because of the great demand for milk and the market which is available. In addition, Inter-State is seeking a contract with Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers Cooperative of Baltimore to have them supply 9-million pounds of milk per month on a regular basis. Inter-State has been buying this quantity lately to meet the expanding Class I market in the Philadelphia area.

Class I sales are 10 percent

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Jane McSparran, seated, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert McSparran, Peach Bottom, is the state's new Guernsey Queen. Runner-up in the contest, which was held at the Farm Show, was Debra Crider, center, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Crider, Nottingham. Debbie Reinsel, left, and Peggy McKann, from the western part of the state, complete the court.

## Baseballer urges pride for farmers

By DIETER KRIEG  
MOUNT JOY — "The price is up, production is up, and some cooperatives may be experiencing problems this Spring in trying to figure out where all this milk is going to go," said Bill Stoudt, representative from Lehigh Cooperative Milk Producers which buys milk from the Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative. The latter met here Thursday afternoon for their annual meeting which was attended by approximately 160 people.

The three-hour meeting, which included a hot lunch, was highlighted by talks given by Stoudt; Robert Barry, president of Lehigh; Paul Hostetter, manager of the Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative; Roy Alger, president of Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative; Jim Greider, 4-H grand champion steer exhibitor; and Gene Garber of the Philadelphia Phillies.

Garber, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Garber, Elizabethtown, was raised on his parents' dairy farm and expressed a sincere attachment to life on the farm. He urged farmers to be proud of being a farmer - "act like it, talk like it" - and added "When I get done I'll probably farm." He did not leave the podium, however, without giving baseball fans

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## Heifer program detailed

By MELISSA PIPER  
LANCASTER - Every month - beyond two years of age - that a heifer does not join the milking string in a dairy herd, costs a producer about \$60 according to Dr.

Gilbert Porter, director of Research and Development for Agway, Inc.

Dr. Porter offered his remarks on herd replacement programs during Agway's Dairymen's

Day meeting held at the Holiday Inn here on Tuesday.

Explaining that between \$60-70 was lost per month per cow both by production and feeding, the research official

stressed the importance of including heifers as early as possible after 24 months.

"There is a possible profit potential being lost when these heifers cannot join the

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## Chester DHIA year concluded

GUTHRIESVILLE — Chester County dairymen met here at the East Brandywine Fire Hall this past Thursday evening for their annual DHIA meeting

and awards banquet, with 286 people in attendance.

Special recognition was given to 16 herds in the County which finished with butterfat averages of 600

pounds or better. With 156 herds on test during the past DHIA year, this amounted to about 10 percent of the herds. A milestone was reached in 1975 in that it was the first

time ever that the County's DHIA milk production average topped 13,000 pounds of milk. It had hung

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## Ephrata Jaycees bestow honors

### Distinguished Service Award

EPHRATA — The Ephrata Area Jaycees named Lewis C. Ayres and Thomas L. Zartman as their Distinguished Service Award winner and Outstanding Young Farmer, respectively, at an awards banquet held last Monday night. Ayres is a teacher of

Awarded the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the National FFA Convention last November in Kansas City, Ayres has headed the Ephrata vocational ag. program since it was initiated 15 years

ago and since that time has had three students who themselves have won the American Farmer Degree.

Forty of his students have received the Keystone Farmer Degree and 21

### Outstanding Young Farmer

vocational agriculture at Ephrata High School and has been instrumental in furthering FFA and community programs. Zartman started farming on his own five years ago and now operates a total of 250 acres near Mt. Airy.

youths in his program have participated in national FFA judging teams. Besides that, the 37-year-old Ayres introduced "tent city," vocational, and 4-H exhibits to the Ephrata Fair, and was instrumental in starting the

Lancaster County Swine Show.

Ayres also began the work experience program for seniors at the High School and expanded the vo-ag

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Lew Ayres



Tom Zartman