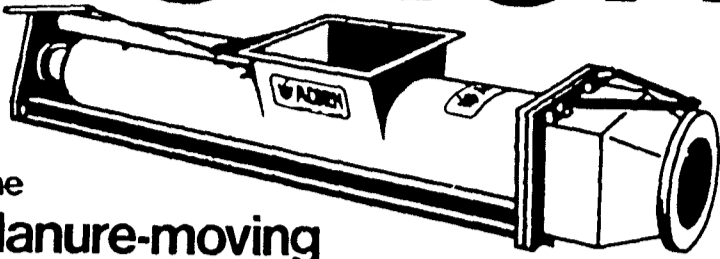


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Milk prices

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higher than a year ago, Honan noted, hinting that the increase may be due to increased awareness on the part of housewives that milk is a good buy. "Advertisements haven't hurt any," said Boyd Gartley in a telephone conversation after the meeting. He heads the co-op's public relations department.

Honan said the actual price of milk in the store is still about the same as it was 18 months ago, if per gallon prices are used. Marketing milk in larger containers has been a trend which is catching on, he indicated, while smaller amounts of milk have taken the increase in price. A bill proposing an 85 percent parity level for milk is presently awaiting action from President Ford, Honan announced, adding that the figure is considered to be "a bit too high" by many dairy leaders. The alternative to

the 85 percent parity rate is a proposal which would leave it at 80 percent with quarterly adjustments. Switching his talk back to prices which might be expected later this year, the cooperative leader noted that premiums have not been necessary for Class I milk since Oct. 1 and that they are likely to remain dormant unless significant drops in the price of milk are encountered this summer. But the situation is different with Class II milk. A 10-cent over-Order price adjustment (premium) is still in effect. At any rate, if a Class I premium is initiated later this year, it is not likely to be as large as it was during last year, Honan indicated. Focusing his attention on the Order 4 expansion program, Honan acknowledged that there were some difficulties encountered but that the "general questions are now pretty well finished." He

also spoke briefly on the confrontation between Order 4 and Order 2, which amounts to an accusation from Order 2 that Order 4 is moving in on its market. The solution, Honan said, is not one-sided. He explained that the controversy has existed for a long time and is likely to stay if and when solved, it will have to be through the leadership of all cooperatives involved, not just Inter-State.

Two questions facing the cooperative at the present time are "balancing milk," which is basically a question of how to handle the perishable product over holidays and weekends. The other questions concerns every producer, and is one which "you can't always run away from," Honan said. He was referring to hauling discounts and urged members to continue pondering the issue.

In other activities at the District 3 meeting, Associate County Agent, Alan Bar announced that a DHIA workshop will be held at the Quarryville Fire Hall during the morning of Feb. 4, and that Dairy Day is March 2. Donna Akers, the County's Dairy Princess, offered remarks concerning her reign and encouraged any eligible girl to seek the title. K. D. Linde presented the delegate's report from the annual Inter-State meeting which was held at the Host Resort in Lancaster last November.

Linde told the group that the highlight of the meeting was directed towards a better relationship with the public, and that it was a "really inspiring" experience for him to see the proceedings first-hand. Expressing amazement at all of the ideas which were presented at the two-day affair, Linde opinionized that raising the milk advertising and promotion deduction to 8 cents would be "okay" in view of higher milk prices. In concluding his remarks, he said attending the annual meeting was a "real satisfaction" and encouraged others to "come to the meeting to see how farmers cooperate and work."

Five 4-H'ers were honored at the District 3 meeting for their achievements with dairy projects. They were: Jane McSparran, Debbie Crider, and Mary Kirk, all of whom are members of the Golden Guernsey Club; and Karen and Ellen Schmuck who participate in Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, and Jersey activities.

Twenty-five year memberships were awarded to Mrs. Edgar Jackson and Son; Enos Peiffer; and Robert McSparran, who serves as director for the District. McSparran raised some eyebrows in the audience more than once while presenting a brief talk on the dairy business as it was during previous decades. In 1900, for example, his father shipped 1,563 pounds of milk one month - which were churned into 66 pounds of butter. Taking three pounds of butter home with him for his own use, the elder McSparran was paid 19 cents per pound for the balance, giving him a "net milk check" for the month which totalled up to \$11.97.



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