

I—S district 5 meets

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Feature Writer

LANCASTER — "I have nothing but good news for you today," Boyd Gartley told the members of District 5 of the Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative at their annual dinner meeting held at Meadow Hills Dining House, New Danville Rd., March 4.

Gartley, director of member and public relations for Interstate, came attired in a "Spirits of 1776" costume complete with a Pennsylvania coon skin cap, an antique Pennsylvania rifle made by J. Cline in 1835 and an antique milk bottle filled with powdered milk. Throughout the year Mr. Gartley is promoting through his costume and his speeches many valuable ideals of the past. Several "Spirits" he enumerated were the spirit of respect, of awareness of others, of frugality in all things not just money, of independence, of agronomy, of thankfulness, of Godliness and of hope as found in the new generation.

Moving from the general to the specific, Mr. Gartley addressed the dairy farmers attending and praised the Inter-State organization as a whole for its "real cooperation, honesty, integrity and longevity as an organization." "This co-op yields more to the farmer than any other farming co-op," he explained.

Giving credit to the Young Cooperator program, Gartley explained a one-page six months financial report now accompanies milk checks so farmers can get a better picture of the actual market demands and costs changes.

Stressing the legal arm Inter-State projects, Gartley pointed to the Feb. 13, 1976 United States District Court ruling that all eight dealers in South Central Pennsylvania must pay in more than \$500,000 withheld from the Order 4 producer settlement fund by March 3. Withholding began June 1975 when Order 4 was expanded.

Gartley also stated that the PMMB has written a final order for Area 6 setting

the Class 1 price at \$10.20 per hundred weight for April through July. Prior to Inter-State's action this area received \$9.17 cwt.

Giving part of the credit for the success of the Inter-State to finding more efficient marketing methods, Gartley explained action now being taken to re-align trucking routes in the future. In closing, Gartley challenged the members in attendance to become more aware of "what is going on in the market place" and how it will effect them and secondly to plan, to invision, new possibilities in marketing their products such as making the butterfat content unsaturated. "You have the best product and the best cooperative; Keep communication lines open and there will be fewer problems for all of us," Gartley concluded.

J. Wade Groff, recently elected director for the new District No. 5 presented awards to Mr. and Mrs. John Barley, The Young Cooperators from Conestoga and Snavely and Kenneth

Garber, Willow Street R2 for 50 years' membership in Inter-State.

County Extension Agent Jay Irwin asked the group to see the "good old days are now; this is the best time ever right now." "America's strength is in agriculture. Foreign countries want our food not our cars or clothing," he stated. Irwin also proposed that the farmer take government intervention and "build it in your favor." By way of example, Mr. Irwin cited the October, 1976 deadline for pesticide certification for purchasing restricted use pesticides. "Agriculture has had bad publicity in the past; perhaps town people will better trust the farmer when they know he is certified."

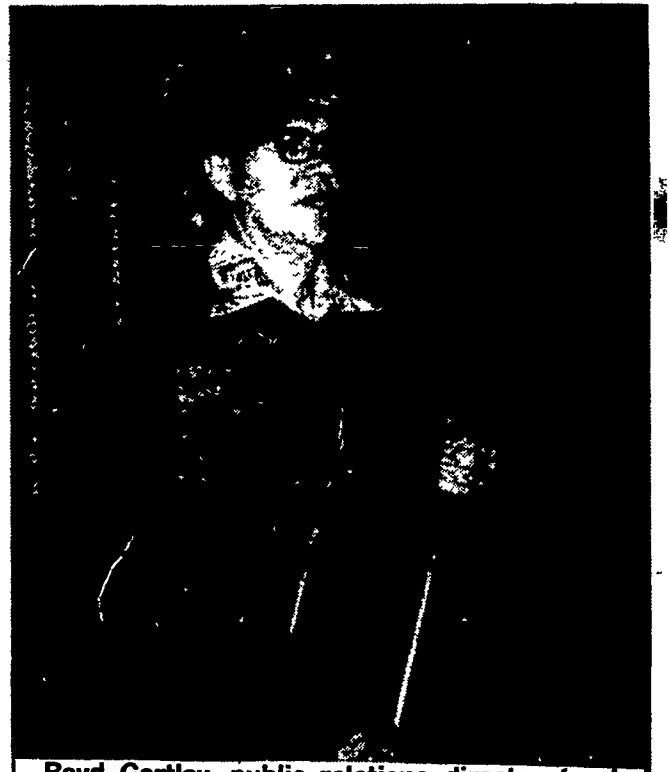
Elections for the three locals in District 5 were held during the meeting. Millersville Local selected Nelson Habecker, president; Melvin L. Shertzer, vice-president; Kenneth L. Shertzer, secretary-treasurer; Jay E. Landis and J. Clayton Charles, delegates; and J. Robert

Kindig and Christ Hess, Jr., alternates. Andrew H. Martin will serve on the Lefever Hauling Committee.

West Lampeter Local elected Henry B. Leaman, president; Arthur L. Breneman, vice-president; Jacob R. Houser, Jr., secretary-treasurer; Robert M. Mylin and John M. Harnish, delegates; and Harlan N. Keener and J. Mowery Frey, Jr. as alternates.

Witmer Local elected Harvey E. Heller, president; C. Richard Landis, vice-president; J. Donald Myer, secretary-treasurer; J. Donald Myer and J. Robert Esbenschade, delegates; and John L. Landis and Frank L. Hershey as alternates.

Fieldman Andrew Marvin announced a district meeting for the newly elected officers for March 9 at 7:30 at the Coca Cola Building, Lancaster and a bus trip to the Southampton Inter-State office and Quality Control Laboratory the week of March 22.

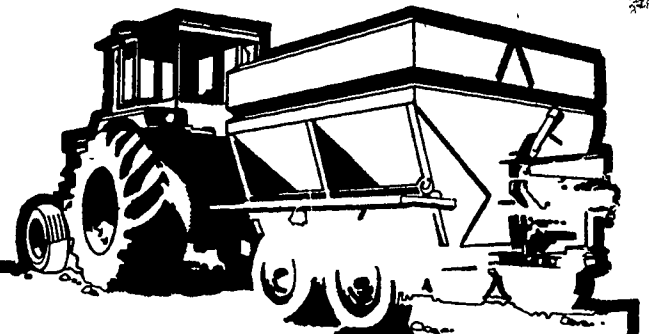


Boyd Gartley, public relations director for Interstate Milk Producers, spoke on the "Spirit of '76" during a recent district meeting. Carrying an authentic rifle and antique milk bottle flask, Gartley's costume reflected the colonial spirit.

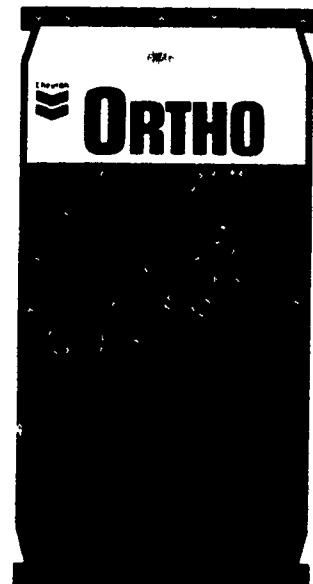


The B. Snavley Garber family was presented a plaque for having a collective 50 year membership.

Pictured in front are B. Snavley and wife Barbara with children Thelma and Kenneth in the background.



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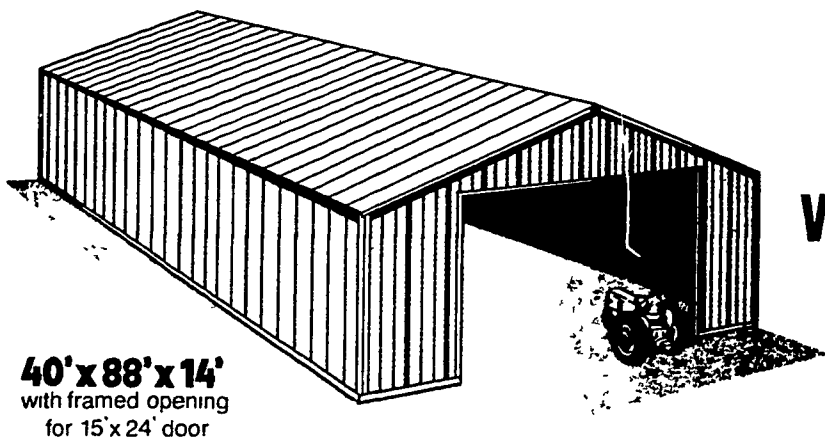
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