MCMP members re-elect president Wessel; quality and membership awards presented

The Board of Directors of the Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc., re-elected Herbert W. Wessel Jr., Hampstead, Md. as its president during its annual reorganizational meeting held March 26 in Baltimore.

Re-elected to serve with Wessel were Fred G. Butler, Inwood, W. Va., vice president; Boyd M. Cook, Boonsboro, secretary, and LeRoy E. Norfolk Jr., Randallstown, treasurer. R. L. Strock is the business manager.

Elected members of the Executive Committee were Richard F. Price, Phoenix; Jesse I Burall, Monrovia, and Samuel B. Foard Jr., Street.

The Board's reorganization came less than a week following the Cooperative's 41st membership meeting held at the Hunt Valley Inn, Cockeysville. Close to 700 members and guests attended the meeting which included the ratification of six directors to the MCMP Board and special awards presented to long-time mebers of the Cooperative and to those who excelled in the Qaulity Awards program during the past year.

The six dairymen named to terms on the MCMP Board of Directors by their respective districts last fall and ratified by the membership are Charles T. Edwards, Forest Hill; Richard F. Price, Phoenix; Herbert W. Wessel Jr., Hampstead; F. Guy McGrady, Rising Sun; Emory M. Kilgore, Airville, Pa., and Fred G. Butler, Inwood, W. Va. The terms for these men will run through March 1979.

Twelve members of the MCMP were recognized for mainatining continuous family membership in the Cooperative and its predecessor the Maryland State Dairymen's Association for 50 years or more. Those honored were: Frances H. Barnes or Evelyn Barnes Wilhide, New Windsor: Maurice A. Bassler or Warren F. Bassler, Clarksville; Belmont Farms, Inc. - O. B. Long or C. M. Holtz, Reisterstown; Robert L. Harrison, Woodbine; Robert I. Korman, Reisterstown; Elmer J. Moser or Richard E. Moser, LeGore; Morgan M. Rickey Jr. or Linda R. Ricky, Whiteford; Milton E. Smith or Ruth Z. Smith, White Hall; Stansbury Brothers, Pylesville; Eugene Todd, Bel Air; Ralph W. Walter or Robert B. Walter, Reisterstown, and Alvie L. Weller or Maragret B. Weller, Union Bridge.

The 50 years' honors program initiated at the Cooperative's 1974 annual meeting has honored a total of 131 members for a half century or more membership in the MCMP.

One-hundred-thirty-six of the Cooperative's members were awarded special honors for Quality Milk Production. Eleven of these received the MCMP's highest award - the Bronze Plaque for Excellence. To qualify these members earned a place on the monthly Honor Roll all twelve months of the year, maintained on-farm inspection scores averaging at least 99 out of a possible 100 points, had no quality problems, off-odor rejections or other quality deficiencies during the year.

The eleven Bronze Plaque winners for 1975 were H. Howard or E. Geneva Barkdoll, Boonsboro; Paul L. Doody Sr., and Sons, Union Bridge; Earl B. Grove or Earl B. Grove Jr., Hagerstown; Robert L. Grove or Norma M. Grove, Greencastle, Pa.; Hans A. Klagsbrunn and V.L. Wortman, Purcelleville, Va.; Melvin E. Leppo or Regina D. Leppo, Skyesville; Leo Merryman or Mary Merryman; Upperco; Herman L. Muller, Westminister; Panora Acres, Inc. - Norman E. Sellers or Paul L. Sellers, Manchester; Glenville L. Shade or Curtis Shade, Inwood, W. Va., and Theodore Small or Marion Small. Chambersburg, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Grove, Greencastle; and Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Small, Chambersburg, were among those presented with Excellence Awards during the annual meeting of the Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc.

The Maryland Cooperative Milk Producers, Inc. was founded in 1918 and known until 1935 as the Maryland State Dairymen's Association. The largest Maryland based milk marketing cooperative, the MCMP marketed more than 620,000,000 pounds of milk in 1975 valued at more than $56 million. Its membership of 1,000 dairymen comes from all parts of Maryland and adjacent areas of Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia.

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