

# Ms. Porter

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Eastern invited Ms. Porter to a dairy farm in the Northeast to have her observe its operations, problems and achievements.

Other resolutions concerning the well-being of dairy farmers were presented and acted upon. They called for the Association to sponsor environmental legislation and regulations which are in the best interests of dairy farmers, and to encourage support of legislation which would increase the present estate tax exemption for dairy farmers.

The 200 member policy-making body also resolved to encourage dairy farmers to adhere to prescribed instructions for use of antibiotics in treating dairy cows and withhold all milk from these cows for the period of time required by law.

Eastern's delegates urged all states in which its membership resides to appropriate funds for providing calftood vac-

ination for brucellosis prevention.

Willard H. Blanchard, dairy division marketing specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture was the main speaker at the annual meeting held here in Syracuse on June 9.

Blanchard told Eastern's delegates and guests that the USDA is reviewing milk prices, taking into consideration both production costs and consumer demands. He noted that Federal Milk Marketing Orders could be improved.

The Justice Department and Federal Trade Commission lack understanding of the dairy situation, he said, and producers must present their side of the story.

USDA decisions are now being made in the framework of participation with various government departments and consumer advocates, he commented.

Sandwiched around

Blanchard's talk on June 9, were the presidential address by Arden Tewksbury of Meshoppen, Pa. and the general manager's report by John C. York. Both called for a new milking pricing formula which could not be manipulated.

Tewksbury also urged use of "a proper supply-management program." He said this could be the answer to the problem of milk production "to fit the needs of the market in order for dairy farmers to realize the kind of income necessary to meet their costs of production and receive a reasonable profit."

He said marketing conditions must be improved so that cooperative organizations "can exist and remain viable to serve dairy farmers in the most efficient way possible."

York also said that "some problems affecting the industry must be watched carefully in the future." These include, he said:

Trade barrier - there should be no barrier to the movement and distribution of milk.

Securities regulation - The Securities Exchange Commission will be carefully looking upon agricultural cooperatives for financial integrity in the future.

Anti-trust action - this is a problem, but Eastern has not been involved in any investigations in this area, he said.

The two-day convention concluded with a bicentennial salute to America during the cooperative's annual banquet. Plaques of appreciation were presented to three retiring directors from Eastern's Board. They were Donald Jones, Homer,

N.Y. who was succeeded by Robert K. Hill, Elbridge; Robert Wilson, Franklinville, N.Y. succeeded by William Raybuck, Fairmount City, Pa. and Kenneth Theobald, Canton, N.Y. succeeded by Lewis Brander, Lisbon.

J. Wilbur Burkholder of Chambersburg, Pa. was the recipient of the 1976 Eastern Member of the Year Award for his accomplishments in the field of dairying.

For outstanding reporting of agricultural news, Eastern's 1976 News Media Award went to the Roe Jan Independent of Copake, N.Y., a weekly newspaper.

Charlene Maust, the Pennsylvania State Dairy Princess from Berlin, Pa., well-received by the overflow crowd of 800 people, was presented Eastern's Certificate of Appreciation following her speech on milk and the dairy industry.

Distinguished Service Plaques were awarded to the following employees: Richard Franklin, Grover, Pa.; Richard Dye, Fort

Plain, N.Y.; Marvin Hewitt, Greensboro, Md.; Harris Lyon, Ligonier, Pa. and J. Paul Walizer, Bellefonte, Pa.

The banquet closed with a chorus of civic-minded citizens supporting Jack Gardner of Syracuse with a heart-stopping number of patriotic

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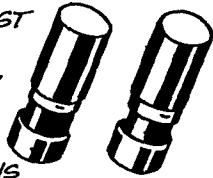
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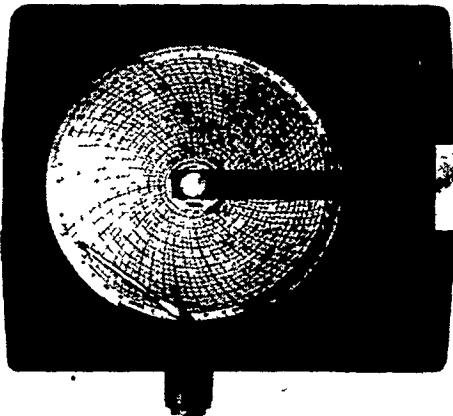
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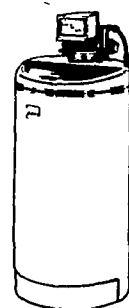
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