

# Cumberland Valley Eastern members talk leucocytes, re-elect officers

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FAYETTEVILLE — One hundred Franklin and Cumberland County dairy farmers and families turned out for the Cumberland Valley Local Annual Meeting of Eastern Milk Producers Association Inc., held at the Fayetteville Fire Hall here last Tuesday.

William Reasner, fieldman for Cumberland Valley Local, along with his wife Betty, spoke and presented a program on high leucocyte counts - prevention, causes and cures - while also showing slides on Standard Plate Counts - how plate counts are tested and read.

Reasner stated that some possible causes for high leucocyte counts are - mastitis; udder injury; colostrum milk; late lactation cows; and diseased cows.

He went on to say that these problems can be prevented or corrected by adopting good milking procedures and good sanitation programs.

He advised that when a high leucocyte count

becomes a problem, the dairyman should: check the quarter of each cow with a strip cup or CMT test kit; remove positive cows from milking line; not allow milk to remain on cows after the udder is voided; discard milk from cows drying off on those recently fresh; and have a veterinarian diagnose the bacterial infection in the cow or cows and use the medication he prescribes to treat the infection (mastitis).

"If high leucocyte problems still persist after you have taken corrective measures, you may have improperly operating milking equipment and you should call in your equipment service fieldman.

"These problems should be corrected quickly, prevented when possible, because we all lose when we receive a contaminated load of milk.

"A farmer with a high leucocyte count can increase his income by 25 percent by producing milk with levels of 500,000 or less and that is well worth the effort," stated Reasner.

Reasner's wife, Betty,

explained the testing of the Standard Plate Count through slides.

She also presented slides on three types of bacteria caused by different types of contamination and described the Direct Microscopic Count which is done at the laboratory to check milk loads for high bacterial counts.

Cumberland Valley Local President J. Wilbur Burkholder presented awards given by Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative to Carol Mummert, Chambersburg; and Timothy Smith, R5 Shippenburg.

The awards are presented yearly to an outstanding first-year 4-H member from both Franklin and Cumberland Counties. These winners are selected by the Extension Service on project work.

Carol is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Mummert and Timothy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Galen Smith.

Eastern Milk Producers Blue and Gold Awards were presented by George

Stambaugh, district director, to the 1979 Cumberland Valley Local officers J. Wilbur Burkholder, Chambersburg - president; Ronald Helman, Chambersburg - vice-president; Raymond C. Shoemaker, Chambersburg - secretary; Richard Harshman, Greencastle - treasurer; Robert Helman, Jr., Chambersburg - delegate; and Stanley Burkholder, Chambersburg - alternate delegate.

During the business meeting all the 1979 Cumberland Valley Local officers were re-elected to the 1980 term of office.

Reports were presented to the group by J. Wilbur Burkholder, president's



J. Wilbur Burkholder, left, President of the Cumberland Valley Local of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative, presented outstanding first-year 4-H member awards to Carol Mummert, Chambersburg, and Timothy Smith, R5 Shippenburg, at their annual meeting.

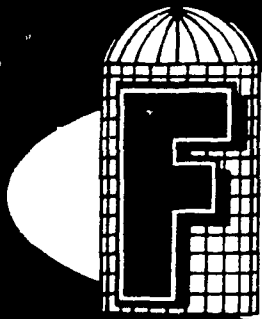
report; Richard Harshman, treasurer's report; George Stambaugh, district director's report; and Robert Helman Jr., delegate's report.

In special attendance were Franklin County Dairy Princess Carolyn Meyers and Cumberland County Dairy Princess Karen Hornbaker.



Elected as officers of the Cumberland Valley Local of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative at their annual meeting held recently, are from left to right: J. Wilbur Burkholder, president; Ronald Helman, vice-president; Raymond C. Shoemaker, secretary; Stanley Burkholder, alternate delegate; Richard Harshman, treasurer, and Robert Helman Jr., delegate.

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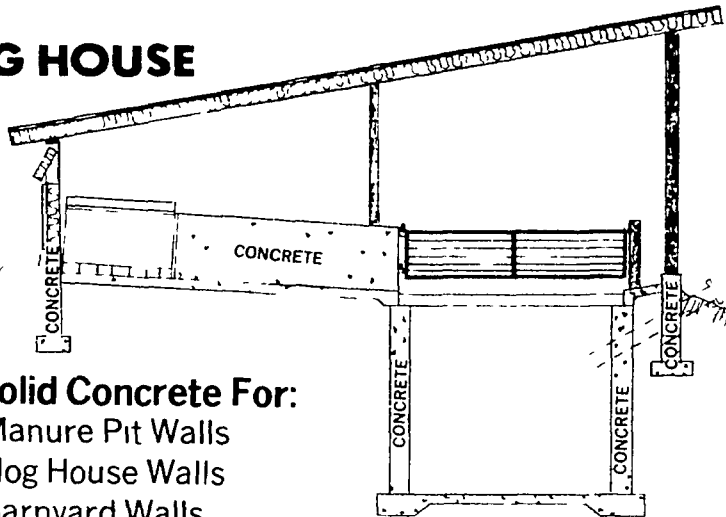
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