

State dairymen honor Dave Roth, Glenn Shirk

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CAMP HILL — Tuesday night at the Pennsylvania Dairyman's Association could have been Dave Roth night, or perhaps Perry County night.

Instead, the banquet was dedicated to Herbert C. Gilmore, retired Penn State extension dairyman, who had done an enormous amount of work for Pennsylvania dairymen.

But with one exception, all of the other honors went to Perry County.

David E. Roth, R1 Loysville, received the 1980 Charles E. Cowan award for leadership in contributing to the improvement and promotion of the Pennsylvania dairy industry.

A master farmer and well known Holstein breeder, Roth received the sixth Cowan award at the 110th annual meeting of the state dairymen's association.

The citation mentioned Roth's quality herd of 55 registered Holsteins, his rolling herd average of 19,522 pounds milk and 750 pounds fat, and the good job of growing crops on the 166 acres Dave Roth farms with his son.

Earlier in the evening Roth was presented with a certificate of appreciation by Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell for the work Roth has done for the dairy industry.

Roth's latest accomplishment was the "cool, covered and current"

campaign being waged in 5000 public schools to encourage kitchen help to keep school milk supplies fresh.

Keeping the evening's honors in Perry County, John O'Toole, R1 Blain, won the 1980 Superior Supervisor Award.

O'Toole is David Roth's tester.

O'Toole was cited for his 22 year's service to the dairymen of Perry County and Pennsylvania. He serves 35 herds in the county and trains new supervisors.

The only award to escape Perry County was the Extension Service Award which went to Glenn A. Shirk, Lancaster County.

A shocked Shirk heard the Association praise his 17 year's work in extension, the past two in Lancaster County.

Shirk's educational programs have made a major impact on the dairy industry, the citation read. Shirk, a native of Quarryville, moved to Lancaster County extension from his post in Chester County.

Extension Dairyman Larry Specht was honored for his work in getting new members for the Dairy Shrine.

In the past five years, Pennsylvania membership has increased 165 percent.

Specht said he had to share the honor with dairyman Obie Snyder who helped the membership campaign.

In other meeting activities, the dairymen also heard brief talks by several

ag leaders, including Hallowell.

The Ag Secretary urged dairymen to step up the amount of brucellosis vaccination in their herds.

He also talked about a

proposed three-fourths of one percent dairy promotion checkoff which will be presented shortly.

Penn State's Associate Dean for Extension, Thomas

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Lawrence Specht, left, extension dairy specialist at Penn State, who served as state membership chairman of the Dairy Shrine Club, receives plaque from Donald L. Ace, chairman of dairy science extension at Penn State, for having the highest percentage increase in membership of any state. The Dairy Shrine Club, organized in 1949, is designed to preserve and improve the nation's dairy industry.



As President of the Dairymen's Association, David Roth presented Glenn A. Shirk, left, with the group's extension service award. The Lancaster Agent was cited for his fine educational programs. Moments later it was Roth who was to receive similar recognition - the Cowan award for outstanding service to the dairy industry.



Lancaster County Dairy Princess Connie Balmer prepares a cup of milk punch for Charles Kier, Monroeton, at the start of the annual dairy banquet.



David Roth, left, was given a certificate of appreciation by Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell. The award cited Roth's many accomplishments in promoting use of milk.



Mr. and Mrs. John O'Toole, R1 Blain, accepted the Superior Supervisor award from the state DHIA on Tuesday evening. Making the presentation was Dave Roth, right. O'Toole has been a supervisor for 22 years.



Herbert C. Gilmore, right, retired extension dairy specialist at Penn State, was honored at the Pennsylvania Dairymen's Association annual dinner. Presenting the plaque citing Gilmore's contributions to the dairy industry and the Association was David E. Roth, Loysville, president of the Association. Mrs. Gilmore, center, joined her husband for the ceremony.