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Hi! I'm Dick. Who are you?



After signing proclamation designating June as Pennsylvania Dairy Month, Gov. Dick Thornburgh introduces himself to Milky the Robot. Just behind him, State Ag Secretary Penny Hallowell toasts their meeting with a mug of milk. Representatives of the dairy

industry present for the proclamation signing on Monday at the state capitol look on. Plans for the coming year of the Middle Atlantic Advertising and Promotion Agency are found on Page A20.

Eastern proposes dues rate change

SYRACUSE, N.Y. — A change in the rate of membership dues, replacing the present 10 cents per hundredweight with a flat monthly rate plus a cents per hundredweight increment, will be considered at the annual meeting of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative next week.

The proposed change in by-laws, which will be considered at the delegate meeting on Tuesday, is designed to help stabilize membership in the cooperative and hold on to the larger producers as members.

The possible new schedule of dues may include a flat monthly rate of \$25, plus an increment of about 7 to 7.4 cents per hundredweight.

The current 10 cents per hundredweight dues rate has been in effect for approximately the past four years.

It was explained that the flat rate is being proposed because there are fixed basic charges and services that apply to all producers

regardless of the volume of milk they ship. These include receipt of the Eastern magazine, a guaranteed market, hospitalization if it is elected and quality control work.

Total revenue to be gained from the new schedule of dues is expected to be about the same as is currently received, but individual producers, depending on their volume of milk, will be affected.

The expected break-even point for a shipper, where the proposed schedule is about equal to the present dues rate, is said to be about 40,000 pounds of milk per month.

The average producer in Eastern is reported to be shipping about a ton a milk a day, or 60,000 pounds a month. Thus, the proposed dues rate would amount to a savings for these producers who are shipping more than 40,000 pounds a month.

It is expected that most producers in the Lancaster, Lebanon and Dauphin counties area would have a lower dues rate.

But small producers, such as a contingent of Amish dairy farmers in the Dover, Del. area who still ship in cans, would be the most affected by a higher dues rate.

Also expected to be discussed and receive possible action are a number of resolutions to be introduced and the Leprino cheese plant situation.

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Dairyalea agrees to \$1 million settlement

PEARL RIVER, N.Y. — Dairyalea Cooperative announced last Sunday that it has entered into a settlement agreement with New York Attorney Robert Abrams to resolve certain legal actions.

According to Attorney Abrams, Dairyalea is one of eight major milk companies recently indicted for alleged price-fixing in the New York milk industry. The Cooperative has agreed to a \$1 million settlement which will provide consumers a 10 cents per carton discount on milk.

Under the terms of the agreement, which the Attorney General announced last Sunday during an appearance on WCBS-TV's "Newsmakers," Dairyalea will circulate approximately 25 million coupons over the next four years which consumers may redeem for 10 cents off the price of

quart and half gallon containers of Dairyalea milk. The coupons will be printed directly on a side panel of Dairyalea milk containers, and the program will be in effect until the total cost to Dairyalea reaches \$750,000.

Dairyalea will also pay \$250,000 to the Attorney General which will be placed in a fund for eventual distribution to governmental institutions and other larger purchasers of milk, as well as consumers. These cash payments will be made over the next five years . . . \$25,000 at the end of the first four years and \$15,000 at the end of the fifth and final year.

In addition, in signing the agreement, Dairyalea committed its employees to full cooperation with the Attorney General's prosecution and ongoing investigation of price-fixing in the

State's milk industry. Abram's office also will have access to all relevant documents and records in Dairyalea's possession.

Finally, Dairyalea has agreed to an injunction barring it from

violating federal and state antitrust laws, and the Attorney General will have broad authority to closely monitor Dairyalea's system of milk distribution over

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Maryland soon to welcome National Holstein Assn. delegates

BY DEBBIE KOONTZ

LANCASTER — The 96th Annual Convention of the Holstein Association of America, in preparation for nearly two years according to Maryland Holstein Association Convention Chairman Marlin Hoff, is slated for June 28 - July 2 in Baltimore. And, adds John Morris, secretary for the Association, "Things are coming along real good. We have a lot of activities planned."

The National Holstein Sale and the annual business meeting will be held in Baltimore's award-winning Convention Center.

The five-day convention will include proposed details of the 1981 farm bill, Association policy revisions, new cow indexes, future Association activities, the con-

vention sale and activities for junior members.

Since the hosting state traditionally plans the event, the Maryland Association is looking forward to presenting its visitors

with crab feasts at Baltimore's Inner Harbor, a trip to Washington D.C. and Annapolis and other social activities scheduled for

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Everyone entering dairy photo contest

LANCASTER — Everyone, including "Bossie," is submitting a favorite photo in Lancaster Farming's Dairy Month Photo Contest.

Well, actually that's stretching it a bit, but the photos are arriving daily in the mail.

Thus far, we've received entries from four states — Pennsylvania, New York, Maryland and Ohio. And, believe it or not, one of the photos was taken as far away as Connemara County, Galway, Ireland.

The submitted photos range from those just recently snapped to some as much as a half-century old.

Quite a few of the entries are those once-in-a-lifetime photos, which could only be taken by someone living on a dairy farm, who just happens to be at the right place at the right time.

And, that's the kind of photos we want. It just shows that our

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