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4 Directors elected

Lancaster Assn. plans Poultry Day program

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LANCASTER — Four directors were elected by unanimous ballot at the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Poultry Association held Thursday at the Good and Plenty Restaurant, Smoketown.

Richard Meck, New Holland, currently serving as the board president, was re-elected. He is a salesman for HyCross, Lititz.

Also re-elected were Stanley Musselman, Quarryville, who is treasurer for the Association and Walter Mowrer, R1 Columbia, who has a 102,000-layer operation. Newly elected was Richard Zimmerman, R3 Mount Joy, who is manager of Warren Miller's 260,000-layer operation.

County Extension Agent Jay Irwin gave a consolidated committee report, reviewing various activities throughout the year. He

complimented the education committee for a series of three meetings held to inform the membership of current problems, which included topics such as right-to-farm, poultry health, poultry testing, poultry, meat and egg promotion and farm crime and security.

Irwin announced that the committee is planning to organize a Poultry Day, which will feature educational speakers and industry displays.

The promotion committee again provided information to home economics teachers and has developed a slide-tape presentation which is available for use with service clubs and other organizations.

The Association also participated in the recent Farmer's Association week at Park City and

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Directors elected at the annual banquet of the Lancaster County Poultry Association include, from left, Richard Meck, New Holland; Richard Zimmerman, Mount Joy; Stanley Musselman, Quarryville; and Walter Mowrer, Columbia.

Urging delay of 50-cent tax

Gov., Grange send letters to Block

HARRISBURG — One of the hottest topics at this week's State Grange annual session held here at the Scottish Rite Cathedral was the federal 50-cent assessment that is scheduled to tax dairy producers for each hundred pounds of milk they sell beginning Dec. 1, 1982.

On Wednesday, members of the Pennsylvania State Grange voted to oppose the 50-cent assessment

because "it will not solve the surplus problem."

One day after Governor Dick Thornburgh fired off a letter to U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block, asking for a "substantial delay" in implementation of the program, the State Grange followed suit and sent a letter to Block with copies to Congressman, asking for a similar delay until a

"more effective plan can be formulated."

In the Oct. 27 letter, the Grange also suggested that each dairy producer receive a share of the national market at a support price between 75 and 90 percent of parity. "Each producer is free to produce more than his share at a price that will clear the market," they suggested.

Also on Wednesday, the grange sent a telegram to both President Reagan and Secretary Block calling for a reduction in case in imports to the U.S. for food and feed use.

In other dairy issue action, the State Grange members approved resolutions: to oppose the "phase out" of Penn State's colored breed

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Reserve champ gets high bid



Reserve grand champion but high bid winner of the annual Dairy Show and Sale at the New Holland Stables on Wednesday was this dry cow of Mel Kolb, Inc. She brought \$21,500 and went to J. Mowery Frey, of Fultonway Farms, Willow Street. At halter is Dennis Kolb. See story on page A35.

PMMB examines changes in accounting system

HARRISBURG — In order to comply with a Commonwealth Court judge's directive, the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board has begun a review of the Board's record-keeping system, PMMB chairman George Brumbaugh said Wednesday.

"As a result of Judge Craig's order, it is necessary for us to completely review our accounting system used to generate information for pricing," explained Brumbaugh.

Craig's ruling, in October 1981, resulted from his reversal of a price increase ordered by PMMB. The commonwealth Court judge overturned PMMB 12-cent per gallon retail price hike in Bucks, Chester and Montgomery Counties.

Last year's unanimous decision, handed down by Craig, capped a 15-month battle spearheaded by consumers and Lily Penn, which operates a chain of convenience markets in suburban

Philadelphia.

In his decision, Craig explained the Board's use of unit costs is essential in price determination and that the profit-loss statements of the four dealers who requested the increase did not reflect those costs.

According to Brumbaugh, the PMMB already has contracted a public accounting firm to draft a revision of the current accounting system, which reflects average costs. When completed, the change-over will indicate unit costs on a product by product and container size basis of fluid milk.

Brumbaugh said he expects to see a first draft by mid-November. The PMMB will call for a public hearing, possibly in December, for comments on the proposed changes. Brumbaugh said he is hopeful the changes will take effect by Jan. 1, 1983. Additionally, unit cost information from dealers must be returned by Feb. 25, 1983.

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