## Dairymen, Inc. holds annual meeting

LOUISVILLE, Ky. - More than 4,000 dairy farmers from 17 Eastern and Southeastern states are attending the 15th annual meeting of Dairymen, Inc. this weekend in Louisville, Ky.

Included among the delegates are some 400 dairy farmer members of the Middle Atlantic Division of Dairymen, which in-cludes Virginia, West Virginia, Pennsylvania and Maryland. The Middle Atlantic contingent is headed by Fred G. Butler, Division Board president, of Inwood, W. Va.

Dairymen, Inc. headquartered in Louisville, Ky., is a regional milk and dairy products marketing

cooperative owned by 8,000 member dairy farmers who sold more than 75 million gallons of milk during fiscal year 1983. "Dairymen A We Program", is

the theme of the meeting. Eleven couples representing the

producer divisions of Dairymen, participating in the аге

cooperative's annual outstanding Young Dairymen competition. The winning couple will spend the next year serving as ambassadors for their cooperative and the dairy industry. Parker and Marsha Smith, of New Windsor, Maryland, who won the title of Middle-Atlantic Division Young Dairymen

for 1983, this fall, competed against their counterparts from other Dairymen producer divisions for selection as outstanding Young Dairymen couple of the year.

The General Session opened yesterday at the Louisville Gardens and continued today. During the two business sessions, members reports about the cooperative by Dairymen President, Roy L. Strange of Moultrie, Ga., and Chief Executive Officer, Ben F. Morgan, Jr.

Morgan's presentation included financial, Farm Best/UHT and Flav-O-Rich reports by staff members. Membership and Washington reports, along with a question and answer period, were included in the second business session.

Singer Brenda Byers provided the entertainment last evening during the general session. Art Linkletter was guest speaker at this morning's session. This 15th Annual meeting marks the second time Linkletter has addressed the cooperative membership. He was the guest speaker at Dairymen's first Annual meeting in 1969.



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