

# Inter-State District 12 honors members, elects officers

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QUARRYVILLE — Inter-State Milk Producer's Cooperative District 12 held its annual meeting Thursday to honor two of its members and elect new officers and delegates.

Receiving special recognition were the Rev. F.S. Dyrness and dairymen Joseph L. Fisher. On behalf of the Presbyterian Home Farm, of Quarryville, Rev. Dyrness accepted a 50-year membership award. The Presbyterian Home Farm consists of three farms managed under one ownership.

Joseph L. Fisher, of 162 Paradise Lane, Ronks, received a quality milk production certificate. The award is presented to dairymen who, for 11 consecutive months, have been named to Inter-State's quality producer honor roll.

In presenting the quality production certificate to Fisher, district director Curtis E. Ackers explained the quality bonus payment Inter-State implemented Jan. 1.

Producers will receive a seven cent per hundred weight bonus provided the following are met: a standard plate count of 10,000 or below; a PI (pre-incubation) count of 40,000 or below; a somatic cell count of 300,000 or less; no an-

tibiotics nor added water; no quality problems; and farmers must receive a passing inspection score.

The quality bonus is based on a monthly plan, Akers said, and dairymen will receive the bonus any month that all the above requirements are met.

Guest speaker Robert Dever, assistant general manager for Inter-State, also stressed the need for quality production. "Quality is an important part of our whole organization," Dever said. "There is a need for us to produce quality products."

Dever, who's been with Inter-State for 14 years, reported on the national surplus situation, stating that a surplus of 16 to 17 billion pounds of milk was purchased by the government in 1983. This situation is "extremely intolerable," he said, and the industry realizes this problem.

In an attempt to correct the problem, a dairy compromise bill was passed, and the bill is just that - a compromise, Dever said. While much of the surplus milk is produced in the mid-west, a nationwide cutback in production is needed, Dever said.

Dever told the dairymen that the decision to participate in the program is an individual matter.



Inter-State Milk Producer's District 12 officer are, from left, David DeLong, Quarryville local vice president; James Bowman, Christiana local president; Steven Neff, Quarryville president; Kenneth Beiler, Christiana secretary-treasurer; and Willis Krantz, Quarryville secretary-treasurer.

Farmers must look at their own situations and determine if the program will work for them.

In other business, new officers and delegates were elected. District 12 is divided into the

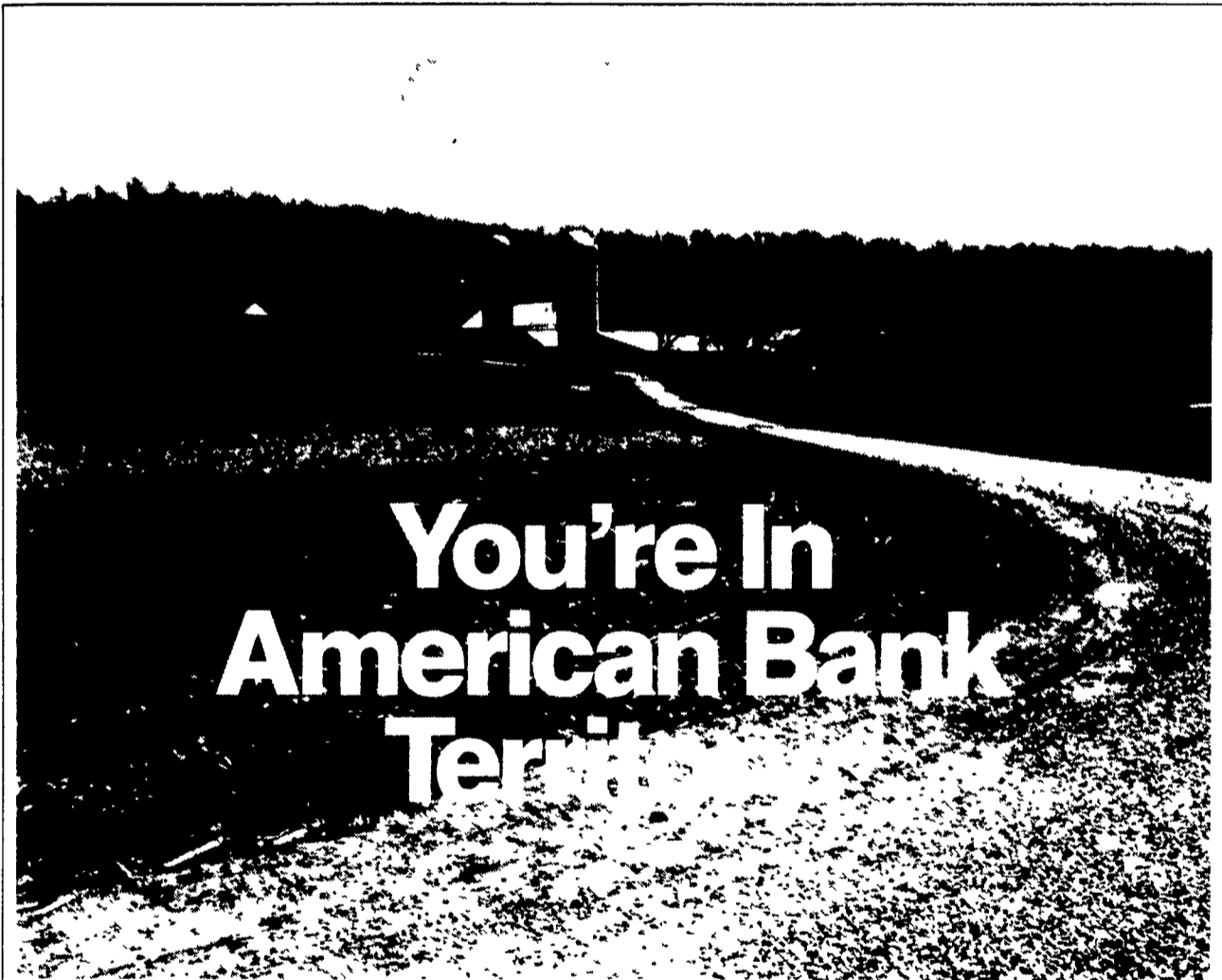
Quarryville and Christiana locals, and both locals elected officers.

Steven Neff, of R4 Quarryville, was elected president of the Quarryville local. David DeLong, of R1 Quarryville, was elected vice president and Willis Krantz, R1 Quarryville, was elected secretary-treasurer.

Delegates include A. Dale Herr, John Brubaker Jr., Vernon D. Umble, P. Robert Wenger, Kenneth Rutt, James G. Kreider and Donald Herr. Alternate delegates are C. Dale Bollinger, J. Kenneth Landis, Robert L. Weaver, R. Edwin Harnish, Melvin Breneman, Kenneth W. DeLong and John H. Myer.

In the Christiana local, James Bowman, of Paradise, was elected president. Vice president is Roy Neff and secretary-treasurer is Kenneth Beiler of R1 Paradise.

Christiana local delegates are Calvin D. Beiler, Ivan Bowman, Lloyd G. Kreider and L. Delmar Neff. Alternates include Thomas L. Kackel, Kenneth B. Stoltzfus, Jesse L. Irwin and Gilbert S. Martin.



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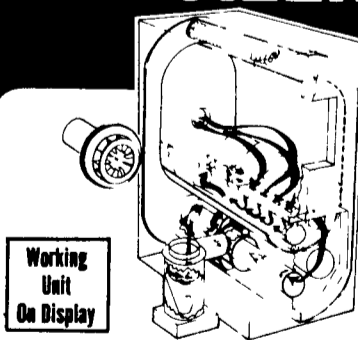
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