

# Eastern holds annual meeting

SYRACUSE — Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc. held its 62nd Annual Meeting Oct. 2 & 3 at the Hotel Syracuse, Syracuse, N.Y. More than 500 Eastern members and guests attended the two-day affair.

Delegates from Eastern's 140 local organizations met in policy sessions on Tuesday, Oct. 2. The delegate body is the major policy group of the organization, whose actions direct the cooperative board of directors and management. The delegates voted overwhelmingly to reaffirm the members' confidence in all Board action taken throughout the past year.

The Annual Meeting Banquet was held Tuesday evening. President Earl R. Forwood presided over the program, which included special recognition for retiring directors Stanley Korona and Noah Prior. Also honored at the banquet were Earl and Anna Mae Hensler, Eastern's "members of the year" and Tom Schwendler of the Syracuse Newspapers for his outstanding coverage of agricultural news. Distinguished guests included Commissioner of Agriculture Joseph Gerace, Pa. State Dairy Princess, Lynette Loper, and New York State Dairy Princess, Holly Smith. An enthusiastic and humorous presentation was made by banquet speaker Karl Kettering, president of Progress Through People, Inc., an organization specializing in human motivation. Guests also enjoyed the talents of the New York Troubadour, Robin Schade.

The Annual Meeting Wednesday morning session began with committee reports, followed by officer reports and the addresses of President Forwood and General Manager, Michael Donovan.

The afternoon session included an update on the National Dairy Promotion and Research Board, given by Earl R. Forwood, member of the 36-person board; a presentation by the American Dairy Association on the history of dairy promotion; and a dairy situation update by Eastern Economist, Joseph C. Mathis.

The afternoon session was immediately followed by a reorganization meeting at which officers of the cooperative were elected. President Earl R. Forwood was re-elected by a solid margin, with Robert Hill elected as vice-president in place of the retiring Stanley Korona. Also re-

lected to their positions were Secretary George Fuller, Treasurer George Stambaugh and Assistant Secretary-Treasurer Dan Fox, Ephrata. Elected to sit on the executive committee were R. LaVerne McCarty, Forksville, Leo Connor and C. Lee Greenwalt, Lawrenceville.

General Manager, Michael Donovan said this year's meeting reflected the very positive performance of the cooperative in the last 12 months, with attendance at the meeting indicative of the strong growth of member pride in their cooperative. Comments at the close of the two-day session suggested that this year's meeting was one of the finest ever held.

Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc. is the largest dairy cooperative in the Northeast, serving over 4200 dairy farmers throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Vermont, New Hampshire, Massachusetts, Maryland, Delaware, and New Jersey.

# BUFFET BREAKFAST



Outstanding members of the Pa. Master Corn Growers Association were honored at the National Corn Growers Conference in Indianapolis, Ind. From left are T. Scott Moore, who placed first in the Pa. Five Acre Yield Program; John Stevenson, National Corn Growers president; Mr. and Mrs. Ed Snook, Pa.'s second-place finisher, who also placed eighth in the Lycoming Co. Five Acre Yield; Walter Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Pa. Corn Growers. Not pictured is D. Richard Snyder of Lycoming County, who took top Pa. honors, as well as placing 12th in national nonirrigated competition.

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