

225 food processors meet

HERSHEY — Their mutual involvement in agribusiness - the number one industry in Pennsylvania - brought approximately 225 food processors from five states together at the Hershey Lodge and Convention Center last month. These delegates from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Virginia and Delaware were participants in the second Joint Pennsylvania/Mid Atlantic Food Processors Convention recently hosted by the Pennsylvania Food Processors Association.

A highlight of the two-day convention was an address given by Governor Dick Thornburgh. The governor said he sees agribusiness as a most important industry in need of an improved economic climate. He also noted the major market potential in exports (the theme of the convention was "Competing in the World Market").

Other prominent speakers included August Schumacher from

the World Bank; Carl Smith, Chairman of the Board and Chief Executive Officer of Gerber Products; Robert Watkins, Deputy Assistant Secretary for the U.S. Department of Commerce; Derwent Renshaw from the European Economic Community; and Claire Rickard, International Trade Administration.

A local food processor that was represented at this industry convention was Hanover Brands, Inc., Hanover. The company's delegate, Gary Knisely, Executive Assistant to Hanover Brands President Alan Warehime, is a member of the Pennsylvania Food Processors Association Board of Directors. Warehime is a past president of the organization, which now boasts about 22 company members, and was previously chairman of its Board of Directors as well.

During Governor Thornburgh's visit, Knisely presented him with Hanover Brands' gift pack of four deli style jarred vegetable salads.

Bill Schaefer dies

TUNKHANNOCK — William "Bill" Schaefer, an A.I. pioneer and cooperative statesman, died Nov. 9, at the age of 76. Bill's career spanned more than 30 years in the A.I. industry. His home was in Tunkhannock.

Born on July 13, 1908, he was reared on a farm in York County. He was a DHIA supervisor from 1927 to 1938. The next five years he was herdsman for a large registered Ayrshire and Jersey herd, prior to embarking on his A.I. career.

Bill's career in A.I., and the farmer cooperative field began in 1943 when he was employed as

Manager of Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative (now Atlantic Breeders Cooperative). A year later, he was selected as General Manager of Northeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative, which consolidated into NEBA in 1963, and then affiliated with Sire Power in 1969. Bill was instrumental in forming the National Association of Animal Breeders, of which he later became Vice President. He retired from NEBA in 1974, but continued to be active in the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives (PAFC). Bill was

selected to write a history on farmer cooperative development and the scope of services available to Pennsylvania farmers. Because of Bill's interest in, and enthusiasm for farmer cooperatives and their representatives, he was known as one of Pennsylvania's best informed and most dedicated cooperative statesmen.

Purina expands

Agri-Scholarship Program

ST LOUIS, Mo. — Ralston Purina announced it will award 20, one-year, \$2,000 scholarships and 80 \$250 grants in the 1985 Field 'n Farm Agri-Scholarship competition.

Purina's Field 'n Farm Agri-Scholarships are awarded yearly to high school seniors who demonstrate sincere interest in agriculture. Last year, Purina gave \$40,000 in awards. This year, the awards have been expanded to \$60,000.

"The future of the agriculture industry is critical to the continued growth of our society," said Ralston product manager M.R. Parisien. "Responsible young people like last year's scholarship winners will play a vital role in that growth."

Scholarship applications will be available beginning January 7, 1985, at Purina dealerships across the country. The contest will be

judged on the basis of the students' academic records, guidance counselor recommendations and a 500-word essay competition.

"Last year's essay dealt with the question of why agriculture is so important to the future of America," Parisien said. "This year we're going to try something a little different. Along with our

expanded prize money, we're going to update the essay subject, too, so that it will deal with some of the problems that concern agriculture students today."

The scholarships and grants will be awarded April 1, 1985. Interested seniors should contact their high school guidance counselors for further details.

Simmental trait leaders cited

DE FOREST, Wisc. — American Breeders Service bulls have run away with Genetic Trait Leader awards, according to a report recently released by the American Simmental Association.

Trait Leaders are bulls whose progeny rank in the breed's top two percent for one or more of six traits on which Simmental bulls are evaluated—Calving Ease, Weaning Weight, Yearling Weight, Carcass Value, Daughter's First Calf Calving Ease, and Daughter's First Calf Weaning Weight.

A total of 2,570 Simmental bulls were evaluated and included in the 1985 National Sire Selector according to the Association's Executive Vice President, Earl Peterson. Records on 677,075 calves from 66,293 herds were involved in the program.

ABS bulls dominated most of the categories and of 49 bulls listed as

trait leaders for Weaning Weight, 13 or 27% belong to ABS. Six of the 14 bulls listed as Yearling Weight Leaders (43%) are also at ABS.

In Maternal Trait rankings, ABS has five of the 12 bulls listed as genetic leaders for weaning weight of their daughters' first calves.

Three of the breed's bulls earned the Trait Leader status in four categories. Two of three are ABS' Sir Arnold G809 and C & B Western. Sir Arnold demonstrates the very rare ability to sire both calving ease and rapid growth while C & B Western dominates the growth and carcass categories.

ABS has been recognized for many years as the leader in artificial insemination of beef cattle and has supplied Simmental semen to cattlemen all across the U.S. since 1968. The firm also exported semen from bulls of this breed to ten foreign countries this year.

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