

# Inter-State District 7 honors members

## Dairy Marketing

**MOUNT JOY** — Two Lancaster County dairy farm families were recognized for 25 years of membership with Inter-State Milk Producers Cooperative at the annual District 7 dinner.

Darrel E. and Natalie M. Witmer, Manheim and the Burkholder Brothers of Lititz accepted plaques and certificates recognizing their families for 25 years of service to Inter-State. Also honored was the Wil-Am Dairy and Poultry Farm for receiving quality premiums for the entire year.

Robert Dever, assistant general manager for Inter-State reviewed the cooperative's goals for 1986 and briefly discussed the dairy provisions of the 1985 Farm Bill.

Dever noted that in 1985 Abbots dairy went bankrupt owing Inter-State about \$2.5 million, which was about 25 percent of their net worth at the time. He went on to explain that Inter-State's producers were not assessed for this due to Inter-State's strong financial position.

Dever feels optimistic about the future of the dairy industry since new money is coming in that had not been previously associated with dairy.

Explaining that Holly Milk is an integral part of their system, Dever said it was decided not to sell the plant. Presently it is used to process milk and gives them a place to store it on weekends and holidays. The capital retained for Holly Milk will begin to revolve in February 1988 he also noted.

Dever closed by saying "The next 12 to 18 months will be difficult but the long run looks positive."

Andrew Marvin, fieldman for Inter-State, reminded the group of the change in the allowable leucocyte level. This level will change from 1.5 million to 1 million

on July 1, 1986. He also noted that Inter-State has prepared a booklet, which each member will get, on how to improve the quality of milk and become eligible for the 7 cent per hundredweight premium.

Elections were held for each of the locals in this district. The Donegal local elected Luke Brubaker, president; Marvin Nissley, vice president, and Henry Shellenberger, secretary-treasurer. Stephen Hershey and Harold Shellenberger were elected as delegates, and Elvin Breneman and Paul Sauder were voted as their alternates. James Brubaker was elected to the hauling committee.

The Lititz locals election results are as follows: president, D. David Martin; vice president, Lynn Royer; secretary-treasurer, Gerald Martin; delegates, Galen Crouse and Dale Hershey; alternates, Raymond Burkholder and Richard Kreider; and hauling committee, Ray Bollinger.

The third local, Lebanon County, election results are as follow: president, Arthur E. Brandt; vice president, Howard Kopp; delegate, J. Calvin Zimmerman; alternate, Dale Kennedy; and hauling committee, James Noll.



Janae Martin, Lancaster County Dairy Princess, congratulates Wayne and Joanne Erb on receiving quality premiums for the entire year.



Receiving recognition for 25 year membership was, left, Jerry and James Burkholder, and Darrel and Natalie Witmer.



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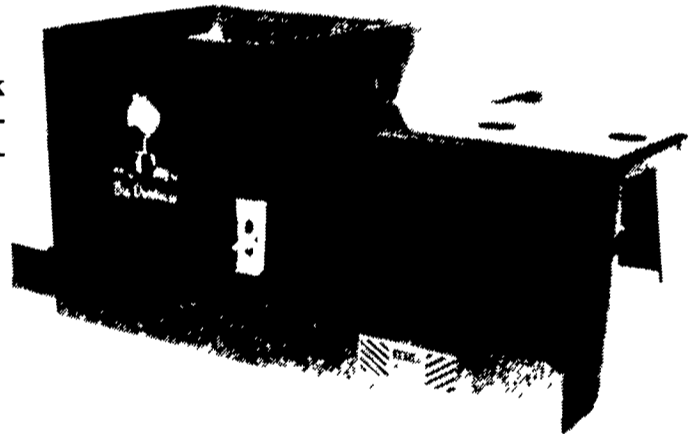


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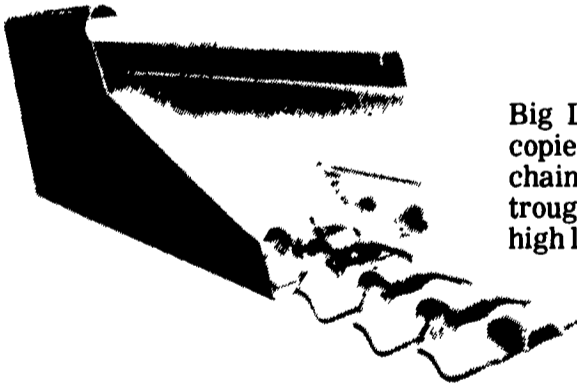
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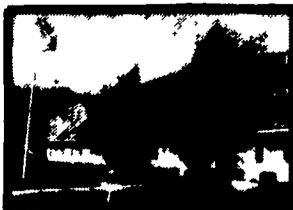


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