McGinnis, Robinson Honored At NDHIA Banquet

PHILADELPHIA - Two men who work closely and influenced the DHIA on the state and national level were honored Thursday night at the close of the National Dairy Herd Improvement Convention.

W. Charles McGinnis, former president of the American Jersey Cattle Club, received the H. Victor Joachim Distinguished Leadership and Service Award. Renamed in honor of former NDHIA president H. Victor Joachim.

A past president of the NDHIA, McGinnis retired as a national DHIA last year after serving the maximum term of 10 years. The 58-year-old North Carolina native has served the South Carolina DHIA as a president for three years, vice president for three years, director for 14 years, and executive committee member for 12 years.

In addition to the office of president in the AJCC, McGinnis served as vice president and on the board of directors. He held the

office of president in the South Carolina Jersey Cattle Club.

McGinnis has been active in the National Purebred Dairy Cattle Association, American Dairy Association, South Carolina PDCA, South Carolina Dairy Association, National Association of Farm Managers, and South Carolina Farm Bureau.

An active dairy cattle judge, McGinnis purchased the White Plains Ranch in Mountville, S.C., in 1979 and established a herd of 485 registered Jerseys.

Dean E. Robinson received the Outstanding Service Award.

Former general manager of the Virginia Federation of DHIA, Robinson served the DHIA program in Virginia for 31 years. He began his career as a milk tester for Grayson County in 1955. In 1964 Robinson advanced to fieldman and in 1969 became general manager of the Virginia Federation of DHIA.

As general manager, Robinson

implemented computerized record keeping on the state level. He helped establish a centralized milk testing laboratory in Blacksburg, Va., and in the first year had all the herds enrolled in Virginia.

He was instrumental in the installation of a FOM-SCC machine in the lab, being the second state in the country to recognize this need. The former general manager

MIDDLEBURG - The Snyder County Holstein Club held its annual meeting recently in the Middleburg Fire Hall.

After a ham dinner, the members listened to a skit by Susan Waite, SUN area dairy princess. Robert Pardoe, RCMA representative, then updated the members on the status of the Regional Cooperative Marketing Agency. This was followed by a short discussion and slide series on "Dairy of Distinction" program by Sue Reynolds from the American Dairy Association.'

started automatic testing of milk for fat, protein and lactose. Robinson was involved with developing the procedure for teleprocessing DHIA information from the testing lab to the records processing center at Raleigh, N.C.

Robinson devised the centralized accounting system with all funds handled by the state organization.

He retired in July 1986 but

continues to serve as administrator of the Virginia DHIA supervisors retirement trust.

Also recognized at the evening program were retiring board members J. George Smith, Illinois, after nine years; Richard Popp, New York, after six years; Bernard Monson, Iowa, after two years; and John Zonneveld, California, after six years.

Snyder Holstein Club Reorganizes

State director Ken Boyer of Selinsgrove reported that Snyder County passed its membership goal. The Snyder County Holstein Club received matching funds from the Pennsylvania Dairy Promotion Agency for the milk radio spots in Snyder County.

Neil Hornberger of Mount Pleasant Mills was re-elected to serve another two-year term on the Board of Directors for the club. Other directors include Jeffrey Shaffer from Beavertown, Ronald Reich, Selinsgrove, Narehood, Beavertown, Dale

Hornberger, Mount Pleasant Mills, Sam Risser, Middleburg, and Gerald Sheaffer of Mount Pleasant

Following the banquet, the directors met and elected the following officers: president, Jeff Shaffer, vice president, Ronald Reich, and secretary/treasurer, Alan Narehood. Anthony Weaver, from the Middleburg FFA Chapter was appointed youth director for the FFA and Steve Weller was reappointed for the 4-H representative.

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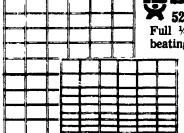


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