

Lebanon DHIA Members

(Continued from Page A35) the future to best position Pa.DHIA members for leading edge service.

Hoover also reminded members that the organization is designed to serve them and to meet their needs. He said that members should call Pa.DHIA if there is some other need they have that the cooperative might be able to help provide.

Dean Amick congratulated the county DHIA on the quality of its

technicians and board of directors. He also discussed a tight manpower situation with technicians. He said that about 70 percent of the cost of operating Pa.DHIA is tied up in field service. The organization had employed 181 technicians about a year ago. Amick said that number is now to 135 and there is little ability to cover for emergencies.

He said that as the organization continues to recover financially

and continues to make strides forward that it was his hope that more technicians would be hired within the next year.

It was also mentioned that Pa.DHIA is looking for people in the Lebanon County service area willing to work as a technician.

Amick also reviewed the Pa.DHIA milk urea nitrogen (MUN) testing and its development. According to Amick, the technology, while still new, is a strong tool that has been developing rapidly through application.

He said the University of Pen-

sylvania's New Bolton Center used MUN testing and at first thought something was wrong with the tests because of different values. However, he said that separate blood tests done at the same time on the New Bolton herd confirmed the MUN test results and lead officials at New Bolton to discover that they had a feed problem that otherwise would have gone undetected and resulted in lost milk production.

Also speaking were Galen Kopp, county extension agent who congratulated members on their

achievements and updated them on upcoming meetings and educational opportunities, and Stephanie Buck alternate county dairy princess who, along with Dairy Maid Andrea Bashore, and Lil' Misses Elizabeth Smith and Faith Heagy, gave a presentation on the nutritional advantages of dairy products.

In other business, elected to serve on the county board of directors were Mike Arnold, Dan Brandt, and Scott Nolt. Outgoing members are Dale Hoover, Stan Bucher and Dennis Wampler.

Farm Bureau

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less than 3.5 billion pounds of milk products, lowest in nearly 17 years. This evaluation is another strong indicator of low fluid milk supplies, Eckhaus told the regulators.

Concerns about out-of-state competition for Pennsylvania dairymen led PMMB in July to order a reduction of the over-order price by 10 cents per month from 80 to 50 cents per hundredweight. Farm Bureau opposed that order, because it believed that fluid milk was in short supply, later proven correct by recent USDA reports.

"Pennsylvania producers need the assurance that they will receive the average cost of production for their milk," the dairy specialist testified. "This is not to say that all producers should be guaranteed a profit. However, if the average dairy farm is not able to sustain a profit, the Pennsylvania dairy industry is in serious jeopardy.

Although we believe we can justify a producer price increase by as much as \$3.38 per hundredweight, we want to take a responsible position," Eckhaus stated. The Farm Bureau spokesman requested a minimum increase of 25 cents per hundredweight for farmers. Eckhaus said the additional increase would be added to the existing 50 cents per hundredweight already in place for the time period of January 1, 1996 to May 31, 1996. At that time the price would revert back to the existing over-order price of 50 cents per hundredweight.

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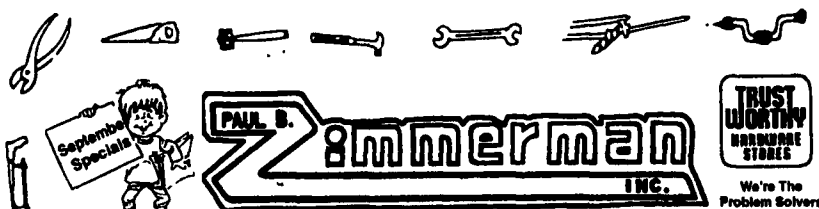
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From the left, Mike Arnold, Dan Brandt and Scott Nolt are new Lebanon County DHIA directors.



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