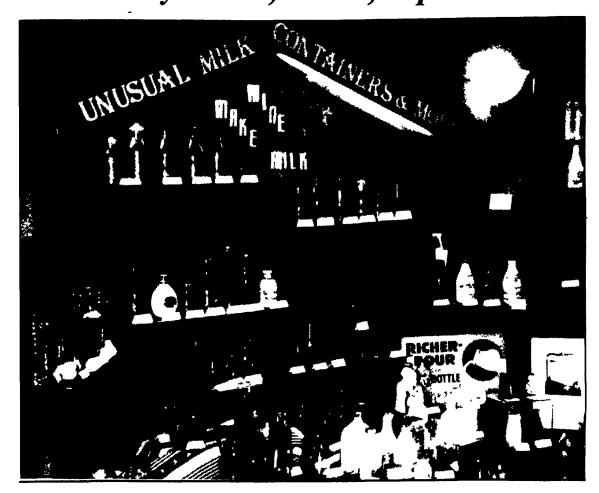
Dairy Bottle, Truck, Separator Collectors Hold Convention



This is one of the displays at the joint convention of the National Association of Bottle Collectors, the Divco Club, and the Cream Separator Association. It's the rarest of

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) — Five-hundred (500) eager participants attended the joint convention of the National Association of Milk Bottle Collectors (NAMBC), the Divco Club of America and the Cream Separator Association which was the first and largest gathering of dairy related collectors ever to be held. The event started the celebration of "June is Dairy Month"

and was held on June 1. 2 and 3 at the Holiday Inn in Grantville.

Celebrating its 20th year, NAMBC features numerous displays, among them "The Historical Cream of the Crop," Borden Company go-withs and a 50 state collection of milk bottles. In addition to the displays, most of the many participants' rooms were transformed into bottle shops fostering a considerable amount

of fellowship, buying, selling and trading of milk bottles and other dairy collectibles.

Featured also was a bus trip to the famous Turkey Hill Farms, home of Turkey Hill Ice Cream, a visit from the Purple Cow provided photo opportunities, and the annual auction and banquet events. The Pennsylvania Dairy Princess, Lori Connley, was on hand to assist the ice cream "scoopers" at the

"Sundae on Saturday" event. A postal substation featuring a special cachet of the event, designed by artist, Paul Martin, and the sale of related merchandise including toy Divco trucks were part of the program. A special commemorative milk bottle, also designed by Mr. Martin, and produced by the Stanpac Manufacturing Company, represented by Mr. Steve Witt, who also displayed his Divco Truck, provided individual club recognition panels and were available to all registrants. Numerous awards were presented to respective club attendees.

The largest display of Divco trucks ever to be assembled, some 28 trucks of varied years, models and styles, provided viewing of some of the finest examples of a by-gone era. These remarkable restorations, the earliest being a 1925 model, came from Canada, Florida and points in between. Featured among the club trucks was the extraordinary "Milk Shaker," a stylized "hot rod." Trucks from most model years were present. Conventioneers were treated to a wonderful luncheon and a swap

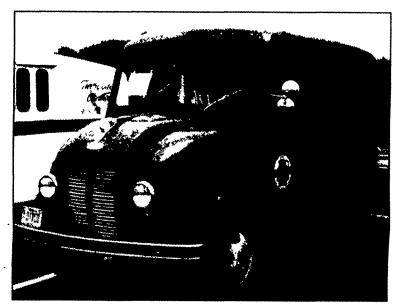
meet in a large tent shared by the Cream separator organization. An outdoor picnic was also held.

Numerous Cream Separator Club displays of some most unusual and rare pieces were exhibited. They hosted a swap meet as

This was the nation's largest ever gathering of dairy and Divco truck aficionados. The event provided wonderful opportunity for members of all three organizations to reminisce and share their experiences.

NAMBC organizers Tony Knipp of Blooming Grove, Tom Gallagher of Westport, Connecticut, Sam Stephens of Pennsylvania and Paul Dettloff D.U.M. of Arcadia WI representing the Cream Separator Association along with Öliver Ogden of Silver Spring, and Les Bagley of Kingston, Washington, organizing the Divco Club of America, were all extremely pleased with the outcome of what must be termed a national happening.

Knipp, in reflection, said that all the planning for two years re-ally paid off and "we had an overwhelmingly successful event." A similar gathering is contemplated for June 2001.



One of the 30 Divco trucks on display at the collector's convention. They came from as far away as Florida and Canada.

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