DIVIDEND TOLD BY VERMILION
KAPLAN, March 21 (SpI)—Stockholders in the Vermilion Creamery, co-operative organization of area cattlemen, farmers and businessman, held their annual meeting Thursday night in Abbeville when approximately $75,000 in dividends and feed payments was distributed as a feature of the banquet session.

Over 170 members and guests were present for the night’s program with Eugene Simon, general manager of the creamery, as master of ceremonies.

Stressing the co-operative idea, Theogene Brassaux, president of the creamery co-operative brought out the theme, “It pays to stay together,” as he reviewed the brief history of the movement, paying tribute to John D. Sobert, former Vermilion County agent, who gave valuable assistance in forming the organization. Brassaux stated that when the first report was given, the creamery had a debt of $325,000, which was paid that year, in addition to $11,800 interest on the debt.

Co-Operative Project
From this beginning, Brassaux continued, the co-operative project has grown to its present valuation of $4,181,986 and is now a modern enterprise. Seven new trucks and two station wagons have been added to the equipment, giving the creamery a total of 47 trucks, one trailer and two station wagons, in addition to a completely modern and fully equipped plant.

Pointing to the dividends which have been added to the strength of the Vermilion Parish and this section of Southwest Louisiana, Brassaux provided figures from 1950 to 1964 which showed the following dividends paid: 1958: $39,697.47; 1960: $516,106.54; 1964: $39,302.62; 1963: $39,367.39; 1964: $48,547.32, totaling $414,956.27 over the seven-year period.

Record Production
A record milk production handled by the creamery this year was also cited as another indication of the benefits provided by the cooperative. Forage and Hebert.

The year just ended, a total of 2,063,900 gallons of milk was processed at the creamery, an increase of 145,991 gallons over last year.

The Rt. Rev. Msgr. I. A. Martin gave the invocation with the Rev. Tracey Arnold providing the benediction. Announcement of the resignation of H. D. O’Brien, former sales manager, was made at the meeting and Don Hebert, who replaces him, was introduced to the stockholders.

Special guests included Murphy Veillon, Vermilion county agent, and Sidney J. Bowles, Lafayette county agent, who joined in congratulating the creamery on its marketing program and improvement practices.

Present officers of the creamery include Brassaux as president, Eugene Simon, general manager, Karl Hollier, office manager, Joe Tate, plant manager, P. A. Speake, and Hebert.