



Following a dinner meeting on Dec. 16, the following employees of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative were honored for their service to the co-op. (From left) David Yoder, General Manager - presented awards; Franklin Reichard, 416 Owl Hill Rd., Lititz - 15 years, herdsman; Betty Ebersole (Mrs. Clyde), 23 Detweiler

Ave., Mt. Joy - 5 years, secretary for distribution; Roger Gundlach, 1730 W. State St., East Petersburg - 15 years, communications; Joan Martan, 5824 Geneva Dr., East Petersburg - 5 years, keypunch operator in data processing; Willis Ritchey, 1950 Linden St., East Petersburg - 25 years, service manager.

Winners announced

The state winners in the national "Make It With Wool" contest have been announced by Janet Reed, state Cooperative Extension Leader in Home Economics for Delaware. Contest winners in each category and age group include: Pre-teen: skirt, Beth Heller, Wilmington; pants, Debbi Ellis, Wilmington; and jumper, Wanda Woods, New Castle.

In the Junior age group: two-piece suit, Jeanene Finch, Newark; dress, Vera Hays, Bridgeville; and coat, Ann Griesinger, Wilmington. Senior division winners were: two-piece suit, Rebecca Davis, Wilmington; and coat, Jocelyn LeComte, Wilmington.

The Junior Winner in the contest, judged best for accessorizing and fit, as well as sewing ability, was Ann Greisinger. She entered a camel-colored wrap coat, belted at the waist. The Senior Winner, based on the same requirements for her rust-colored, single-breasted coat, was Jocelyn LeComte. These two over-all winners will travel to West Virginia for the regional "Make It With Wool" contest, which precedes the national event.

Dale Herr

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Logan has worked for the family for 31 years; Charles Daughton, 16 years; and Dana Lowery started up a year and a half ago.

Herr's wife, Fay, and their two children, Tammy, 10 and Dale Jr., five, also help with the chores, as is the case on most family farms.

The Solanco area's outstanding young farmer believes strongly in maintaining a healthy herd which not only produces but also reproduces. A victim of an IBR outbreak during his first year of farming on his own, Herr has continued to vaccinate his animals against brucellosis, for example, even though the law no longer required it. He is also particular about having cows checked for pregnancies and staying on top of breeding problems. He cites silent heats as his major difficulty.

A member of the Pennsylvania Farmers Association and the Solanco Young Farmers, Herr made this observation of the highly competitive spirit found in farming: "If a neighbor grows 180 bushels of corn per acre, then there's no reason why I shouldn't be able to do it too, and maybe I'd want to go for 190 bushels," he said of the commonly found attitude. But he's not so sure it's entirely for the good. Acknowledging its many advantageous points and granting that his is what has made American agriculture as efficient as what it is, he wonders if such a trend might not push some farmers right out of a job because of overefficiency and overproduction.

Does Herr have any qualms about agriculture as a whole? Yes. One of the things which irritates him most is when a speaker appears before a farm group and then that person spouts off about all the things which farmers know. He believes that farmers should do more to let the facts be known to "the public," we're presenting our story to the wrong people, he concluded.

Herr was chosen as the outstanding young farmer by a panel of three judged - Stanley Musselman, Charles Schreiber, and William Fredd - on behalf of the Quarryville Jaycees, who held their OYF banquet last Saturday at the Robert Fulton Inn, located south of Quarryville just north of Wakefield.

Contestants in the program included: Karl Herr, Fred Linton, Carlton Groff, Paul Trimble, Dave Bitler, Jim Kreider, and David DeLong. Awards were presented to Dale Herr by the Quarryville Jaycees, the Quarryville Chevrolet dealership, and Ray's Appliances.

The winner was chosen, explained Ken Rutt, OYF state chairman and a dairyman in the Quarryville area, on the basis of: progress in farming (50 points); soil and water conservation (25 points); and contributions to the well-being of the community (25 points).

Entertainment during the two-hour program was provided by the Good Brothers of York County.

State Representative Marvin Miller served as master of ceremonies for the dinner and dismissed the estimated 75 people in the dining room with these words:

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