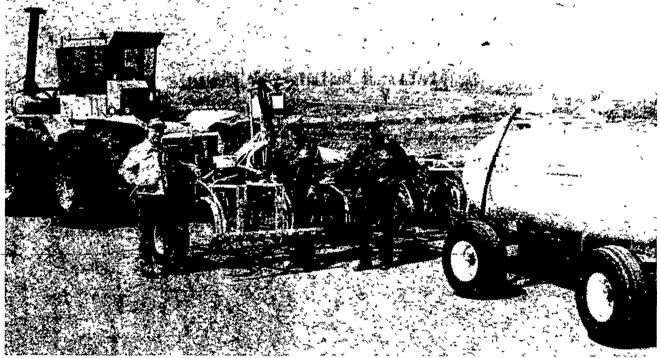


The slogan of Lehigh Cooperative Farmers -- "LeHi -- where it's happening!" -- held true this week when the 750-member group held its annual meeting in Allentown. Prior to the luncheon, the co-op's officers presented their annual reports which were accompanied with multi-projection slides of LeHi's operations and history. They received the approval and favor of the audience.

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a complete line of juices, puddings, gelatins, fruits and specialty items for sale to the institutional market. A steady increase in sales has resulted from this and other new marketing activities, with net sales going over the \$100 million mark for the first time in the history of the cooperative, he pointed out.

During the year, the Allentown hard cheese plant showed a profit for the first time and, since June, has been contributing to bottom line results, he disclosed. The cheese plant had been a

consistent loss operation since its inception by previous management in 1974.

As further indication of the cooperative's improved financial condition, Barry reported that it is current on all of its debt obligations to banks and reduced its long-term debt to the Baltimore Bank for Cooperatives by \$701,000 during the year.

Alpheus L. Ruth, board chairman, told the meeting that milk is expected to continue in excess supply in the

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