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Christmas story is being told in places around the world this week. The message comes in the form of spoken and printed words as well as displays such

as this manger scene which was photographed in downtown Lititz. The staff of Lancaster Farming extends Christmas greetings to all.

Carter to receive negative cooperative report

DIETER KRIEG
WASHINGTON, D.C. — National Commission on the Review of Antitrust Laws and Procedures released its study of farm cooperatives this week. The report will be sent to both the House and the U.S. Attorney General. The commission was formed five years ago and has been working for modification of the Capper-Volstead Act, which gave birth to farmer cooperatives. President Carter authorized the study and selected the members of the commission, none of

whom have a background in cooperative law.

Although none of the Commission's recommendations carry legal weight, their findings could be perceived as interpretable into law during coming

sessions of Congress. That has farmer-cooperative spokesmen worried and they point out that Congressman John Seiberling (D-Ohio), had already introduced a bill during the past congressional seating which

called for similar modifications of the Capper-Volstead Act.

The Commission's report, which is expected to be on President Carter's desk during the third week in January, recommends three

major changes for farmer cooperatives.

1. It would restrict or limit mergers of common marketing agencies. While making this suggestion, however, the Commission conceded that farmers

should have the right to collective bargaining.

2. The U.S. Secretary of Agriculture would no longer have the responsibility of determining whether or not cooperatives are "unduly" (Turn to Page 27)

Experts say overall seed supply down

By JOAN LIESAU
LANCASTER — According to recent reports from experts at the annual Pennsylvania Seedsmen's meeting, the overall supply of seed is down approximately 10 per cent from last year's supply.

When it comes to alfalfa we are in very short supply" said Richard S. Bell, division manager of Stanford Seed. "We were hurt more than the country on the whole" he said in regards to the anthracnose resistant varieties of alfalfa. He said

this particular variety was grown in an area where weather conditions were particularly adverse and they were hit harder.

Earl Rohrer, a retail seedsman, from P.L. Rohrer and Brothers of Smoketown, said we were in a definite

shorter supply. The top disease resistant varieties of alfalfa will be allocated. He felt that retailers will have seed available throughout the season, but it may not be the particular variety that a farmer wants. Rohrer has some suggestions for the

farmer "if they know what they are going to plant, they should place their orders in as soon as they can, to get their favorite varieties."

According to Joseph La Torre, director of corporate purchasing and inventory (Turn to Page 33)

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Christmas activities listed

By KENDACE BERRY
LITITZ — The Christmas weekend is upon us and to help celebrate the event, there are many special activities planned everywhere. Each offers its own special touch to the holiday season.

A few of these special activities that have come to the attention of Lancaster Farming include the following:

The All-Aboard Railroad, which will run December 23, and December 26 through January 1, from 1 to 5 p.m.

All the proceeds from the railroad will benefit the children at Christ's Home, Paradise. Located on Landis Valley Road, off Route 23, about ½ mile east of Eden, in Lancaster County, it will feature twelve American Flyer trains with automation

and animation operating simultaneously.

For those that like to gaze upon the stars, the North Museum Planetarium, Lancaster, will offer its holiday show, "The Christmas Star". Located at (Turn to Page 39)