

# Mount Joy Farmers Co-op returns \$13,178

By DIETER KRIEG

**MOUNT JOY** — The Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative Association is retiring revolving fund certificates which were issued 10 years ago, the association's president, Roy Alger, announced here this week. A portion of the \$13,178 fund will be returned in cash to the association's 95 members. The Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative has been returning money to its members for a number of years and recorded a net operating profit of \$11,623.27 for the fiscal year ended Oct. 31, 1978. Total assets are listed at \$609,343.09, according to the treasurer's report, which was released at the group's annual meeting on Wednesday. It was held at Hostetter's Dining Hall, here.

Commenting on the cooperative's status, President Alger said: "We may not be the largest, but that doesn't mean we can't be the best. This is our goal for 1979." Challenging those in attendance to continue to work together for common goals, he emphasized that "when we all pull together, only then will our voices be made heard."

Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative recently renewed its contract with Lehigh Valley Cooperative



Roy Alger

Milk Producers, a move which, in Alger's words, should make the membership "thankful and proud." He added that members' milk has been in more demand in recent months, and this has put the Mount Joy Co-op in a favorable bargaining position. He regards the contract with LeHi as being beneficial to the Mount Joy Co-op.

"After lengthy discussions and meetings, your board of directors decided it was for the best interest of the Mount Joy Farmers Co-op to remain with LeHi and accepted with confidence a

mutual agreement that was to our favor and amounts to 10 cents per hundredweight," Alger said.

"The year 1978 is now history and we are embarked in a new year - 1979. We have our sleeves rolled up and are ready to make this cooperative a stronger and better competitor in the milk marketing area," he told the assembled members and guests. "Our manager and the board of directors cannot do the job themselves, so we ask you as members now, more than ever before, for your support," Alger continued.

Expressing concern over legislation brewing in Washington which might jeopardize marketing freedoms of farmers, Alger again emphasized the need for solidarity. "Above all else, promote us," he exclaimed in his closing statements.

In other news evolving from the meeting, Lancaster County Dairy Princess Joyce Stoltzfus announced that she is giving presentations to elementary school children throughout the county. Accompanying her to each engagement is a puppet calf, Clarabelle, with which she entertains and informs her young audiences. In concluding her presentation here, she

thanked the farmers for their support - both to her as a dairy princess, and to the industry in general.

Fieldman Max Sumser reminded the group that U.S. Public Health inspections are due, and that inspectors are insisting on plywood covers over all feed carts. Furthermore, he asked the dairymen to make it a habit to check cooling equipment after each milking, to make

sure that it's working properly.

"Also protect the compressor during cold weather, and be careful with antibiotics," Sumser cautioned. "Read the label," he advised. In a final note, he asked the membership to be considerate of haulers and hauling equipment. Noting that the cooperative's hauling expenses and insurance rates have gone up,

Sumser requested that all members have material readily available which can be applied to icy farm lanes. "Also trim branches to keep them from hitting and scraping our trucks," he added.

The general manager of the Mount Joy Co-op is Paul Hostetter.

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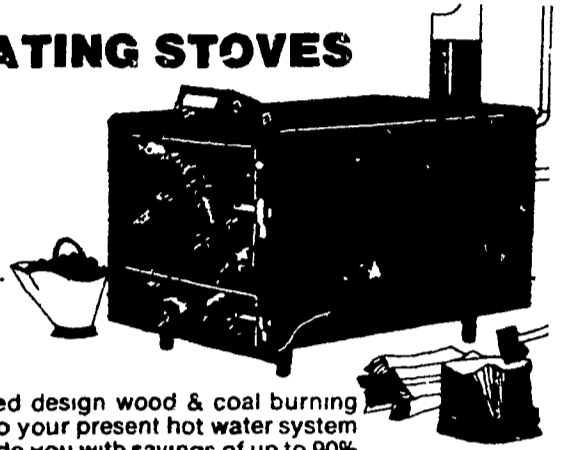
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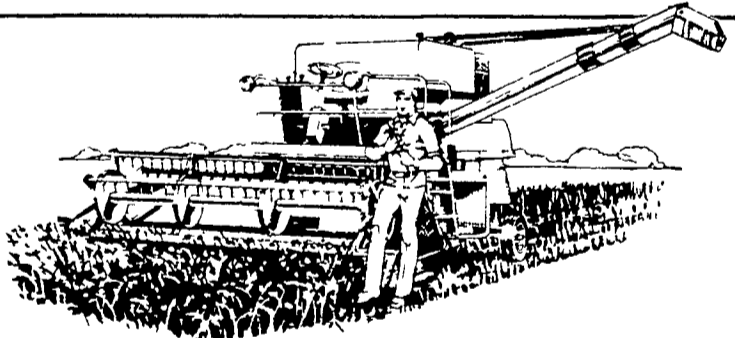
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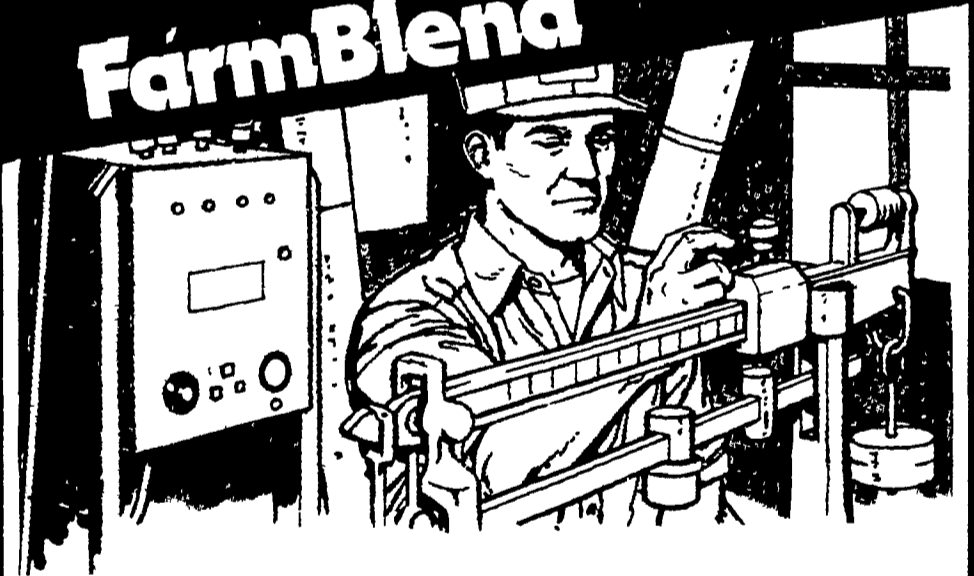
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