

Eastern

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also urges members to call the Co-op and voice their support of Stanley Korona, who was elected President at the Co-op's annual meeting two weeks ago.

Supporters of the advertising campaign say they are fed up with the reblands and assessments which have clouded the Co-op's financial history in the past several years.

Korona's supporters say they feel a show of broad-based backing for the new President will strengthen his hand when he presents his reform measures at the Board meeting.

In the ads members are urged to contact Lisle Dutton rather than the Co-op's General Manager Howard McDonald.

Korona said he feels it is important the Co-op be on its way to sound financial footing by the October delegate meeting.

He said he was unwilling to blame current problems on any one person but added, "We must take some drastic steps."

He said members have indicated they are willing to stay with the Co-op as long as the current and past financial history is cleared up.

"If it takes firing some people, the members are saying they will support it," Korona concluded.

Indeed, if the sentiments expressed this week by a number of Eastern members are indicative of the Co-op as

a whole, such change would be welcomed by many members.

Korona said he is making it his job to see the Co-op does embark upon a period of financial stability.

Meanwhile, efforts by Eastern to force non-members shipping to the South Waverly plant to join the Co-op continue.

But two cooperatives have indicated they are willing to take members and milk in the area.

Lehigh Valley Cooperative Vice President John York said the Co-op "needs more milk" and said Lehigh had "an open door" to any farmer with proper quality, location, and volume.

Lehigh has been building three pockets of milk in the northeast. One, with 60 to 70 shippers, is near Marathon, N.Y., he continued.

A second is in Bradford and Susquehanna Counties, near Towanda. The third is in Wayne County near Waymart.

York, in charge of Lehigh's member relations, said "If anybody in that area wants to talk with me, I'd be glad to talk to them."

"We need to develop an additional supply of milk from producers who will open their doors to Lehigh," he stated.

Inter-State Milk Producers, while not mounting a concentrated recruiting campaign, said it would not refuse to talk to anyone who meets its sanitation requirements.

"If farmers in the area request a market and have the quality for the market,

Winter wheat yields up

HARRISBURG — Based on June 1 conditions, the Commonwealth's winter wheat crop is expected to produce 8.25 million bushels from an indicated 250,000 acres, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. If realized, this will be two percent above last year's production. Yield is expected to average 33 bushels per acre.

Peach production in Pennsylvania is forecast at

we would look at them," said Inter-State's Boyd Gartley.

Inter-State currently has other Order II shippers. While it would be uneconomical for any co-op to pick up an isolated shipper, Inter-State indicated it was the co-op's purpose to pick up good dairymen seeking a market.

105 million pounds, 17 percent above last year's production.

At the United States level, winter wheat production is forecast at a record high 1.76 billion bushels, nine percent greater than last year and three percent above last month's forecast.

Peach production in the United States is forecast at 2.88 billion pounds, three percent below last season but seven percent above the 1978 harvest. The California clingstone peach crop is expected to total 1.32 billion pounds, six percent less than last year but seven percent more than 1978.

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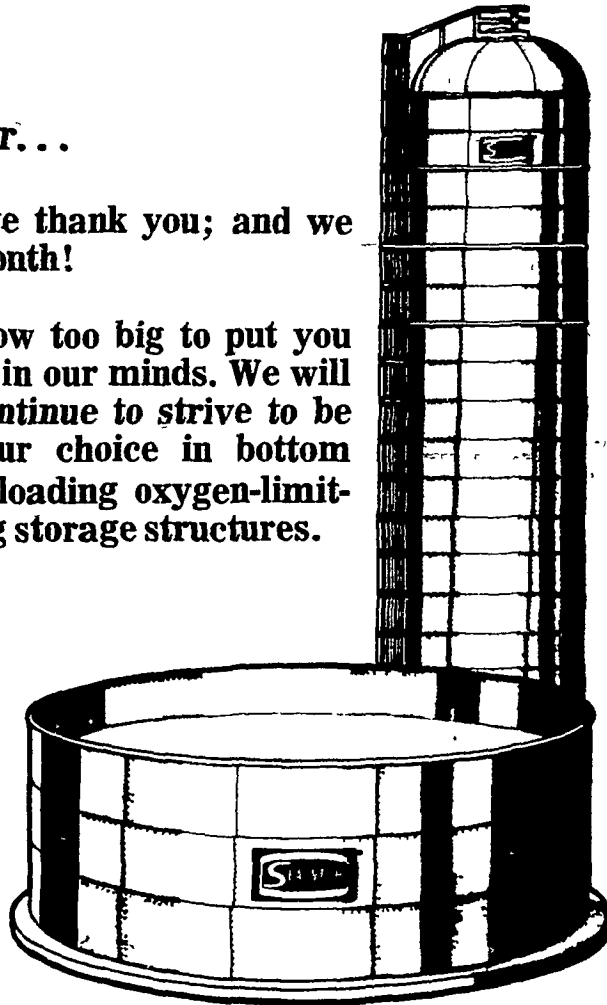


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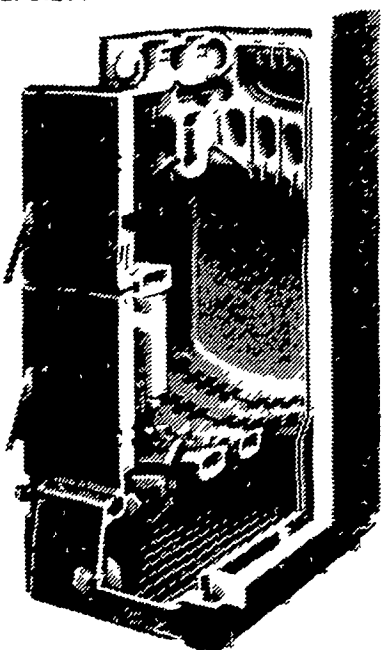


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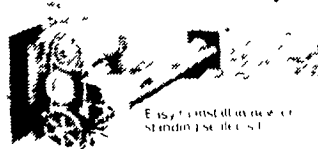
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