

Family & businesses with hearts as big as their surprise

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
SCHOENECK — The family of Ephrata R1 farmer, Melvin Nolt, cooked up a coast-to-coast surprise for him this week.

And to help them carry off the surprise, the family had

the aid and support of some businessmen and industries with a heart.

It was the Nolt farm that was among the most severely damaged in that late June twister that cut a swath of destruction through

Ephrata Township.

The Nolts lost a tobacco shed, barn, equipment and other contents, including a herd of 99 Charolais, 35 of which died immediately in the fire. In addition, their house and other parts of the

farmstead, which dates back to the late 18th century, were damaged.

Friends and neighbors immediately gathered to help out, as they did at other area farms. After the cleanup, the tobacco shed was rebuilt. A gang of combiners and balers congregated to bring in the Nolt wheat and straw.

Now, a new 70 X 92-foot clear-span barn is in place. It's big enough to hold 180 head of cattle, along with hay and straw.

Well, now to the surprise. On Tuesday night, the barn, whose interior is not quite completed, received its first boarder.

Naturally, it's a steer and naturally, it's a Charolais. But it's not quite the steer you might think it is.

This one has the proud head of the breed and the rippling muscles across the broad frame. But he only tips the scales at about 130 pounds.

You see, he's made of fibreglass and is one of the

most docile barnyard critters you'll ever see.

The yet unnamed steer, who is likely to end up with a "handle" like surprise or the like, proudly rode into the Nolt farm Tuesday night on the bed of a tractor trailer designed for hauling steel.

And you could tell from the look on Melvin Nolt's face, the surprise was a well-kept secret.

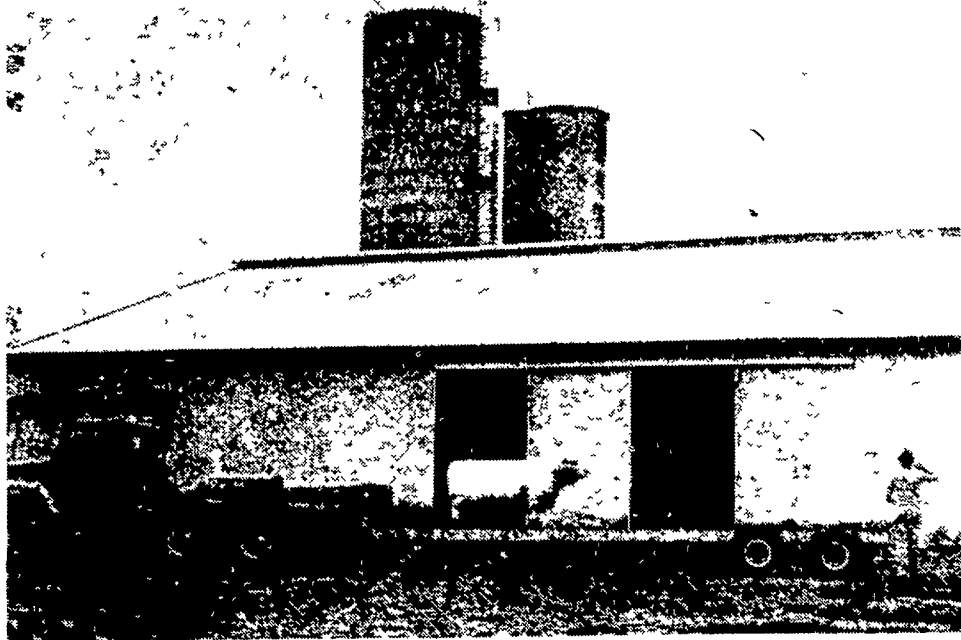
The acquisition of the Nolt mascot is quite a story, too.

After all the misfortune, the family wanted to sur-

prise Melvin. But you just don't go into the local Agway or implement dealer and say you want a full-size fibreglass replica of a Charolais steer.

Then, the builder and principal suppliers for the new barn stepped in and helped out. Builder is Nelson Wenger, R4 Lititz. Materials came from Fabral Steel and Aluminum Roofing, Lancaster, through their

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Charolais steer arrives on back of flatbed tractor trailer at Nolt farm. New barn is in background.



Is this a way to unload a steer? Toting him into barn are, Melvin Nolt, front left; Paul Good, neighbor who coordinated acquisition; Nelson Wenger, left rear, builder; and Mike Nolt.

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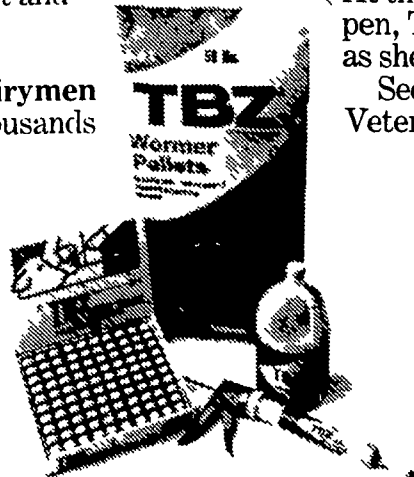
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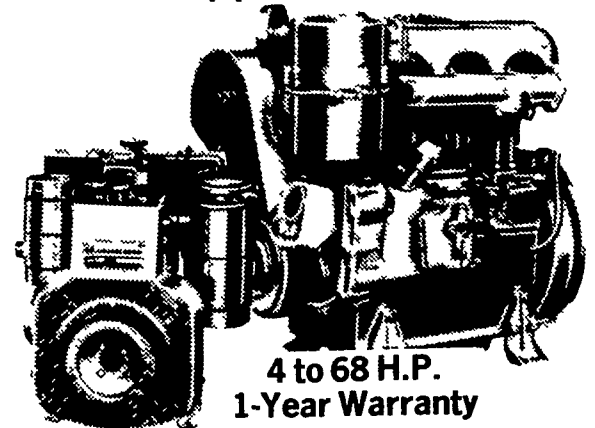
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