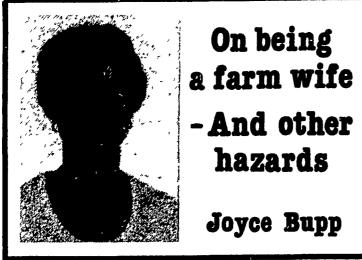
B10-Lancaster Farming, Saturday, December 5, 1981



of tight economics, it's spent

before it even passes a bank

So when several days had passed

and many of our cooperative's

teller's hands.

Thinking about sending Christmas cards?

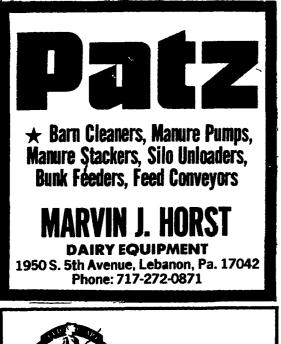
Better hurry. Your friends could still be waiting for them on New Year's Day.

At least that's the delivery service a couple of hundred Mid-Atlantic area dairy families have come to expect.

Dairy farmers get their paychecks via the mails, sent out from their cooperatives, or private handlers. The bulk of us receive only monthly checks, although some accounts are set up for bimonthly payouts.

With agriculture such a credit intensive business, there are few farmers who don't have some regular loan payments rolling due for machinery, cows, crop expenses, not to mention the mortgage on the old place. And, likely, those payments for dairymen are set up to pretty well coincide with the receipt of the milk check.

This farm wife, for instance, regularly plans to be near the mailbox on the second day following milkcheck mailings. Like most paychecks in these days



members had still not received their November check recently, they were plenty upset

The checks had been pre-sorted, stamped with first-class postage, and hand delivered to the Baltimore postal facility. By contrast, some members in extreme western Maryland received their's the following morning, while nearly a week later, others were still lost.

A massive headache of stoppayments and reissueance of checks, hand deliveries and various emergency procedures bailed out dozens of farm families faced with loan payments and land tax penalties, plus the black mark against credit that goes with late payments.

The vanished checks eventually turned up in bags of third-class "junk mail", which normally is mailed out at just pennies

The most aggravating part of the problem is that it's happened again and again.

Of course, there's a solution for better service. Raise the cost of stamps. Look what that's always done for better service in the past. In fairness to the Postal Service, their rural post office personnel seem considerably more efficient. and genuinely concerned.

mistresses, when asked if she would have to shut down during the through an obstacle course. The recent period when the govern- second course consisted of backing ment literally ran out of operating a wagon from one stall into money, replied that she guessed another. There was also a written they paid her enough that she could test for all contestants. come in for a day or two not knowing whether her next paycheck would ever arrive.

I nominate her for Postmaster General.

### **Patches wins**

### tractor contest

LEBANON - Cedar Crest FFA members Dale Zuck and Mark Patches recently competed in the Area FFA Tractor Driving Contest at Blue Mountain High School.

The contest consisted of two course. On the first course the One of my favorite local post- contestants had to back a manure spreader into a stall and drive it

> The contest ended with Mark Patches placing first with 237 points and Dale Zuck finishing third with 255 points.



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