Thanks For The Investment, Scholarship Recipient Tells Foundation

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He wrestled with making the decision to change such carved-instone plans, until he was asked. a few weeks later, to become a youth pastor with Mount Joy Mennonite Church. In subsequent years, he became associate pastor. Seven years ago he completed his master of divinity degree at Eastern Baptist Seminary in Philadelphia and has served full-time as pastor at Mount Joy ever since.

He thanked the directors and said, "I would like to think that you have enriched the community by your investment," said Sherer. "Your gift was deeply appreciated, and it really did help make it possible for me to continue my education.'

Even though his life's work has not been veterinary medicine or anything having to do with animal husbandry or agriculture, he said, "I am and always will be a farm boy at heart. Springtime nearly always brings for me a bad case of plowing fever.

"I have not severed, nor forgot-

ten, my roots," said Sherer. "And I would not trade my growing up years on the farm for any other.

"Much more important than the degree that one receives is the mindset one develops toward life and toward learning and toward serving other people."

Also scheduled to speak was Ken Risser, Richmond, Va., who also received a \$500 scholarship. Risser, who is manager of the Glenwood Farms egg processing plant near Richmond, was unable to attend because of the devastating weather.

At the meeting, Dr. John Schwartz, extension director. spoke about the current scholarships, which include seven out of 19 applications, each worth \$1,000. These seven are attending five different colleges and universisties, of which four are studying agriculture and three are studying home economics.

So far, over the years, 338 scholarships totalling \$247,300 have been awarded.

According to Robert Zook,

Foundation president, work is under way to refurbish the lower level rooms and lease recently vacated office space.

Also, Chester J. Neuin provided a business manager report that indicated the recent conversion of the Farm and Home Center building from electric to gas heat has saved approximately \$10,000 a year in heating bills.

Richard Haas, treasurer, reported on the finances of the Foundation. As of Dec. 31, 1993, total assets equalled \$484,672 with a total equity of of \$473,029. Total general operating expenses were \$14,199 for the year and the Foundation reported a net income of \$13.331.

Also, seven new directors were elected at the meeting. They are Joan Hershey, Mount Joy, former president of the Lancaster County Farm Women Society; Elvin Hess, Strasburg, a retired dairy farmer who was recently named Outstanding 4-H Beef Club leader; Mark S. Hess, Lancaster, retired

Joy, home economics teacher at Manheim Central and secretary of the Foundation's board of directors; James G. Kreider, Quarryville, who operates a 250-acre, 150-cow dairy and is president of Atlantic Breeders Cooperative;

Charles H. Rohrer, Paradisc, who operates a 225-acre, 80-cow dairy; and Larry H. Skromme, Lancaster, who serves on the finance and scholarship committees of the Foundation.

Blair/Huntingdon **Crops Day Set**

HUNTINGDON (Huntingdon Co.) — The annual Crops Day for producers in Blair and Huntingdon counties will be held on Feb. 7 from 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the Fire Hall in Alexandria.

The morning session will cover nutrient management and soil compaction. The afternoon session will be a pesticide certification update. Producers will be awarded two core and two category credits if they are in attendance beginning at 1 p.m.

Lunch reservations are needed by January 31. Contact the Blair extension office, (814) 695-5541, ext. 210 or the Huntingdon extension office, (814) 643-1660. Meal cost is \$4 per person.

Atlantic Dairy Dist. 3 To Meet

(Bucks Co.) - Atlantic annual dinner meeting

SOUTHAMPTON District 3 will hold its Dairy Cooperative's Jan. 25 at 11:45 a.m. at the Hoffman Building, Solanco Fairgrounds, in Quarryville.

James S. Fraher, Atlantic's economist, will be the guest speaker. Fraher will report on cooperative business and dairy industry news.

During the meeting, officers and delegates will be elected for the coming year. In addition, Quality Premium Awards will be presented to Benuel S. and Rachel S. Esh of Delta, Paul L. Hess & Sons of Drumore, and Robert and Bonnie Wentworth of Quarryville. The award is presented to members who qualified for Atlantic's quality premium bonus all 12 months of the 1993 fiscal year.

Also, a 25-year membership award will be presented to Delmas Burkholder of Peach Bottom.

Atlantic Dairy Cooperative represents more than 3,500 dairy farm families in Pennsylvania, New York. New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, and West Virginia.





