

Publisher Seeks Farm Poetry, Essays, Drawings

HALIFAX (Dauphin Co.) — Farm News Service, an agricultural editorial service and publisher, is seeking poems, short essays and line drawings for a new book to be published in 1996.

"We're looking for written copy and drawings that capture the essence of today's life on and about the farm," says Melissa P. Nelson, Farms News Service director.

"Farm families have a close relationship to the land, their com-

munities and their families and friends. This is the spirit we are looking for in publishing an anthology of farm-related works," Nelson adds.

"We are encouraging writers and artists of all ages to submit works for review and possible publication," says Nelson.

The following guidelines for submission of works have been established:

Submissions must be directly related to farm life and activities

and be suitable for family review. Farm News Service reserves the right to reject any submission which does not fit into the specified guidelines.

Poetry and essays should be presented as one submission per sheet of paper. Essays can be up to 500 words. Each writer may submit up to three entries. The name, address and phone number of the author should appear on each submission and each submission must be clearly typed or printed off with

a legible printer. No handwritten material will be considered.

Line drawings should be submitted on unfolded white plain paper with the author's name, address and phone number on the back of the artwork. Each artist can submit up to three drawings.

All entries should include a self-addressed stamped envelope with postage sufficient for return of the materials. Farm News Service will not be responsible for entries that arrive without return

postage.

The work will be reviewed by agricultural writers, journalists, and artists knowledgeable in the field. Entrants whose works are selected for inclusion in the book will be notified previous to publication and will receive a free copy of the book following printing. Additionally, three outstanding works will receive special recognition in the book.

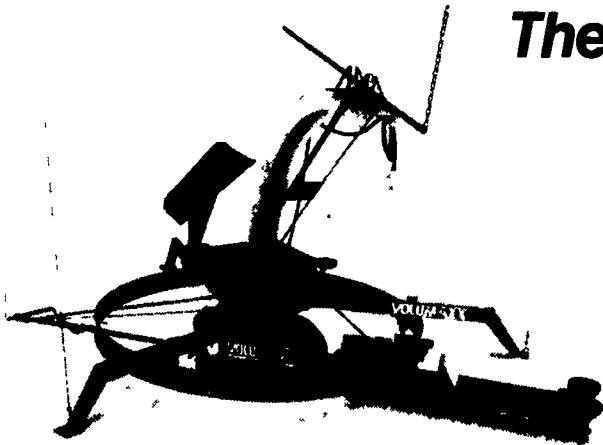
"If you've been keeping a diary of farm life, jotting down lines for a poem or sketching cows or cornstalks, this is your opportunity to share your creativity with others in and outside of the farming community," says Nelson.

Entries can be sent to Farm News Service, P.O. Box G, Halifax, PA 17032. Entries are due no later than Feb. 15, 1996.

Those interested in purchasing the book may send a note to the same address and further information will be forwarded to you.

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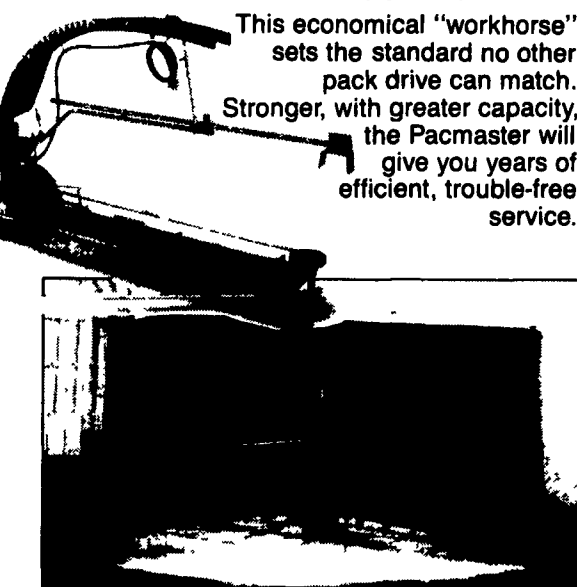
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