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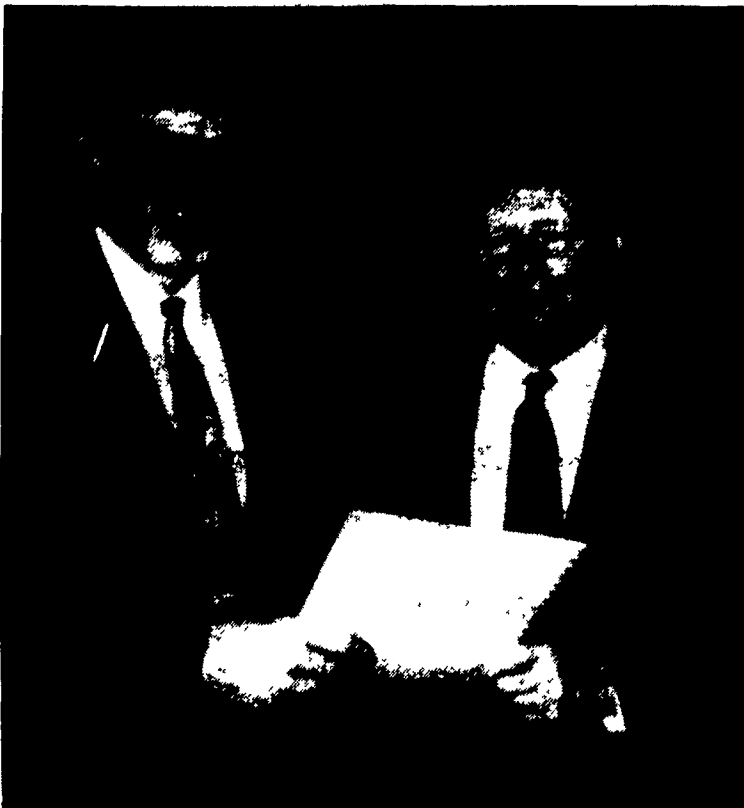
MT. JOY (Lancaster Co.) — The Mt. Joy Farmers' Cooperative increased its members and total pounds of milk shipped in 1995, but the price of milk was down. This report was given at the annual cooperative meeting Wednesday at noon.

Marlin Benedict gave the financial report. He said the 221,757,601 pounds of milk handled by the cooperative represented

a 31.9 percent increase. This milk was valued at over six million dollars in spite of a 25 percent decrease. The average milk price to members declined 74 cents from \$14.21 in 1994 to 13.47 this year. The actual net price to members was \$12.60.

With the declining milk price, the cooperative continues to try to pass along to members as much of the received price as possible. Thus the year-end "13th check," and the

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Don Risser, president, left, and Roy Alger, retiring director who served the Mount Joy Farmers Cooperative for 28 years, attend the cooperative's annual meeting.



Two queens and a princess. From left, Jona Hoover reigns as the national honey queen, Emille Miller is the Pennsylvania Polled Hereford queen, and Emily Anderson was crowned Pennsylvania honey queen last month. In addition, the contestants for the New York Dairy Princess Pageant are ready for their big moment later this month and some of their present dairy princesses have been named "big princesses." Staff Writer Lou Ann Good has stories on this royalty, the J. Leslie Landis family, and more in Section B.

Washington Political Extremes Cloud Farm Bill Probabilities

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.) — The shape of the next Farm Bill is far from known, and proof is the switch in speakers to discuss the Farm Bill at the Tuesday morning general session of the 1996 Pennsylvania Crops Conference held at the Embers Inn, in

Carlisle.

Michael L. Wagner, executive director of the Ohio Corn Growers Association was the speaker, though he replaced Susan Keith of the National Corn Growers Association, who had replaced Keith Heard, vice president of the NCGA.

The reason for the speaker-

switching was because the U.S. Legislature restarted discussions on the Farm Bill and the higher-level representatives of the NCGA needed to be in Washington D.C. to help argue on behalf of corn growers.

Wagner started his talk with an example of how lobbying efforts

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Five-Acre Awards Presented At Conference

Corn Growers Could Face Vote On Checkoff



At the crops conference, the Pennsylvania Five-Acre Corn Club awards were presented. First place awards went to, from left, Jack Coleman, Ronks, in the shelled grain class three-acre-plus harvest size; John Crist, Jersey Shore, for the shelled grain class machine harvest size;

Richard Kreider, Lebanon, for the shelled grain, three-year average, three-acre-plus harvest size; Herman Manbeck, shelled grain class, three-year average, regular harvest size; and Ed Snook, shelled grain class, regular harvest size.

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CARLISLE (Cumberland Co.) — Pennsylvania corn growers could be asked to vote in a referendum in the near future on a possible checkoff.

The checkoff, mirrored after a similar one in New York, could collect 1½ cents for each bushel of corn at point of purchase, according to Curt Rakestraw, president of the Pennsylvania Master Corn Growers Association (PMCGA), on Tuesday afternoon at the Penn State-sponsored Pennsylvania Crops Conference.

According to Rakestraw, the price could even be reflected in corn purchased by feeders from mills.

Increasingly, there will be less and less support by the U.S. government on corn product promotion, research, and development. This could have a far-reaching and significant impact on growers

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