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## Local Girl Cops Championship Second Time

Lancaster County 4-H Club Members took top honors in both Ayrshire and Guernsey judging at the Southeast District 4-H Dairy Show last Thursday at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion, Lincoln Highway East.

Marilyn Harnish, 14, Quarryville, R1, took the Grand Championship in Ayrshire Breed for the second year in a row. H. Ross Ferguson of Kirkwood was the winner of the Guernsey Breed. George Rutt, Jr., Stevens R1, won honors in the Holstein Division with a second place junior calf and third place junior yearling. William F. Ferguson, brother of Ross, took first place honors with a senior yearling in the Guernsey judging. Sandra Rutt, Stevens R1, and Carol Ann Krantz, New Providence R1, took prizes in fitting, while Miss Harnish 14, was also the winner of the Showmanship Blue Ribbon. The show qualified the blue ribbon winner for competition in the Pennsylvania Jr. Dairy Show, September 18, in the State Farm Show Building, Harrisburg.

No county animals showed to blue ribbons in the Jersey Breed. Breed Champion was shown by Merle Miller, Jr., Cumberland County. Judges for the show were Gordon Cairn, Dean of the College of Agriculture of University of Maryland and Cuthbert Nairn, Douglasville, Ayrshire breeder. John H. Holbert, Bedford County Agent, and Robert J. Rugaber, Center County Assistant Agent, judged the fitting and showing.

Cattle were shown from Adams, Berks, Bucks, Chester, Cumberland, Dauphin, Franklin Lancaster Lebanon Lehigh, Montgomery, Northampton, and York Counties.

## Future Farmers Win Three Grand Championship Ribbons at Dairy Show

Future Farmers from Lancaster County collected three of the four grand championship ribbons at the Southeast District FFA Dairy Show at the Guernsey Sales Pavilion last Friday. In addition to the championship rosettes, two reserve championships came to county showmen as well.

The big winner from the county was Tom Halladay, Jr. Kirkwood R1, who carried home both champion and reserve rosettes for his Jerseys. His three year old cow, Brampton Beacon's Jane Susse, got the judges nod for grand champion while his senior calf, Spinaway Far Star was named reserve.

Rock Acres Dixie repeated as champion Ayrshire at the show. The two year old cow owned by Ned Paes of Strasburg R1, will try to equal his 1957 mark when she was grand champion of the Penna. State FFA Dairy Show.

Two Future Farmers teamed up to keep both top Guernsey honors in the county. C Kenneth Young, Mount Joy R1, showed Meadow Wood C. Socrota to the championship while Kenneth Gar-

## Three Young Men To Be Awarded Highest FFA Degree



AARON S. LANDIS

AARON LANDIS, 20, R.D. 1, Strasburg, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin L. Landis. He graduated from the Lampeter-Strasburg High School in 1955 and is married to the former Mary Ann Embly.

He now farms a 60 acre farm, and has 32 fattening hogs, nine steers, and 1000 laying hens. He grows corn, tobacco, wheat and hay.

He started his freshman year with four fattening hogs, one acre of corn, three acres of wheat, one-half acre of tobacco, and one acre of tomatoes, increasing his farming program each year thereafter.

Landis was secretary of the Garden Spot FFA, reporter in the Lancaster County Chapter, and member of a quartet that sang at the State and National F.F.A. conventions in 1956. He was on the State and National F.F.A. chorus in 1955.

In 1954, he was second in the State in the one acre corn growing contest.

In addition to his farming program he continues his love for music and accepts numerous singing engagements



KENNETH RUTT

KENNETH RUTT who farms 223 acres in partnership with his father Ira Rutt at Peach Bottom R1, began his farming operation in Vocational Agriculture with a steer, two pigs, and one acre of corn. His present operation includes 80 acres of tomatoes, 40 acres of corn, 18 acres of wheat, 15 acres of barley, two acres of rye, and 15 acres of soybeans and sorghum for silage.

Livestock on the farm includes 40 head of steers 1200 laying hens, and 300 replacement pullets. Thirty three migrant workers are hired to help harvest the tomatoes.

Rutt who is 20 years old is married to the former Vivian Kreider and has one son, Jeffrey, eight months old. The farming operation is a family partnership in which Mrs. Rutt helps with the farm and field work whenever possible. Kenneth entered into a Father-Son partnership agreement several years ago when he graduated from high school and bought into the farming business. Each year his share of the farming program increases and his managerial responsibilities increase also.

The trip to Kansas City to accept the degree will be the second trip to the National Convention of FFA. for Rutt. In 1956 he was Pennsylvania State livestock judging champion and represented the state in the national contest.

Rutt is active in the Mechanics Grove Church of the Brethren and is a member of the Christian Workers Sunday School class of that church. He is a member of Lancaster County Farm Bureau, Eastern States Farmers Exchange, and Farm Service Association.

Kenneth was active in FFA at Solanco holding office of secretary and sentinel in the local chapter and secretary of the County Association.

His plans for the future include increasing the size of the farming operation and accepting more of the managerial responsibilities of the partnership.

## Price Index Down

HARRISBURG, Sept. 2 — The Pa Prices Received by farmers index for all farm products fell again for the fifth consecutive month. The drop was a result of lower prices paid producers for corn, oats, hay, apples, beef cattle, cows, steers and heifers, milk cows, hogs, lambs, chickens and vegetables.



JOHN D. STONER

JOHN STONER, 21, R.D. 7, Lancaster, is the son of John H. Stoner and the late Marly L. Stoner. He graduated from the Lampeter-Strasburg High School in 1955.

He now farms 180 acres in partnership with his father. It includes 28 dairy animals, 6 brood sows, and 1600 layers. They also fatten hogs and beef cattle, and grow corn, small grain, hay and tobacco.

Stoner started his high school Vo Ag farming program with 4 fattening hogs, 300 chickens and 2 acres of corn. He continued to enlarge his farming program and entered into a partnership agreement with his father in January, 1957.

He was vice pres, and pres of the Garden Spot F.F.A. at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, president of the Lancaster County F.F.A., and vice president of the State Association. He was a member of a quartet that sang at the State and National F.F.A. conventions in 1956, and the vice president of the Parliamentary Procedure team that placed second in the State contest in 1954.

John was president of his high school class for three years, and was named the outstanding senior at graduation.

He is now a member of the board of directors of the Lampeter Community Fair Association.

## Breeders Plan To Show Top Strains At NEPPCO

TRENTON, N J—For the first time in the history of the U. S. poultry industry, entries from most of the nation's random sample tests will be on display for first-hand examinations by poultrymen from every corner of the Northeast.

In a special test exhibit, the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO) will put these famous strains of birds on display at its annual exposition in Harrisburg, Pa., Oct 7-8-9. Each pen, consisting of three birds, will have come directly from official contests in various parts of the country. All birds will have completed a full year of production under rigorous testing conditions in competition with birds of other top flight breeders.

Twenty-five entries are already in for the exhibit, according to

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## American Farmer Degree Won By Three In County

Youths Capture  
1/3 Of State Quota

The National Association of Future Farmers of America will award its highest degree to three young men from Lancaster County at the National FFA convention in Kansas City in October. The degree which is conferred annually on young men who have done outstanding service to the FFA, their communities, and agriculture, is awarded on the basis of one per thousand membership in each of the states.

This year Pennsylvania had a quota of only nine degrees to be distributed among the near 10,000 Future Farmers in the state.

The three young men and their chapters are Aaron Landis, Garden Spot Chapter; John Stoner, Garden Spot Chapter; and Kenneth Rutt, Solanco Chapter.

The minimum qualifications for election to the Degree are as follows:

The applicant must have held the degree of State Farmer preceding election to the Degree of American Farmer and have been an active member of the FFA continuously for at least 36 months and have a satisfactory record of participation in the activities of the local chapter and the state association.

Must have satisfactorily completed at least three years of instruction in vocational agriculture, or have completed all of the vocational agriculture offered in the school last attended, have been out of high school for at least 12 months prior to the convention at which the degree is granted, and have in operation an outstanding program of supervised farming. Productive projects must show comprehensive planning, continuation, growth, and increase in scope with records to substantiate such accomplishments.

During the period covered by his application, the candidate must have earned by his own efforts from farming and other agriculture work and have deposited in a bank or otherwise productively invested at least \$1,000, provided that at least two-thirds of this amount is derived from his supervised farming program.

In the cases where the applicant has assisted in the support of dependents, the amount so expended, in the judgment of the National Board of Student Officers, may be considered as an investment.

Show outstanding ability as evidenced by his leadership and cooperation in student, chapter, and community activities, and have a satisfactory scholarship record certified by the local school superintendent or principal.

A state association may submit, annually, the application of one candidate for the American Farmer Degree for each 1000 active members in the association.

Each state association in good standing shall be entitled to submit the application of at least one candidate for the American Farmer Degree each year.

Applications for the Degree approved by the State Advisor, must

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