

Mercer County Youth Is State FFA Star Farmer

Harrisburg—Carl E. Gadsby, 18, of Grove City RD 3, Mercer County was named as "State Star Farmer of Pennsylvania" by Future Farmers of America during the 1959 Pennsylvania Farm Show. The honor, highest which can come to an FFA boy at the State level, was conferred upon him by the FFA State president, Dean Hoffer, of Manheim, RD 3, Lancaster County, who won the 1958 State Farm Star Farmer award. In addition to winning the

top State honor, young Gadsby has been designated as Star Farmer for the northwestern region of Pennsylvania. Carl was selected for the high FFA honor by the Keystone FFA Advisory Council because his achievements, in scholarship, agriculture, and leadership gave him the highest score among all nominees for the FFA's Keystone Farmer degree. Starting as a 10-year-old lad with two pigs, Carl developed a well balanced farming program in which he completed more than 50 vocational agriculture projects in the past five years. Reinvesting his profits in livestock, equipment and buildings, he now has a net worth of more than \$25,000.

A graduate of Lakeview Joint Consolidated School in 1957, young Gadsby now is operating the 188-acre home farm. His farming enterprises included 306 swine, 217 sheep, 850 roaster chickens, 150 ducks, 33 acres of corn, 31 acres of oats, 13 of wheat, and 10 of barley.

In addition to having been an officer of his local FFA chapter, he has participated in a wide range of FFA activities and in 1956 placed first in his county, district, and State in the Pennsylvania Corn Improvement contest, with a yield of 170 bushels of shelled corn to the acre. The honor of being picked as the State Star Farmer carries with it an award of \$100 from the National FFA Foundation, Inc. The honor of being named Pennsylvania FFA "Star Dairy Farmer" went to a 17-year-old Crawford County boy who is a senior at Townville Consolidated High School. He is Scott J. Preston of Centerville, RD3. The title of Star Dairy Farmer is reserved for the Pennsylvania member of the Future Farmers of America with the most outstanding dairy farming program of the past year. Scott was selected by the Keystone FFA Advisory Council after study of several hundred reports of achievement by vocational agriculture students of Pennsylvania. Young Preston now has a dairy herd of 33 Holsteins, of which 25 are purebred. His farming program for the current school year, in addition to his dairy herd, includes 12 swine, 300 broilers, 70 acres of corn, 36 acres of oats, 35 of hay, 20 acres of wheat, one acre of potatoes, and one acre of strawberries.

Vaccination of breeding swine for protection against leptospirosis is recommended by Dr. Sam Guss, Penn State extension veterinary specialist.

Two-thirds of the world's people are underfed, 1/6 are adequately fed, and only 1/6 are well fed, according to United Nations surveys. Every \$1 sent to the CARE Food Crusade, New York 16, N. Y., delivers a 22-lb. package of U. S. farm foods to help feed the world's hungry people.

TREATS AT COUNTY HOME

Society of Farm Women No. 3 met at the home of Mrs. Harold Stuber, Lincoln, Jan. 17. Mrs. Ivan Eberly, presiding.

Mrs. Samuel Mohler officiated at the installation of officers, with all 1958 officeholders being returned to their positions.

Miss Jean Burkholder, health educator for the Tuberculosis Society, presented a humorous colored film, "Are You Positive?" She discussed the tuberculin testing program, from a school and general public standpoint.

Miss Mary Royer reported delivering 56 cancer dresses to the Cancer Society. Mrs. Ivan Eberly, Mrs. Harry Usner and Mrs. Willie Stober, state convention delegates, submitted reports

Mrs. Harold Fry reported the recent 4-H Exchange Tour to Illinois.

Mrs. Eberly asked for volunteers to visit the County Home, January 22, to distribute ice cream. Mrs. Clarence Stauffer, Mrs. Abram Bollinger, Mrs. Willie Stober, Mr. Samuel Mohler and Mrs. Eberly volunteered and carried out the program.

Next meeting of Society will be in the Mt. Airy Fire Hall, with Mrs. Charles W. Schachter as hostess. Mrs. Jack Shank will present a slide program of her 1958 summer tour of Europe.

Production of chicks from commercial hatcheries in Lancaster during December was 16 per cent from December 1957 and up 52 per cent from the 1952 - 56 average for the month.



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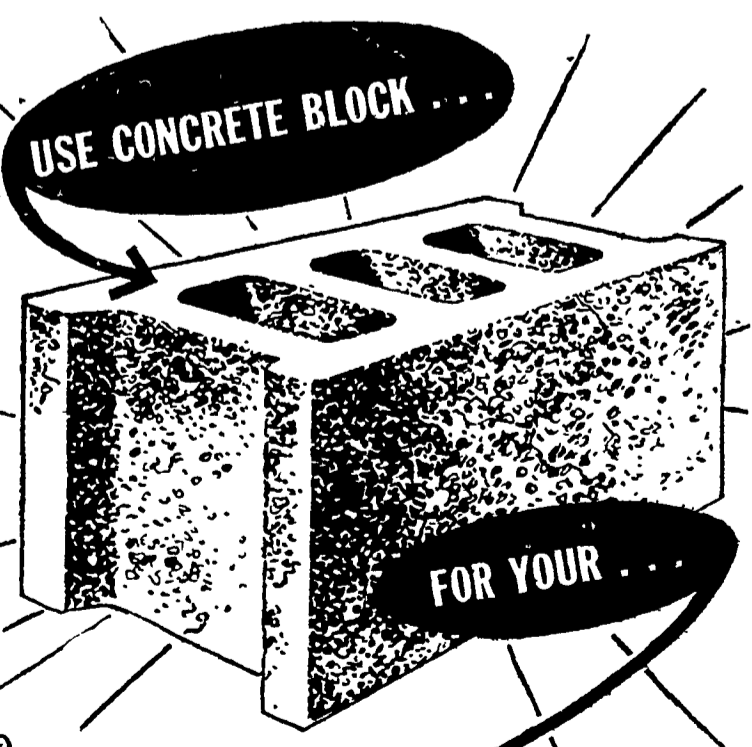
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