



CORN CULTIVATION IS DELAYED for the minute as the photographer snaps the newly elected state FFA president Carl Ginder, his father, and his teacher of vocational agriculture. Carl is far left, Ralph Ginder is center and Grant Miller is far right. Ginders had just completed cultivating corn and were cleaning the tractor and equipment while they waited for the reporter.

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● **FFA President**

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born. Ralph Ginder purchased the farm from his parents just two months ago.

The 31 Holsteins furnish the major portion of the farm income on the home farm with three acres of potatoes as the only cash crop.

On a 30 acre rented farm nearby, Carl grows two acres of tobacco 10 acres of corn, nine acres of wheat and barley and about 10 acres of hay. He feeds the corn and hay to beef cattle.

Carl started his FFA farming program with one show steer and an acre of tobacco when he was a freshman. He repeated this program in his sophomore year, but when he became a junior, he rented the farm and put four beef heifers on feed.

When he sold the heifers last October, he bought 12 steers and fed them through the winter. He sold them in the spring, but found replacements were high in price. He still had some corn to feed, so he bought five Holstein steers in April and plans to sell them at about 12,000 pounds. He believes the lower initial cost and the rapid growth rate will make him more money than higher priced beef type steers.

Carl has a good knowledge of livestock winning first place in FFA swine judging and

third place in poultry judging at Lampeter fair in 1960. At the same fair he won third place with his steer which went on to take third place in both the Elizabethtown and Manheim fairs the same year. He won a bronze medal in livestock judging at the 1961 state FFA week at Penn State.

He has been active in FFA holding the office of local secretary in 1961-62, local president in 1962-63, and County secretary in the same year. He served on the program of work committee and the tobacco committee in his local chapter.

His activities in FFA and in the horns and Young People's group at church won the Boy of the Month award for him at his school in March. The award is sponsored by the Mount Joy Rotary club and recipients are selected by the school faculty.

He won his chapter's FFA Foundation medals for public speaking and livestock farming at the annual banquet this year.

At present Carl and his father plan no enlargement of their farming program, and Carl believes this is as it should be since he will be busy many days this year directing the work of the state's Future Farmers.

As a father of a former state officer once said, "Sometimes FFA seems to stand for Feather Farms Alone".



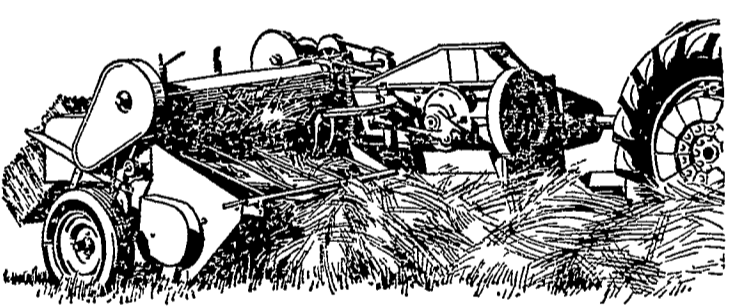
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