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SECOND SECTION

Elizabethtown Youth Will Visit Netherlands Under IFYE Program

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Harvey M. Gipe, Jr., Elizabethtown R2, has been chosen as one of the five Pennsylvania outstanding rural youths going abroad in the International Farm Youth Exchange program, according to Henry T. Moon, State IFYE program director and assistant State 4-H leader at The Pennsylvania State University. Harvey will

be leaving in April to spend six months with farm families in The Netherlands — assisting in their farm work, giving talks on American agriculture, visiting many places and attending events, learning the customs of the country and serving as a good will ambassador for the United States.

This 21-year old senior is majoring in animal science at Penn State. He was employed last summer as assistant county agent in Clearfield county, and previously worked at the PSU Swine Center, Meats La-

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Witmer Cows Post Top Official Records

Four registered Guernsey cows in the herd of R F & L A Witmer, Willow Street, Penna, have recently completed top official DHIR actual production records, according to The American Guernsey Cattle Club. All cows were milked two times a day. The testing was supervised by Pennsylvania State University. These cows were: Zeitle Cardinals Aida, an 8-year old, produced 13,950 pounds of milk and 659 pounds of fat, in 305 days; Penn Del Kings Polly Anna, a 7-year-old, produced 11,640 pounds of milk and 585 pounds of fat, in 305 days; Penn Del Reliable Cherry, Pink, a 5-year-old, produced

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A Shovel Is Only Mechanization Justified To Feed Less Than 100 Steers, Ext. Spec. Tells Farmers

In discussing the economics of automated cattle feeding before about 40 county farmers this week, Lester Burdette Penn State extension livestock specialist, said that to make a profit construction costs must be kept in line with possible returns. He suggested that a farmer could afford more than the basic hand tools if he feeds 100 or less animals, automated feeding equipment is little more than a "status symbol". The livestock specialist warned that money invested in mechanical equipment won't pay the small feeder

as great a return as the same amount invested in corn land. If a man feeds more than 300 steers he can afford an auger and fence-line feed bunks. Burdette said. In comparing the economics of bunk silos, with concrete stave silos, he quoted some western figures that showed an overall storage cost advantage for the large bunk silo of \$155 per ton of silage. The most important tip he stressed for bunk silos is to do a good packing job. The best way to do this is with a small-wheeled tractor, Burdette told the cattlemen.

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