



Russel Kline (right) of Reinholds has been named winner of the Eighth Annual Ephrata Jaycees Steer Award.

Congratulating Kline recently at his farm is Andy Kuzmiak of the Jaycees. The Jaycees purchased the 420-pound Angus from Bergundy Farms, Orange, Va., at

the Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Kline, the young steer winner is a member of Cloister FFA Chapter of Ephrata. Besides the steer, his farming enterprise includes five Holstein heifers and two sows.

Inter-State Will Meet

Local dairy farmers who are members of Inter State Milk Producers' Cooperative, will send delegates to represent them at their annual meeting, at the Marriott Motor Hotel, City Line Ave., Philadelphia, Tuesday and Wednesday, November 24 and 25.

The program is keyed to dairy farmers and their problems, and will feature Charles B. Shuman, President of the American Farm Bureau Federation.

Shuman has been president of the AFBF since 1957; he has been a controversial figure in Washington as he speaks in behalf of farmers throughout the United States and for programs with "grass roots" beginnings.

The Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, with its home office in Philadelphia, has some 3,000 dairy farmer members in 24 districts in Delaware, Maryland, New Jersey and Pennsylvania. These districts, in turn, are divided into 79 locals whose 117 delegates will vote on resolutions and new business at Wednesday's session.

The session on Tuesday, November 24, will be devoted to reports by Wilbur Seipt, President, Dr. James E. Honan, General Manager, Dr. Paul E. Hand, Secretary & Economist, Florence Schultz, Treasurer, Golden W. Davis, Management Assistant, Donald Copeland,

Counsel, Watson Buckman, Director of Transportation, and Boyd C. Gartley, Director of Member & Public Relations.

In addition to the address by Charles Shuman at the banquet Tuesday evening, before about 700 members and guests of Inter-State, entertainment will be provided by Kaye Hart, a nationally known entertainer.

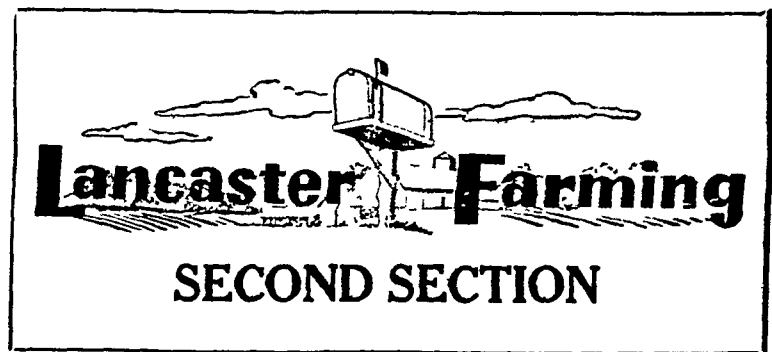
William O. Mills, Administrative Assistant to Congressman Rogers C. B. Minton will be toastmaster.

A special Ladies Meeting on Tuesday morning, November 24, will offer the wives of attending delegates a program consisting of a historic tour of Philadelphia.

Members of the Annual Meeting Committee are Lester Jones, Vice President chairman, and Directors Daniel L. Martin, William Binsfield, and President Seipt and General Manager James E. Honan serving ex officio.

The Resolutions Committee is composed of Elwood Gruwell, Fenton, Del., J. Calvin Baker, Williamsburg, Pa., J. Grove Miller, North East, Md.; and Claude W. McAllister, Bridgeton, N. J.

Serving on the Ladies Committee are Mrs. Omer Dulin, Jr., Queen Anne, Md., Mrs. Carl Feucht, Jr., Middletown, Del., Mrs. Wilmer E. Jones, Columbus, N. J., and Mrs. Calvin S. Kurtz, Elverson, Pa.



Millers Expand a 4-H Capon Project

By Mrs. Charles McSparran
Farm Feature Writer

Many farm people in the county raise just a few capons for their own use when they want exceptionally fine tasting fowl.

And some people are introduced to this delicacy when their children have capons for a 4-H project. No exception to that rule is the Charles N. Miller family, Lititz RD3.

But few can match the 600 raised a year by the Millers. That's a heap of good eating!

Mrs. Bernice (Bernie) Miller says, "I never thought I'd be in the chicken dressing business."

It all started seven years ago when the Millers' sons, Robert and Paul, had capon projects in the Lititz-Manheim 4-H Community Club. It expanded to 300 capons last year and became a family project. They also dressed them. This year they have 600. They just bought a picker to simplify the dressing process.

They sell them at their farm along the Fruitville pike near Erb's Quarry Road and also at Rood's County Market and Auction, Manheim RD1, at the Howard Stauffer's stand.

Millers are cousins of Stauffers. Stauffer's market then home raised celery, onions and eggs all year at the stand and Millers have capons there except during the summer. The market is open every Tuesday

from 2 to 10 p.m. Mrs. Miller goes at 1 p.m. to help set up the stand and also helps sell when needed.

Millers started dressing this season's capons the first part of October and have dressed 125 so far. The dressed capons average 8 to 10 pounds when they sell them and are selling for 70 cents a pound. Capons are much in demand for the Thanksgiving and Christmas market.

The three Miller boys got 300 six-week old white caponized birds through the 4-H club this year and Millers bought Hubbard Silver Cross sexed male chicks and had Dr. Wilson Miller, a veterinarian from Rohi-estown, caponize them. They keep the birds until they are six or seven months old. Mrs. Miller says the Silver Cross capons get heavier quicker and dress easier. They had one that weighed eleven pounds this year.

The Lancaster Kiwanis Club sponsors the Lititz-Manheim Capon Club and entertain them at their regular luncheon meeting at the Elks Club in Lancaster for their Round-Up. They have a speaker from the chicken industry. Some other clubs bring their capons to this Round-Up, too, although some clubs in the county have their own Round-Up. Club members must take two capons to show at this Round-Up, plus some extra ones to sell.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller have four

children. Robert, 19, graduated from Manheim Township High School in the general course and works for Hubert's Nursery. He had capon and swine 4-H projects for seven years. He is interested in farming.



Mrs. Charles N. Miller holds a 9½ pound capon she just dressed.

Paul, 17, is a senior at Manheim Township High School and is enrolled in the general course. He plays the piano for their family enjoyment and is taking piano lessons. He also has been

in 4-H swine and capon clubs seven years.

Stanley, 12, is in seventh grade in Manheim Township Middle School. He has been in 4-H two years and is completing his third project. He plays clarinet in the school band. All the boys help their father with the farm work and dressing the capons.

Ruth Ann, the only daughter, is three years old.

Millers' farm has been in their families many years. Mr. Miller's grandparents owned it and lived there. Then his parents lived there 10 years, until he was three years old. Then Mrs. Miller's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ervin Snyder, bought it. So Mrs. Miller has lived there since she was nine years old. Three years ago Mr. and Mrs. Miller bought it from her father. Mr. Snyder now lives at the end of their lane.

The farm has 65 acres in it. Mr. Miller grows 12 acres of tobacco. He also grows corn and barley and feeds most of it. He buys 45 to 50 head of beef cattle a year to fatten from the Lancaster Stock Yards. They weigh about 700 pounds apiece when he buys them.

He also keeps 20 Yorkshire-Landrace cross sows which he crosses with Berkshire. He sells most of the shoats at eight weeks or around 40 pounds. The boys fattened some and bought some for their 4-H projects. (Continued on Page 18)