

Stauffer

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 lawyer. It defines the status of each member of the partnership, as well as the partnership itself. Both father and son feel the agreement is a good way to do business, and the Board of the National FFA evidently agrees. In considering Earl's farm program, the FFA board also looked for evidence of comprehensive planning, detailed records and an increase in the scope of operations. Earl is presently handling most of the day-to-day details of running the 68-acre Sunny Craft dairy farm because his father is working as a genetic consultant

for the Holstein-Friesian Association.

The Stauffers have 30 Holstein cows on DHIA test and 30 heifers. Nearly all the feed is grown on the farm. This year corn is being grown on 37 acres, alfalfa on 27 acres and sudangrass accounts for about another five acres. Most of the crops go into the farm's silos, although some hay is baled.

Some indication of Earl's skill with crops can be seen from the fact that last year he took 8.4 tons of hay out of a one-acre alfalfa field.

In addition to the cows and crops, the Stauffers produce 137,000 broilers a year, 28,000 at a time. They're also serving as an outlet for the Pennsylvania Farmer's Association, selling car

and truck tires and batteries to neighboring farmers.

They use no hired help, although sometimes they do exchange labor with a neighbor.

Earl is 20 years old, a 1969 graduate of Ephrata High School and is married to the former Barbara Bixler from Fairfax, Virginia.

In school, Earl held many positions of leadership in the FFA and vo-ag programs. He was president of Ephrata junior ag club, vice-president of Cloister FFA in his sophomore year and president in this junior year. In 1968 he was vice-president of the Red Rose FFA district, and in 1969 was state treasurer for the FFA.

The Pennsylvania Holstein Association named him its

distinguished junior member for 1971-72, he's a member of that organization's youth committee and is active in the Ephrata area Young Farmers Association.

One of Earl's hobbies is showing hogs. He says he likes the challenge in growing hogs for show. However, the Stauffer operation isn't geared to porkers so Earl limits himself to a very few animals. This year he only has two pigs. In 1970, also, he only had two, and he showed them both.

One was grand champion at the Ephrata Fair, and the other was reserve champion at Manheim.

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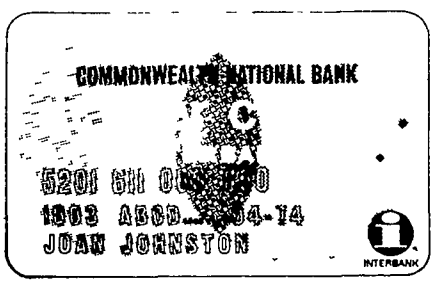
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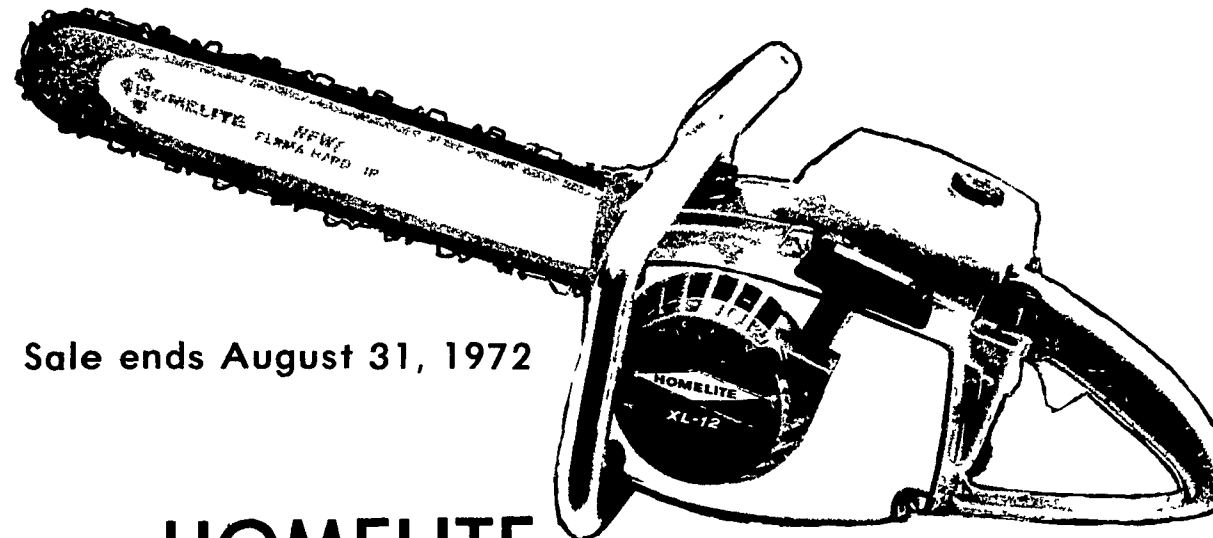
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