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Ireland has become one of Kendace Borry's favorite places. Kendace is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kenneth Borry, Mount Joy R2. She returned from Ireland last Saturday, after spending more than two weeks in the country as part of the 4-H Irish Exchange Program.

4-H'er Enjoys Trip to Ireland

Kendace Borry says she'd move to Ireland in a minute. Kendace just returned from the Emerald Isle, where she'd been on a two-week 4-H youth exchange visit. She fell in love with the country, the people, the way of life.

She had a ball. Or, as the Irish say, Kendace "gave it a good crack for a fortnight or so".

Kendace is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Kenneth Borry of Mount Joy R2. She was part of this year's 4-H Irish Exchange program, and went to Ireland with a group of 32 American 4-H'ers. Kendace was the only Pennsylvanian among the group, and she was one of only two of the Americans to stay in northern Ireland.

"I just loved Ireland," Kendace said. "The people are so relaxed and friendly I just couldn't get used to it. Here, everybody's always rushing around, trying to get things done. The people I was staying with didn't seem to worry about schedules.

"I felt guilty about getting up at 10:30 in the morning, but that's when all the women got up. The men got up around eight o'clock to work in the fields. A lot of American farmers don't feel right unless they're up by six."

Kendace's host family, the McKennas, own a 65-acre dairy

and poultry farm near Monaghan in northern Ireland. There are ten children in the family and Jimmy McKenna, the oldest son, was in the U.S. last year as a part of the 4-H youth exchange program.

The McKenna farm operation consists of broilers, turkeys and a dairy herd. The dairy animals

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Farm Calendar

Sunday, September 10
Penn Ag Convention, Le Chateau, Poconos, September 10-12.

Monday, September 11
Fulton Grange meeting, election of officers, Oakryn.
Farmfest-U.S.A. — World Farm Show, Vernon Center, Minn., September 11-17.

4:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Vocational Agriculture Teachers Association meeting, Solanco High School.

Tuesday, September 12
8 p.m. — Farm and Home Foundation Board of Directors meeting, Farm and Home Center.

8 p.m. — Rural Home Loans Seminar, Farm and Home Center.

York Fair, September 12-16.

Saturday, September 16
5th annual Harvest Fair, Schaefferstown, September 16 and 17.

Operation Update

FFA Striving for More Relevance

"We're trying to make FFA more relevant, most flexible and more meaningful for all students of vocational agriculture. FFA has very strong traditions going back to 1917, the year we were founded. We want to build on those traditions. We want to get the FFA more in tune with today's vo-ag programs. That's what Operation Update is all about."

Speaking was Dennis Sargent, the very earnest 21-year-old national secretary of the FFA. Sargent was in Lancaster this week to participate in a two-day meeting aimed at examining the future of the FFA. More than a hundred chapter and state officers from Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and New Jersey gathered at Lancaster's Hilton Inn for Operation Update. Also present were a number of vo-ag teachers and staff members from the state and national FFA.

In an interview with LANCASTER FARMING, Sargent explained that there has been

some feeling in recent years that FFA programs aren't really keeping up with new directions in vo-ag education "Agricultural education is no longer concerned just with production agriculture," he said "Vo-ag

students are taking courses in horticulture, ag mechanics, product inspection and processing, agribusiness sales and service and a whole raft of other courses

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Campbell Takes FFA Milk Prize

Robert W Campbell, Narvon R2, started with nothing but a dream a few years ago. With a lot of toil and sweat, he changed that dream into a 27-cow Ayrshire herd and a going dairy operation.

His efforts have won him the FFA proficiency award for dairy production in the North Atlantic region. Bob is one of four dairy award winners in the country, and he'll be going to Kansas City in October to attend the annual FFA convention and to find out if he'll get the national proficiency prize.

"I started out by working one summer for a farmer," Bob recalled, "and when it came time to settle up, he asked me how

much I wanted. I said I didn't want any money, but I'd take one of his heifers. He said OK and that's how I started."

Bob is a 1971 graduate of Garden Spot High School, and is a member of Grassland Chapter FFA. He is now farming about 45 acres in his dairy operation, and he's helping his grandfather to farm another 103 acres.

Bob's average annual production per cow is about 9500 pounds of milk at 45 percent butterfat. "My best cow is milking around 13,800 pounds, and the whole herd is gradually moving up as I get better at being a dairy farmer," Bob said.

R&T Slates Tractor Pull

The R&T Tractor Pull Association has scheduled a tractor pull contest for next Saturday, September 16.

Weigh-in will begin at 8:00 a.m., with the first pull scheduled for 10:00 a.m.

The classes will be: stock - 5,000 lbs., 7,000 lbs., 9,000 lbs., and 12,000 lbs.; super stock - 5,000 lbs., 7,000 lbs., 9,000 lbs., 12,000 lbs., and 15,000 lbs.; modified - 7,000 lbs., open - 9,000 lbs.

There will be a \$10 entry fee per pull, and winners will share in a \$2200 purse. Pulls will be conducted according to state tractor pull rules.

Pequea Valley Slates FFA Meet, TV Show

Pequea Valley FFA Chapter will hold a meeting in the high school ag room on Tuesday, September 12, at 7:30 p.m. According to vo-ag instructor Gerald Phillips, all present and former vo-ag students eligible for FFA membership are invited to join.

This includes any FFA member under the age of 21.

Phillips also said that the chapter will present a TV program on WGAL-TV, Channel 8, Friday, September 29.

The show will be aired on the "Noonday at 8" program, and will be concerned with safety at harvest time.



Robert W. Campbell, Narvon R2, has been named the FFA dairy proficiency award winner for the North Atlantic region. He will be going to Kansas City in October to compete for the national award.