

Mr. and Mrs. J. Floyd Kreider and Children. . .

Dairying Is A Family Project At The Kreiders

The number of dairy herds in this area has decreased by at least 50 percent in the last generation but the size of dairy herds has increased to the point that as much milk is still being produced. The trend is greater than ever to increase the production per cow. This is being done by feeding more high quality farm grown feeds and better commercial supplements, also by better dairying practices, but probably mostly by better breeding. No one can afford to have ordinary cows today. They must be the very best. Local dairymen have risen to the occasion through efficiency in production, milk testing, artificial breeding and larger herds.

A dairyman who was born and raised on an average size dairy farm was J. Floyd Kreider of Mount Joy RD? Floyd's father, Mahlon, had an average size herd of 25 cows on his farm near Manheim. In comparison to the size of his father's size dairy operation Floyd has 50 registered Holstein cows and 40 heifers. He is in DHIA and is building up his herd production through good blood lines and feeds his cows the same amount of high quality feed when they are on pasture as when they are confined to the barn in winter. The result can be observed by the pasture not being leveled to the ground, because the cows are not hungry. He obtains a better price on his commercial feed by contracting for it in the fall. He has a truck and hauls his feed to the farm.

Floyd has had 16 Ivanhoe animals and a number have his blood line. "Belle", an Ivanhoe eight-year-old cow which he raised, now produces over 25,000 pounds of milk and over 1000

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pounds of butterfat. Her daughter "Kristy," a three-year-old, produced 17,071 pounds of milk with 576 pounds of fat this year. His best cow, "Blossom", has a top record of 26,721 pounds of milk with 926 pounds of fat. Another, "Dottie", produced 21,460 pounds of milk with 935 pounds of fat. Several of his cows are milking over 100 pounds a day.

He raises practically all the calves, mostly for herd replacements but sells a few. He even raises the bull calves. He sells the better bred bulls to farmers for herd sires and the others are sold for veal when they weigh from 300 to 400 pounds.

Kreiders live on and rent the Henry Eby Estate farm on Eby-Chickies Road near Salunga where they have been in the dairy business for 18 years. Kreider also rents the Strickler farm and the Buch farm nearby. Altogether he farms about 200 acres. He raises about 50 acres of alfalfa and 125 acres of corn. He has to buy some ear corn. He grinds all his own feed in a hammermill. He is also finishing about 200 head of steers. He has about one-third each of Angus, Herefords and Charolais-Angus crossbreds. Kreiders raised 10,000 broilers for about 10 years or more but have changed over to the steers this year. This is not



Mrs. Kreider holds a glass butter dish from a set which belonged to her Grandmother Hershey. Carpet beater and a ladies fan on the wall beside the tobacco sizing box she refinished. She bought the

jelly cupboard and picture above it. Behind her is the pie board. To her right is a dry sink she bought. Some rare ironstone pieces are displayed on the jelly cupboard and dry sink.

the first trial at steers, however, as Mr. Kreider had 100 a few years ago.

Kreiders' is a family enterprise. Mrs. Dorothy ("Dottie") Kreider did not grow up on a farm but likes living on the farm and helped by carrying milk before they had a pipeline milker and ran the tractors before the children were big enough to help. Now the three children help in various ways and they have one hired man. Mrs. Kreider says "We use a lot of milk and I use a lot in cooking." What better way to promote milk?

Kreiders have three children. Brenda, 17, graduating now from Hempfield High School, took the commercial course. She wants to take courses to become a dental technician. She took piano lessons six years and sang in the school chorus. Brenda helps with the housework and used to help with the barn work.

Barry, 14, is in seventh grade at Centerville Junior High School. He was on the basketball team last year. He wants to be a farmer. He likes to work with the steers. He feeds the steers, helps to clean stables, beds the cows, did some plowing and most of the harrowing this spring.

Beverly is 10 and in Landisville Elementary School. She feeds the calves and does chores around the home.

Brenda was one of the contestants last year in the Lancaster County Dairy Princess pageant. She has been in the 4-H Dairy Club six years. She had the champion senior calf two years ago. This animal, "Kristy", is in

the Kreider herd now as mentioned previously. She will show Kristy's eight-month-old daughter this year in 4-H. Beverly will be in the 4-H Dairy Club too this year for the first and will show an eight-month-old calf. Brenda has been in the Landisville 4-H Sewing Club about four years and makes her own clothes now. She most recently made an evening gown to wear to her high school Junior-Senior banquet. Beverly will also be in the 4-H sewing club this year.

Mrs. Kreider, besides keeping house and cooking for her family, also works four or five days a week at Provident Book Store at Park City, Lancaster, as a saleslady and helps her aunt, Alma Benner, in the crafts

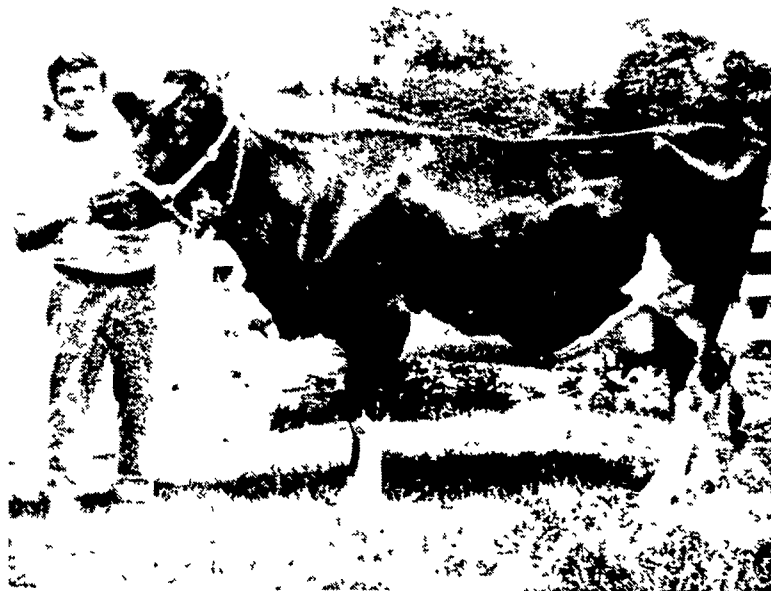
department. They are working with foil this month in crafts. Mrs. Kreider worked with crafts at church and some of her own projects. She will limit her working at the store to three days a week this summer. She had worked at the Kiddie Shoppe at Park City eight months prior to working at Provident Book Store.

Dottie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hershey who live east of Lancaster. Her father developed Dorothea Park which was named for Dottie. She grew up near there and graduated from East Lampeter High School. She worked as a bookkeeper at the Lancaster County Bank for two and a half years after graduation.

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Mrs. Dottie Kreider holds an antique cocoa pitcher she bought. Behind her is a dried arrangement in an antique brass jardiniere. It is setting on a marble top bureau with an antique mirror above it. Plaster of Paris picture is on the wall. A coverlet is on the arm of the Eby rocker.



J. Floyd Kreider shows his daughter Brenda's 4-H animal. Now as a 3-year-old, her yearly record is 17,071 of milk and 576 of fat.