

# Homestead Notes

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Miss Ruby Ginder . . .

## Animal "Wifery" In Future For this Energetic Vo-Ag Student

Fifteen year old Ruby Lynn Ginder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Ginder of Elizabethtown RD3, is an outstanding 10th grade vo-ag student at Manheim Central High School. She was selected as the most outstanding member of the freshman class in FFA last year and received the Star Greenhand award in the Manheim FFA Chapter.

She owns several animals and has shown animals at six shows and fairs between July 26 and October 3 this year. Ruby's animals include Dana, a cow which she acquired in 1971 and had her papers transferred August 1972. She showed her last year at Manheim Fair. Ruby still owns her but she is now in Robert's herd. Ruby entered Dana's second calf Heidi, an intermediate calf, in the show ring this year. She also showed Wendi, a senior calf which she bought from Elam Bollinger in November 1972. Julie, her FFA chain calf, was given to Ruby by Manheim FFA Chapter in April 1973.

Ruby won her namesake,

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Ruby, at the FFA Judging Contest October 4 at the Manheim Community Farm Show from the Lancaster County Holstein Association. This calf was born in July 1973 and will be a senior calf in the 1974 show ring. There were six other applicants for the calf. To win it they had to write an essay on "How To Raise a Calf From The Time It's Born Till Two Years of Age." Applicants were also interviewed by an Association Committee to win the calf.

Ruby has two steers earmarked for future showing. Blondie, a smoke colored Charolais-Angus crossbred is marked to be entered at the



Ruby Ginder's animals: (back row, left to right) Blondie, her crossbred steer and Wendi, her senior Holstein calf; (second row) Gail holds Heidi, Ruby's intermediate

calf; (front row) Ruby holding Julie, her FFA chain calf; Jeannie holding "Ruby", the calf Ruby won from the Holstein Association, and Nicky, her Angus steer.

Pennsylvania Farm Show in January 1974. She bought Nicky, an Angus steer October 19, 1973, which she most likely will show at Manheim Fair next fall. She also plans to buy three more steers to show next year.

Ruby showed Wendi and Heidi at the Black and White Show at the Guernsey Barn July 26, 1973. Wendi placed sixth in the senior calf class and Heidi 27th in the intermediate calf class. She showed them again at the Southeastern Regional FFA Dairy Show at the Farm Show Building at Harrisburg August 27. There she received blue ribbons for both in their respective classes which meant they could be entered in the state Junior Dairy Show. Wendi was third in the senior calf class and Heidi sixth in the intermediate calf class.

Ruby entered Wendi and Heidi at the state Junior Dairy Show September 24th at the Farm Show Building. Heidi placed third and Ruby received a master showman rosette. Wendi placed fourth in her class.

Ruby exhibited Wendi and Heidi at Ephrata Fair. Wendi placed first in her class and Heidi placed sixth or seventh in her class.

She then entered them and her FFA chain calf Julie at the Manheim Community Farm Show. Wendi placed third in her class, Heidi fifth in her class and Julie third in the FFA class and fourth in the open class.

Ruby has steers for an FFA project. Her grandfather, Elam Ginder, is a cattle jockey and she bought three steers, an Angus and two Charolais crosses, from him last year. She showed Snoopy at the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair in September and he placed fourth in the crossbred class. She went in for

first year FFA showmanship and fitting and placed first. This meant she could show against 4-H at that fair. She placed fifth in showmanship and was reserve grand champion in fitting. She sold Snoopy for 53 cents a pound at the fair. She said "I shed some tears when I had to part with him."

She showed Shorty at the Manheim Community Farm Show and he placed third in the Angus class. There were eight in that class. She placed second in showmanship because he tramped on her foot. She sold him for 69 cents a pound.

Ruby raises veal calves for another FFA project. She buys calves from her father and feeds them until they reach about 200 pounds, then sells them at the Lancaster Stock Yards.

Ruby had a broiler project of 300 birds on her own this past summer. She sold them dressed, locally.

As a sophomore in the vo-ag department Ruby's subjects consist of Biology, History of

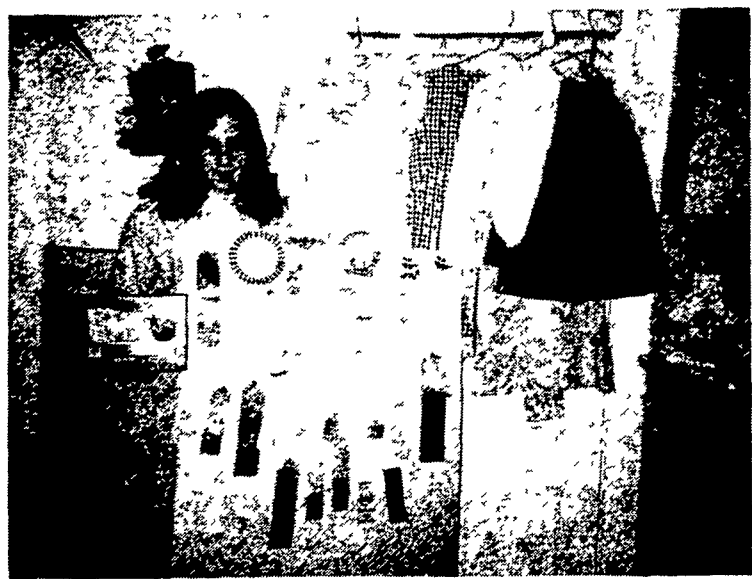


Ruby Ginder and her first cow, Dana.

Western Europe and English which is broken down into Composition I and she is taking sports literature as her elective subject. The last half of this year she will get Basic Economics and personal typing.

She has been working on gas engines and making saw horses in ag shop. For nutrition they went on a trip through the Manheim Agway mill and will figure feed rations.

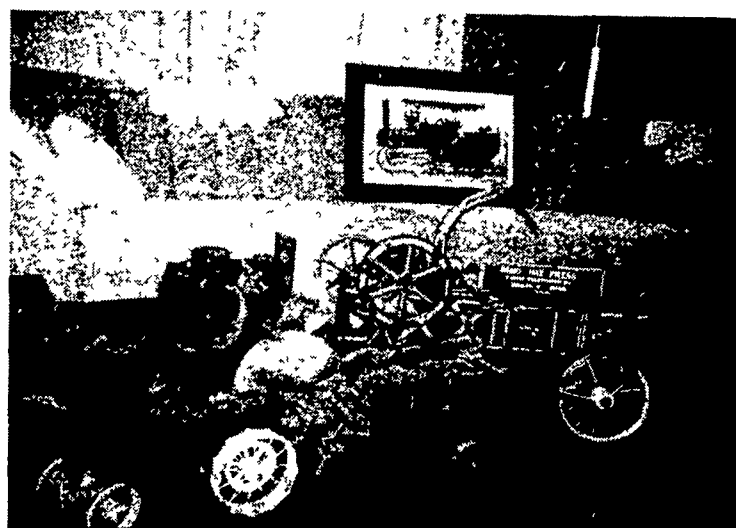
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Ruby holds her Greenhand award plaque and show ribbons she won this year with her FFA animals. Some outfits she made can be seen in the background.



Ruby stands beside her jelly cupboard and some of her antique articles.



John Kauffman's miniature engines, baler and threshing machine with one of his paintings in the background.