

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

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Jess Erway and Glenn Weber are ag teachers at Manheim Central. Mr. Weber is the FFA advisor. Their Chapter went deep sea fishing last June at Pleasant Point, N. J. The ag department sophomore class always has charge of making a float for the Manheim Community Farm Show parade. Ruby helped make the float, the theme being "Learning To Do," a portion of the FFA motto. The float had a sheep on it, and a welder and a desk with someone beside the welder and the desk.

Ruby, Steve Donough and Gerald Keller were a team from Manheim Central in June who took part in the dairy judging during FFA week at Penn State University. Ruby placed 60th among 250 judging. She also took part at the Holstein Field Day August 16. She placed seventh in the youth division.

Ruby took home economics in the seventh and eighth grades. She made herself four or five outfits in sewing class. She doesn't find much time to sew now but wants to make a long gown soon which she will wear to the FFA banquet in March.

Ruby is the oldest of three girls in the Ginder family. All help with the farm chores. Gail is eight and in third grade at Mastersonville Elementary School, and Jeannie is six and in kindergarten at the same school.

The Ginders have a large farm operation. Robert's father, Elam, owns the 73 acre farm where they live and another 13 acre farm and Robert owns a 32 acre farm. They also rent land on other farms. Altogether they farm 300 acres. They raise corn, alfalfa, mixed hay, wheat and barley.

They have a dairy herd of 57,

mostly grade Holstein cows and 23 heifers. They ship their milk to Penn Dairies in Lancaster. Robert finishes about 80 Hereford, Angus and a few Charolais steers. They buy 100 feeder hogs a year at about 30 to 40 pounds and feed till they weigh about 200 pounds. They have about 1300 Leghorn layers which they raised from three day old chicks. They sell their eggs to Ellis Landis at Lititz. Robert also gets two or three lots of 200 broilers a year. These are all dressed and sold locally. Robert has one hired man, Denis Umbrell, and three or four part time helpers. Mrs. (Lorraine) Ginder helps with milking, the chickens and sometimes in the fields. Ruby does a lot of work in the fields also. She does most of the baling.

6 a.m. finds Ruby at the barn each morning where her routine now consists of feeding 13 calves milk replacer, feeding her Dad's nine calves and her four heifers, feeding her two steers and four of her Dad's and feeding 1500 pullets. In the evenings she feeds all of them again plus 300 broilers and cases about 700 eggs a day. In her spare time she cleans and trains her animals for shows. Sometimes after that she bakes and sews. She says her hobby is sewing and she has made a number of outfits for herself and some dresses for her sisters. She says "I like to bake cakes and I love to bake pies. I like to eat them better."

Ruby took piano lessons one year when she was in eighth grade. She likes to play their antique home organ. Another hobby is collecting antiques. She bought her grandmother Kauffman's jelly cupboard and several pieces of ironstone, crocks, a flat iron and glassware. She says "I love old saltcellars and carnival glass."

Ruby is a sports enthusiast. She and her Dad never miss a hockey game at Hershey.

She likes to paint. She does lettering and paints lawn ornaments. She painted their farm sign which says "Bob's Play Barn." Their farm is on Elizabethtown Road in Rapho Township.

Yes, the Ginders do bring entertainment to people from far and near. Between 100 and 200

people attend Saturday nights from June till late September. People bring their own lawn chairs. These shows feature Gospel and Blue Grass string music and each night two different local groups play. They perform in an implement shed. This started two years ago with just some of the family and neighbors attending. They now pay admission.

Probably some of Ruby's painting ability goes back to her grandfather John Kauffman and her great grandfather who was a coach maker and did threshing for other farmers. John Kauffman, her mother's father, was a thresherman. He drew and painted pictures of threshing machines and engines and painted a picture of Ginder's farm. In 1920 he started making small scale identical replicas of threshing machines, balers, engines and old tractors, all of which work. He painted them with all the little intrinsic details of the full size machines. He made 18 small threshing machine and engine sets. He made a baler that works and three engines for the baler. Ginders have several of these miniature machines which they prize very highly.

Here are some of Ruby's favorite recipes:

#### Butter Bingo Squares

Chocolate Filling:  
2 tablespoons butter  
6 ounce package semi-sweet chocolate pieces

5 1-3 ounce can evaporated milk  
¼ cup sugar  
¼ teaspoon salt  
½ cup pecans, chopped

Oatmeal Base:  
½ cup (1 stick) butter, softened  
1 cup brown sugar, firmly packed  
1 egg  
1 teaspoon vanilla  
1¼ cup all-purpose flour  
½ teaspoon soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
2 cups quick-cooking rolled oats.

Chocolate filling - - In Heavy saucepan combine butter, chocolate pieces, evaporated milk, sugar and salt. Bring to a rolling boil, stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in pecans. Cool.

Oatmeal Base - - Cream butter thoroughly. Add sugar, eggs, vanilla and beat until light and fluffy. Stir in flour, soda, salt and 1¾ cups quick-cooking rolled oats until well blended.

Press 2-3 of the crumb mixture into the bottom of buttered pan. Spread with cooled chocolate

filling. Mix the remaining ¼ cup quick-cooking rolled oats with remaining oatmeal mixture. Crumble over filling. Bake at 350 degrees in a 9x9 inch pan for 25 to 30 minutes. Yield approximately 36 squares.

Cool at least 20 minutes before cutting into squares.

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#### Fruit Refresher

2 packages unflavored gelatine  
2 cups cold water

Soak 1 hour, then add:  
1½ cups boiling water  
1½ cups of sugar  
Juice of 2 lemons or 4 tablespoons bottled lemon juice

3 oranges, cut fine  
3 bananas, cut fine  
2½ cups crushed pineapple  
Mix together and put in refrigerator till set or over night.

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#### Coffee Cake

2 cups sugar  
1 cup lard  
2 eggs  
1 cup milk

Sift together:  
2 2-3 cups flour  
1 teaspoon soda  
½ teaspoon salt  
2 teaspoons baking powder  
1 cup cocoa  
Mix sugar, lard, eggs and milk, then add dry ingredients.

Add:  
1 cup coffee  
2 teaspoons vanilla  
Bake at 350 degrees.

#### Crumb Cake

Mix well with hands:  
1 cup sugar  
2 cups flour  
½ pound butter or margarine

Save some crumbs for top. Add to the remainder of crumbs:

1 cup buttermilk  
1 teaspoon soda dissolved in the buttermilk  
½ teaspoon baking powder  
1 teaspoon vanilla

Makes 16 cupcakes. Bake at 350 degrees.

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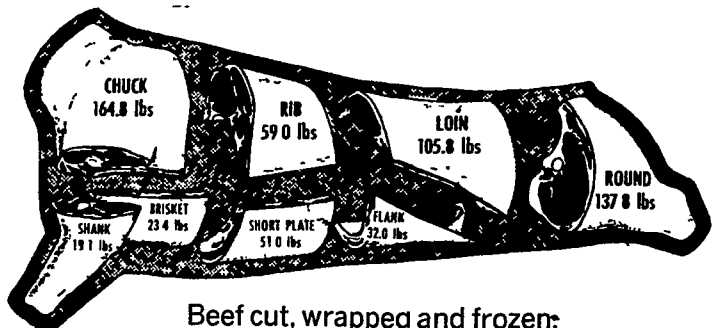
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