



Eleanor Kreider

# Preparing for the Farm Show Week



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Many people are involved in numerous ways with the annual Pa. Farm Show which will be held next week in Harrisburg. Did you ever stop to think how the Farm Show Commission, with the help of the Farm Show Committee - representative of all the facets of agriculture, plans all year for the big event. Think how the extension personnel all across the state promote it, see at many exhibits are taken to Harrisburg and judge the entries. Think how the farmers, housewives, 4-H members and students prepare their wonderful exhibits which some cases have been worked on all year. Also how Agricultural teachers and Home Economic teachers cooperate and work with students to produce very fine entries. Remember the very fine entertainment that is scheduled. Last, but not least, don't forget the people who feed all the exhibitors and show attenders.

One who gets involved in more than one way is Mrs. James Kreider, Quarryville RD1, Lancaster County. She will be attending the Master Farmers' banquet and program January 7 and expects to be helping her church with their food stand. Because of these two things she probably will be unable to attend the State Farm Women Convention being held January 6 and 7. Their meeting is being held at 10 A.M. Monday in The Forum of the State Education Building with the banquet at 6 P.M. at the Penn-Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill. Their meeting convenes Tuesday at 9 A.M. in Room F of the Farm Show Building.

There are many state-wide farm-connected annual meetings and banquets held during the Farm Show, either at the Farm Show Building or at other places near-by. One which receives much publicity each year is the Master Farmer program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Farmer and the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service. New Master Farmers will be honored Tuesday at a luncheon at the Penn Harris Motor Inn, Camp Hill. All past honored Master Farmers are invited to attend it. James Kreider of Lancaster County was selected as one of the six Master Farmers of 1972 and he and Mrs. Kreider expect to attend this year. Each Master Farmer received the coveted



Mrs. James Kreider's chief hobby is making ceramics.

Keystone Master Farmers' plaque and their wives each received a charm bracelet with a charm engraved with the same emblem on it and a corsage. Since then Mrs. Kreider has added some charms with emblems of places where they traveled such as a steamboat from New Orleans, La. and the oak leaf from Canada. They always have a picnic for the Master Farmers somewhere in the state. Last year it was held in Erie County.

This Master Farmer farms a total of 320 acres at the present time. He grows 220 acres of corn, 90 acres of hay - mostly alfalfa and about 10 acres of rye for silage. Sometimes he raises some wheat and barley. Until six or eight years ago he raised 25 acres of tomatoes. He has a hay drier, a combine and a sprayer for corn and hay. He does some custom work with his combine and sprayer. He has two dump trucks and hauls straw, hay, corn and some coal. In addition to hauling his own crops he buys and sells straw, hay and corn and does some hauling for other people.

Kreiders are the third generation to own the 147 acre farm on Center Road where they live and they also own another 90 acre beef farm on Center Road in East Drumore Township. They rent about 90 acres from Earl Wenger. Sixty acres of it are farm ground and 30 acres are in meadow which they use for pasture. They keep 34 beef cattle, cows, calves, heifers and bulls there. They have about 130 cows and 60 or 70 heifers on their home farm, some of which are registered Holsteins. They have been in DHIA since 1953. They raise about 200 Angus and Holstein bulls and 40 heifers on their 90 acre farm. These are sold mostly to Baum's near Elizabethtown. A few are sold to local people to butcher and they butcher a few for their own use.

Jim, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Clayton Kreider, Peach Bottom RD2, has been a farmer all his life. He does practically all the bookwork and helps in general around the farm. He does the milking when the other two men are off. He hires two full-time men, William Walton, who lives on his beef cattle farm and is in charge of the field work and the general farming operation, and George Nickle who is herdsman. Kreiders' son Tom also works on the farms. He and William Walton do the trucking.

Eleanor, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Hostetter of Landisville, grew up on their farm near there. Her brother Ralph farms that farm now and her nephew lives there. It is a Holstein dairy farm. Eleanor graduated

from Mount Joy High School where she took the commercial course. She did secretarial work in the office of Geberich Payne Shoe Corp., Mount Joy before marriage. She runs the farm errands and helps to milk every other Sunday or in a pinch.

Kreiders have three children. Cynthia, "Cindy", graduated from Solanco High School in 1973 and works at Willow Valley Farms Restaurant. She was in the mixed chorus in high school, was in the 4-H Dairy Club a year or two and in 4-H sewing.

Tom graduated from high school this past June. He took the academic course and played the cornet two years in the Senior band. He was also on the wrestling team all through high school. He was in the 4-H Dairy club five or six years.

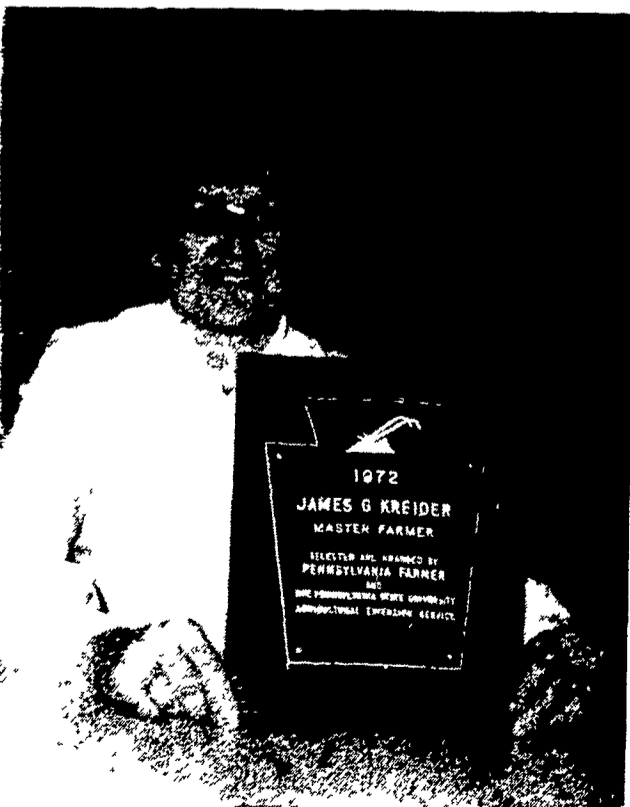
Pam, 12, is in seventh grade at Swift Junior High School. She plays a clarinet in the Junior band and sings in the school chorus. She also takes private piano lessons. She was in the Streaking Stitchers 4-H Sewing Club.

Kreiders are active members of the Mechanic Grove Church of The Brethren. Jim has been on the church Deacon Board for five years, this being his second year as chairman. Eleanor is a Deaconess. They visit members and she has charge of communion. Jim has been head usher for five years. Eleanor is a Sunday School teacher for three-year-old children. She is co-chairman of the dining committee. They serve wedding receptions, local dinners and funeral luncheons if requested. She is on the Sunshine committee for the Women's Fellowship. This group meets the third Tuesday night of every month. They do some sewing, pack stockings for a church home and pack baskets for shut-ins at Christmas time. Sometimes they help clean at the Brethren Village. This year they will have a food stand at the Pa. Farm Show. They will make hoagies at the church for it. Eleanor, Jim and Cindy bowl in their church league every Thursday night at the Garden Spot Bowling Center at Strasburg. Jim is treasurer of the league. Pam sings in the chancel choir at church.

Eleanor is a charter member of Farm Women Society 31 which has 26 members. She is serving as program chairman this year and is taking reservations now for a hockey game at Hershey January 18. She formerly served as chairman of the Ways & Means committee.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Kreider have been active in the Pa.

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Mrs. Eleanor Kreider is extremely proud of her husband's Master Farmer plaque he received in 1972.