

**Faye Kreiner**

**Her Interest in Humanity Took Her to Africa**



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Miss Faye H. Kreiner, 135 S. Charlotte St., Manheim, with 22 years farm background combined with a deep interest in humanity, used her time and talents last summer to accompany 92 head of cattle being flown to Africa, under the sponsorship of Heifer Project International.

Miss Kreiner's trip was sponsored jointly by her church, Chiques Church Of The Brethren, and Heifer Project International. Rev. Becker Ginder is moderator for their church and Faye gives him much credit for her going on the trip. She was the first woman to accompany a shipment of animals for H.P.I. and was the only local person accompanying the cattle. Being a professional photographer, her mission was to take pictures of the heifer project and her church's mission station in Nigeria. She has shown these pictures and told about her trip at least 15 times and she says if any group would like to know more about this or see the pictures she would be happy to show and tell, free of charge.

Clarence Keener Sr., Manheim R.1, has been chairman of the Manheim area heifer project for six years and has done a terrific job in securing animals. Of this 92 head shipment which came from Maryland, Indiana and Ohio as well as Pennsylvania, 39 heifers came from Lancaster County and 10 from Lebanon County. Miss Kreiner's church, with a membership of 460, provided three of the



Faye Kreiner, Manheim, displays African homemade souvenirs she brought from there. She is wearing a silver Maltese pin, holding a gourd dipper with a design burned on it and a little wood carving of a native with water jugs. A couple doilies may be seen. A very large homespun tablecloth

provides the setting for two ebony carved busts and an elephant. The picture is made of butterfly wings. The deer picture is etched on metal. Two animal horns are carved to resemble birds. In the front is another wood carving of a native and a lady's suede purse.

**Country Corner**

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**FFA Week**

Feb. 15-22 will mark this year's celebration of National FFA Week. In Pa. alone there are some 213 FFA chapters with over 11,000 youths participating in the program.

The Future Farmers program has changed quite a bit over the past several years, making available many new and exciting projects not only in the agricultural production field but also in the agribusiness and processing industry. Even many chapters involved primarily in the environment are beginning to take form

In recent years, even young ladies have been encouraged to participate in programs involving direct work in agriculture production and processing; many of whom might have been discouraged some years ago.

Most young FFA members I have talked with, agree that FFA is one good way to learn leadership and responsibility which often helps in the later life.

Much credit must be given to these young people and their advisors who each blend to make FFA possible.

**Consumer Booklets**

As promised last week, I am listing two consumer booklets which I have found to be of use and which may be helpful to you. The first booklet has been on the market although it was recently revised. It is "Food Additives: What They Are-How They Are Used". The booklet is put out by the Manufacturing Chemist Association and explains the uses and purposes of food additives both naturally occurring and those created in the laboratory.

Copies are available free from Consumer Information, Manufacturing Chemists Association, 1825 Connecticut Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. 20009

Also the Pa. Bureau of Consumer Protection has recently put out a new booklet covering many aspects of consumer problems from apartment hunting to door-to-door sales. For information write to the Bureau of Consumer Protection, 23 A South Third St, Harrisburg, Pa. 17101

If of interest, both booklets contain a good deal of useful information for all ages.

heifers. Marion Lehman, midwest director of H.P.I., whose main office is at Little Rock, Arkansas, was overall chairman of getting the cattle to Harrisburg International Airport. Victor Ziegler, a farmer in Lebanon County and a member of Heidelberg Church Of The Brethren, was responsible for getting the 10 heifers from Lebanon County. The animals from Lancaster and Lebanon Counties were collected at the John Cope farm in Lancaster County. A dedication service, in charge of Rev. Norman L. Harsh, pastor of the East Fairview Church Of The Brethren, and Rev. Isaac S. Kanode, pastor of the Manheim Brethren in Christ Church, was held prior to shipping the heifers to the Pennsylvania Farm Show Building in Harrisburg where they remained three days for inspection.

They departed August 3rd from the Harrisburg International Airport and arrived 18 hours later at Douala, Cameroon, Africa. The Republic of Cameroon is located just south of Nigeria, on the west coast of Africa. Ten Jersey and ten Holstein bred heifers, a Jersey and a Holstein bull were left at Bamenada, at a co-op farm in Cameroon. Roger Rowe, a retired dairy farmer from Maryland and his wife are stationed at the co-op farm. Their job is to set up a model dairy operation where local farmers will be trained in dairying. Afterward each farmer will receive offspring from the central herd to begin his own herd. Rowes are obligated to stay there one year. H.P.I. took a surge milking machine along over there and use a generator to run it.

This was the first year they shipped animals to Africa but they think they will do well there because their altitude is 5000 feet, similar to here. They will be used for breeding purposes.

Seventy bred heifers of this shipment were flown to Tanzania, on the east coast of Africa, to supply milk. There are Mennonite and Lutheran missionaries there.

Faye relates that one of the natives said to her "Oh, Oh, Oh my, isn't this exciting, these heifers coming off that plane and walking on our soil is to us like Neil Armstrong walking on the moon was to you people." She said everywhere she went, they all said "Please tell the people we say thanks." The average native over there has never heard of anybody using their own money and giving something away, especially something so expensive as a heifer, to a stranger. She said "I had many chances to witness for the Christian faith when they were sure it was not the government footing the bill. Faye says "First and foremost I am a Christian and as a result am interested in involved in humanity regardless of race or nationality - so that's the special interest in the Heifer Project."

The gift of a farm animal can change a man's life. He gains self-confidence when entrusted with a valuable gift, and hope because he is able to provide a brighter future for his family. He also gains self-respect when he is able to help another family. Everyone who receives an animal from Heifer Project International agrees to pass on the first offspring to someone else in need.

Heifer Project International is a charitable organization that gives farm animals and training in their care to needy people in the U.S.A. and around the world to help them produce food and income for their families.

To give an idea of the magnitude of how these animals

multiply and help the people receiving them. One dairy heifer and its offspring in ten years produce a million cups of milk. A beef heifer and its progeny in the same time make 25 tons of steaks and hamburgers. One female pig produces 20 baby pigs a year, which yield 4000 pounds of pork. In many countries the gift of a single Heifer Project pig doubles the animal income of the recipient family.

One baby chick grows up and lays 400 eggs. That's either a lot of eggs for the table or a population explosion in the hen house if they are hatched. Half of all the chickens in Korea today are descended from Heifer Project stock.

Cost-wise - \$5. sends a flock of 20 chickens. \$50. sends beginning flocks to 10 needy families. \$20. sends a pair of rabbits. \$100. sends a goat, giving 4 to 5 quarts of milk a day, a sheep or a pig. \$500. sends a bred purebred heifer. All Holsteins are from dams that have produced at least the mature equivalent of 14,000 pounds of milk per lactation. Jerseys are from dams that have produced not less than 10,000 pounds of milk per lactation. Even bees have been sent to the needy in 90 countries.

Last fall 100 head of Black Angus cattle were sent to sharecroppers in Mississippi and H.P.I. is also helping stock 3 or 4 Indian reservations with cows and other animals. They employ 25 people to teach the recipients of animals here in the United States and 20 overseas. H.P.I. was started by the Church Of The Brethren in 1944 and since then many other churches, organizations and individuals have entered into it. It is estimated that in these 30 years H.P.I. has donated more than 40,000 animals and a million and a half chickens to people in 90 countries and

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Shown are part of the 49 head of cattle from Lebanon and Lancaster Counties assembled on the John Cope farm last July which were to be air-lifted to Africa August 3rd.