

Mini-Farm Meet

[Continued from Page 1] responsible for drafting the organization's by-laws. "The purpose of the cooperative," Houser told the group, "is to provide economic, labor and education benefits for all members." Houser said

membership dues had been set at \$10 annually, and meetings were to be scheduled every other month. Ed Moshier, the first vice-president, talked about cooperative food buying to give members the economic

benefits of bulk purchases. He gave some examples of the kinds of savings members could realize (10-cents or more on a pound of sugar when bought in 100-lbs. bags, etc.). Moshier said that his committee would be trying to find out what members needed in sufficient quantities to purchase in bulk

Carol Morgan, Lancaster R2, told the group about her investigation into buying bulk quantities of seeds for gardening. Mrs. Morgan also explained the questionnaire that all who attended were asked to fill out. The form was designed to determine the needs and capabilities of the members and prospective members. Mrs. Morgan projected on a screen the questionnaire that she and her husband had completed as an example. It showed that the Morgans

were professional artists and designers who'd had experience in organic gardening, laying hens, tree seedlings and greenhouse operation. They were willing to participate in a labor exchange and equipment rental, and they were interested in hearing from someone with knowledge of bees and hogs. They're willing to share their barn, potters wheel and greenhouse for worthy projects.

Treasurer Eugene Degenhardt discussed his investigations into feed and grain purchases. Buying in bulk by bags saved from one to six percent of the total cost, Degenhardt said. Park Wiker, explained how he hoped labor exchange and equipment rental schemes would work. The original steering

Baby Beef

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committee divided the county into four sections to make it easier for members to exchange labor and equipment. This was to make it easier for exchange, Wiker.

The next cooperative meeting has been set for Friday, May 23, at 8:00 p.m., again in the Coca Cola Plant. At that meeting, Arnold Lueck, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent, is expected to talk about ways in which the Penn State extension service can benefit mini-farmers.

circuit often ask Gary's advice and respect his opinion.

Along with his baby beef projects, Gary has been a representative to the 4-H County Council and has attended and participated in both the Achievement Day and State Days. Gary was a member of the Exchange Trip to Maine last year and was committee chairman for the 4-H Expo from his club.

Last summer, Gary took part in a team demonstration pointing out the effects of using corn silage additives. The young farmer traveled to 4-H State Days at Penn State to present the award winning talk.

Gary has served as the news reporter and the treasurer for the Baby Beef Club since his initial membership.

A graduate of Hempfield High School, Gary also attended the Mt. Joy Vo-tech school where he majored in masonry. He was a member of the VICA club at Mt. Joy and was active in many of its activities.

Gary is also president of the Rohrerstown Mennonite Church youth group and belongs to the Rohrerstown Fire Company.

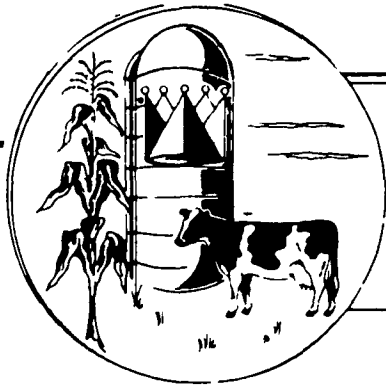
The Brubaker's farm about 230 acres with Gary doing much of the labor required.

When asked what his duties as president of the large organization would be, Gary commented with a smile, "my job will be to make sure our Baby Beef club runs smoothly."

"It is a large county club with almost 14 different areas that blend into one group."

The job is certainly an important one, but Gary seems confident he can do the work required. With the responsibility and knowledge the young man has shown during his 4-H career, he seems well suited for the position. Gary has one other plus which certainly may be a help, since his sister Cathy will be backing him up as secretary of the Baby Beef Club.

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