

Student to receive



Stripping tobacco is one of Lee's many jobs on the farm. The youth lives with his parents Mr. and Mrs. A. L. Witmer near Lititz.

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The youth would like to put the skills he has learned, to work by continuing farming following his graduation, but he explained, "In this area the future seems slim."

The youth pointed to several housing developments outlining his father's farm and said, "we're being pushed out of here and farming in the area probably won't last long."

If farming cannot be arranged, Lee would like to be an auctioneer specializing in livestock sales. "I feel that I know animals well and I'd like to put that knowledge to work."

Whatever his decision will be, Lee is still confident that agriculture will play a role in the future and has proven his interest by being selected as one of the outstanding young farmers in the state.



Lee is no stranger to the tractor or any farm machinery. Some 50 acres of tobacco and grain crops require a lot of attention in the field.

Tobacco is another crop which is raised on the Witmer farm and Lee helps with the crop from seeding to stripping. "We're waiting for the buyers to come around," Lee explained, "the market for tobacco looks fairly good but we'll have to wait and see what happens in the next few weeks."

Along with his projects, Lee has been a member of the livestock judging team and has participated on the basketball team. Organizing the citrus fruit sales has been a big job for the youth as well as taking care of

leadership responsibilities. Lee's FFA experience has been a rewarding one and he praised the opportunity for developing leadership.

"FFA has been a good experience not only because I have learned leadership but because I've learned more about farming and animals."

Along with his regular farm duties, Lee has taken several projects in FFA including rabbits, corn and veal calves. This year the youth also raised Angus and Charolais steers for both FFA and 4-H projects.

While many youths find that steers and veal calves make excellent projects, Lee also found that raising rabbits could bring a little profit.

"I first started raising rabbits when we got one for Easter one year," he noted, "then as a project I grew them to sell at auctions in the county."

Lee's 4-H steer also afforded the youth some spending money when it sold at a top price of 59 cents per pound at the area sale.

The Warwick youth uses some of his money to put back into his projects as an ever on going enterprise.

4-Hers ready sheep for State Farm Show

By MELISSA PIPER
LANCASTER - While getting a one week vacation from school seems like a dream come true to any student, it has an entirely different meaning for the 4-Hers who attend the State Farm Show each year. For although a week off means no regular classroom studies, the 4-Hers work harder and longer hours sweeping barns, grooming steers, sheep and pigs; bedding the animals and last but not least showing their projects in competition.

Two such 4-Hers in Lancaster County are Kenneth and Sarah Brubaker, children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brubaker, 2418 Old Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster.

Kenneth, 16 and Sarah, 13 will be traveling to Harrisburg on January 3 taking with them about a

dozen sheep that will be shown on Sunday and Monday. Between them, the 4-Hers will be showing eight market lambs and three Hampshire ewe lambs—all of which require a lot of attention and work.

What's the hardest part of exhibiting at the Farm Show? "Grooming and showing" according to the youths.

Grooming takes quite a time, following the animal's unloading and before the actual contest. The sheep must be cleaned, slipped and blocked all in an effort to primp the animal for good show results.

While both grooming and showing takes skill and a lot of work - experience is also the name of the game, and the Brubakers are rich indeed in that respect. Kenneth and Sarah have shown

their sheep at the Farm Show before and are also perennial exhibitors at the many fairs in Lancaster County during the summer season.

Showing at the Keystone Livestock Exposition serves as another training session for the students who have proved their worth by garnering several trophies, ribbons and plaques.

While learning first hand has been a great aid to the Brubakers, some of their training came from their parents who also show registered Hampshire sheep. Noted for their award winning entries at the Farm Show, Mr. and Mrs. Brubaker have offered encouragement to Kenneth and Sarah teaching them the skills necessary.

Kenneth acknowledged that "there's a lot of work to be done between arrival at the show and the actual competition," but it's a job well worth it."

Perhaps a far different learning experience from the actual academic studies, the youths will no doubt reap quite a bit of knowledge from a week at the Farm Show.



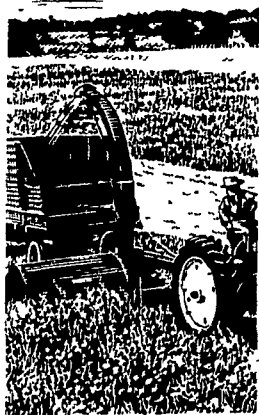
Kenneth Brubaker and his sister Sarah will be showing several head of sheep at the State Farm Show which begins January 5. The youths are

already seasoned veterans at showing and are the children of Mr. and Mrs. Clyde Brubaker, 2418 Old Harrisburg Pike, Lancaster.

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Milk price announced

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — A uniform base milk price of \$10.45 per hundredweight (46.5 quarts) for November deliveries to Middle Atlantic order pool handlers was announced last week by Market Administrator Joseph D. Shine. This price is 40 cents higher than the October base milk price and is up \$1.64 from last November. The November 1975 excess milk price is \$8.87 and the weighted average market price is \$10.33. Base milk accounted for 92.36 percent of producer deliveries during the month. The butterfat differential for November is 11.2 cents for each tenth of a pound of fat above or below 3.5 percent.

Shine reported that 396.6 million pounds of producer milk with a gross value of

almost 41 million dollars was included in the November pool. Pool handlers utilized 263.2 million pounds or 66.37 percent of total receipts for fluid milk products. The November Class I utilization declined significantly from October (72.06 percent) as producer receipts increased by 3.6 percent (daily) and Class I receipts dropped 4.6 percent. Handlers paid \$11.05 for Class I milk in November and \$8.92 for Class II.

A total of 8,029 producers shipped to pool handlers in November, and the average daily delivery per producer was 1,647 pounds, a 34 pound increase from the previous month.

Middle Atlantic order pool handlers reported fluid milk sales of 228.1 million pounds within the marketing area, a 3.1 percent decrease from October, on a daily average basis.



In a test of cows and horses, the cows were found to learn just as easily as horses and to remember better.