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Stoltzfus and Kauffman win Holstein show

By DIETER KRIEG

QUARRYVILLE — Nathan Stoltzfus of Gap R2 knows how to breed and exhibit top quality dairy cows. Of the 11 animals he brought to the Lancaster District Holstein Show this week, all but one was home-bred. And they all placed high enough to give him the premier breeder as well as the premier exhibitor banners.

The grand champion of the show, held here on the Solanco Fairgrounds, was shown by Robert Kauffman of Elizabethtown R1. It was the second year in a row the well-known dairyman captured that distinction, although this year it was a different animal. His "Andfar Astronaut Cinderella," last year's grand champion, was narrowly beat by "Connoll Leader Clara," a 4-year old owned by Stoltzfus.

The name of this year's grand champion cow is "Elaine Hermandale," an 8-year old bovine recently purchased by Kauffman. The reserve champion was Stoltzfus' "Clara," a daughter of "Maplebound Burke Kate Leader." Kauffman's

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A never to be forgotten experience is how Randy Ranck, right, described his meeting with President Ford.

President Ford meets FFA President Ranck

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Pennsylvania's FFA President, Randy Ranck, met the Nation's Chief Executive — Gerald R. Ford — recently.

He was one of 80 State FFA officers from all across the country to meet with President Ford, a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the Nation's capital.

Sponsored by General Motors Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., the conference was specifically designed to help new state officers be more effective

leaders by expanding their knowledge of the FFA and Nation.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Ranck, Quarryville, the young and personable FFA officer told Lancaster Farming recently that his meeting with President Ford was an event he will never forget. He works at home on his parents' farm and also helps his older brother, Jay, who farms nearby. Since becoming a state officer last month, much of his time has been taken up by educational meetings.

A 1976 graduate of Solanco High

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Charles wins FFA hog show; sale strong

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER — "I didn't know what a good boar was until I started working with my Dad," Cliff Charles remarked while philosophizing a bit about his winning the Lancaster County FFA Hog Show held earlier this week. "Maybe I didn't have the interest in it until it was half mine," he continued, "before it was just raising hogs, now it's quality."

Out of a total of 349 hogs brought to the show, which was held here at the Lancaster Stockyards, Charles' 200 pound 7/8 Duroc topped everything else and came up grand champion. The young man was also chosen champion breeder exhibitor. Six schools were represented at the competition and classes were split at 5-pound intervals. According to organizers of the show, this year's contest was the largest since at least 1972, reflecting the dramatic growth in the hog industry that has taken place in Lancaster County. This was the 14th such annual show to take place, an event which customarily is scheduled for the last week in July.

Charles, 20, is a graduate of Penn Manor High School and will be receiving the American Farmer Degree in Kansas City

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Harvest crew was whole new world for Darrell Martin

By JOANNE SPAHR

ROHRERSTOWN — If Darrell Martin didn't know anything about harvesting wheat until two months ago, he surely does now, because last week he returned from a two-month crash course on the subject. From June through the end of July, he was a member of a small harvest crew that traveled over the Midwest, combining as it went.

For a Pennsylvania farmer, it's hard to

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Lancaster Farming Photo by Dieter Krieg

Nathan Stoltzfus was at the halter of many prize-winning animals at the Lancaster County Holstein Show.

Here the premier breeder and exhibitor is with his reserve grand champion.



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Linda Kauffman shows the grand champion of the 1976 Lancaster

County Holstein Show, a 7½-year old daughter of Agro Acres Marquis Ned.