

Siegfried is star farmer of North Atlantic region



Dale G. Siegfried

By JUDY MITCHELL, Berks County Reporter
MERTZTOWN - Twenty-year-old Dale G. Siegfried, a 1975 graduate of Kutztown Area High School, traveled to Springfield, Mass. last weekend to compete in a 15-state contest where he won the title of Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region of

the FFA Association. This marked the second consecutive year that a member of the Kutztown Chapter of the FFA has represented Pennsylvania in that contest.

Siegfried was named Keystone Star Farmer at the Pa. FFA Association convention in Harrisburg this past January and completed his eligibility for the regional competition by submission of a hefty application detailing his farming practices and agriculture related activities.

Siegfried resides with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Paul J. Siegfried, at Mertztown R2, where he farms approximately 178 acres of land, producing a variety of crops including a number of grains, potatoes, corn, and soybeans. In addition to his crop production, Siegfried feeds approximately 15 head of steers and expects to fatten more than 160 swine by the end of this year.

An active member of the FFA since 1971, Siegfried has held several offices and

headed various committees with the Berks County FFA, holds the FFA degrees of Greenhand, Chapter Farmer, and Berks County Farmer, and earned the county gold medal for record keeping in 1976.

Siegfried's dedication to agriculture was also recognized this past Spring when he was named the Outstanding FFA Boy in Berks County by the Agricultural and Horticultural Association of Berks County, an honor formalized at the annual Reading Fair awards banquet.

A participant in local and state fairs for a number of years, Siegfried has distinguished himself in the past with his dairy and swine entries and captured high honors at Reading and Kutztown this year in various grain categories.

Siegfried is a member of the New Jerusalem United Church of Christ and belongs to a number of associations including the Oley Valley Fair, Yorkshire Club,

Holstein Friesian Association, Kutztown Grange, and the All-Terrain Vehicle Club.

Siegfried's parents and Kutztown agriculture instructor, Ben Newcomer, traveled with him to Springfield where the Keystone Star Farmer and the 14 representatives from other states were interviewed by a committee of agriculture executives to determine the Star Farmer of the 1976 Northeastern Expo. Siegfried was honored at a concluding banquet on Saturday evening.

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LANCASTER - The Women's Committee of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association held two meetings recently to go over the final plans for the public relations project the organization will be hosting at Park City shopping mall, here. The group will tell the "farmers' story to the consumer" the week of October 18 - 23. The Lancaster County Farmers' Association will utilize the entire mall, and every aspect of the business of farming will be told.

Many women will be manning the various displays with some demonstrating crafts each day. The Grand Square, a professional square dancing group, will perform on Oct. 21, and Steve Brubaker, a magician and ventriloquist, will have special shows for

the children on October 22 and 23.

The dairy committee will have the county and state dairy princesses at its display along with Geraldine, a full-scale model cow. A live cow and calf will also be featured every day, and a milking contest is planned. A decorated milk can will be given away on Saturday night. Butter-making will also be demonstrated.

The poultry committee will show easy ways to make omlets, and Mr. Rooster will strut through the mall to talk to the children.

The beef committee will give demonstrations on the proper way to prepare various cuts of beef and will show where each cut of the meat comes from.

Continuous slide presentations will be

presented all week as will be displays to make the public more aware of what farming involves, down to showing the damage a careless toss of a can or bottle in the field can do.

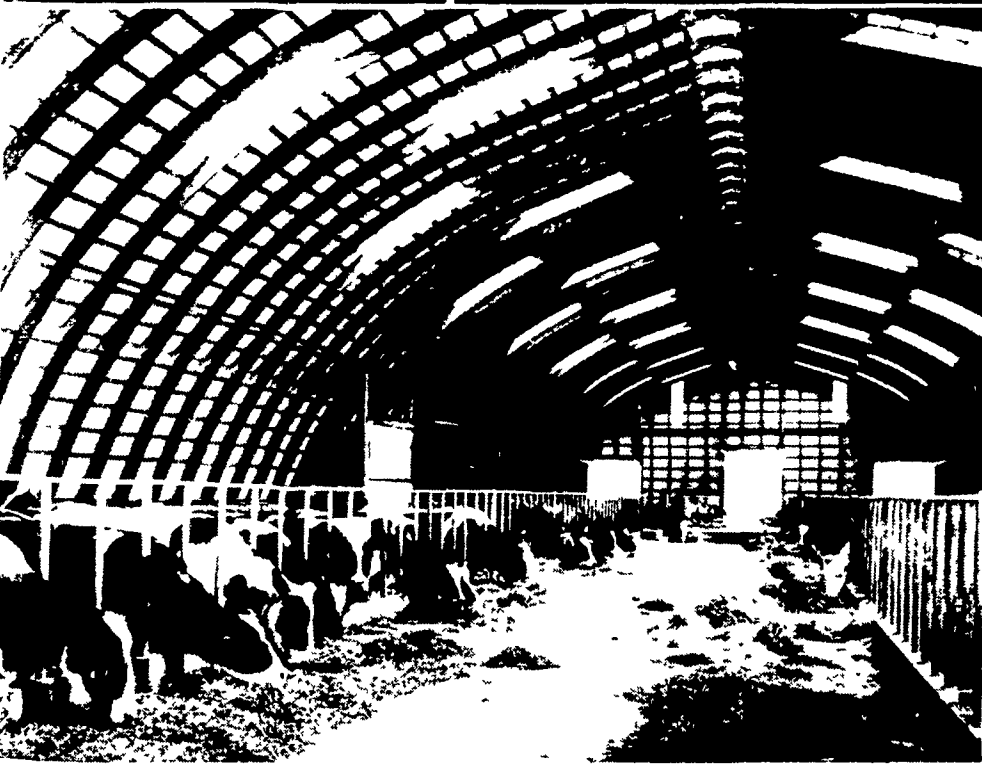
The Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, Raymond Kerstetter, will appear for a tour on October 19, at which time he will be available for interviews.

The committee in charge of the project is made up of Ruth Shertzer, Shirley Garner, Grace Bixler, Helen Wivell, and Earl Newcomer, president of the Lancaster County Farmers' Association.



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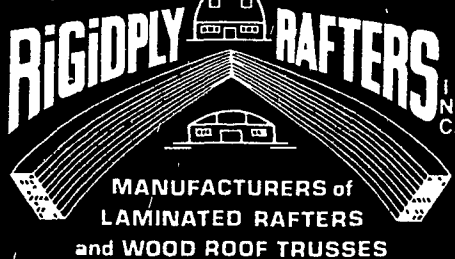
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