

## Two young farmers to get AF degree

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EPHRATA, Pa. - Two graduates of the Cloister FFA curriculum will be receiving their American Farmer Degrees in Kansas City next week, thereby attaining the highest level of recognition possible within the FFA program. The two are Robin Ginder of Denver R2 and Russel Kline of Denver R3, both of whom are 21 years old and in charge of their own dairy operations.

### ROBIN GINDER

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Z. Ginder, Robin has been farming on his own since 1973, when he was still a senior at Ephrata High School. He operates a 94 acre farm, of which 55 acres are tillable, and keeps in the neighborhood of 50 head of Holsteins, including calves. In addition, the young farmer has 2000 chickens.

Asked why he chose to be a farmer, Ginder answered immediately: "To have the

life of the farm, to be my own boss, to not be cooped up in a factory all day, and to see the results of what I do. Also, the farm is a good place to raise children - they have something to do and learn responsibility." Ginder became the father of a baby girl just two weeks ago.

A closer look at the young dairyman's operation reveals that he has actually been intensively involved in farming for nearly 10 years. It was in 1967 that his father sold the equipment and cows and put the farm itself on the market as well.

"If Dad had found the right buyer then, I wouldn't be where I am," Ginder announced matter-of-factly.

With the farm not being sold, the Ginder family continued to farm half of their property. Robin did much of the work. Steers were brought in to put the barn to some use. The business increased in size



Russel Kline

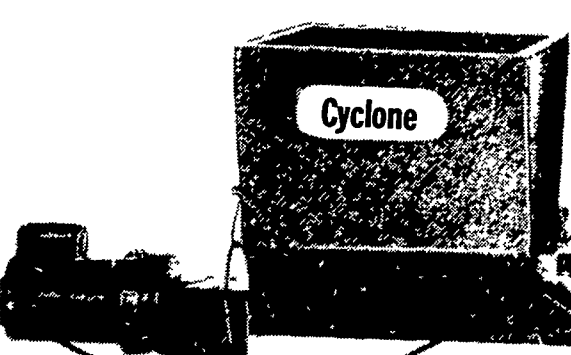
gradually, and Ginder eventually decided to put 25 head of Holsteins back in the barn in 1971. Ginder and his mother tended the animals. Now the American Far-



Robin Ginder

mer Degree recipient has the entire farm back in production and is leasing additional ground from neighbors. The home farm is rented to him by his father.

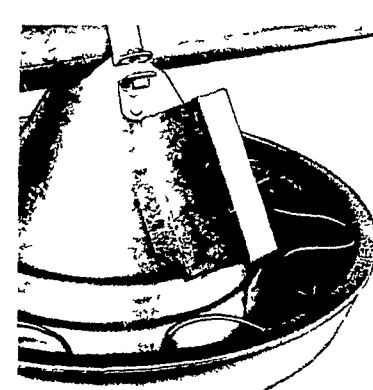
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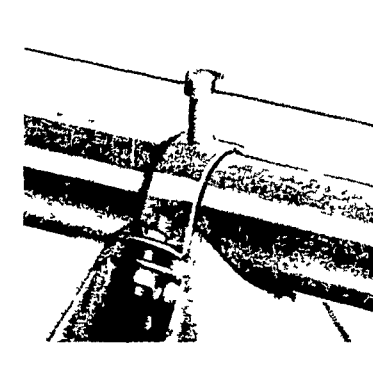
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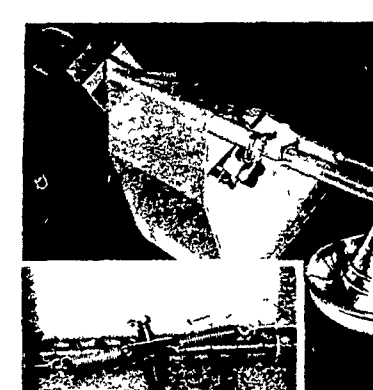
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