

# Berks 4-H'er and steer ready for Farm Show

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HAMBURG -- Berks County will again be represented with quality at this year's State Farm Show. Proof of this is seen by visiting with a prospective exhibitor such as Dennis Dietrich, for example.

Dennis is anxiously waiting for the time to arrive when he can show his crossbred steer. It has brought him several first places in shows throughout the county this past Summer. When asked how he expects to do with his steer on the state level, Dennis was apprehensive. "This has been a good steer for county competition, he said, "but, I'm not sure about the state."

Showing is not the only reason this young man wants to go to Harrisburg, however. He is looking forward to seeing the other steers to be exhibited there, the new farm machinery, and most importantly, people.

This year, because of his full time job with A.F. Moyers of Bernville, Dennis won't be able to spend the full week in Harrisburg like he did last year. A year ago he showed a steer at the Farm Show which placed seventh out of a class of 15.



Dennis Dietrich believes good exercise is very important in preparing a steer for competition.

Showing steers is natural to his active 4-H member, who has been doing it for the past eight years. "I like the size of the animals, and they are easy to care for," Dennis explained. He also said he enjoys showing his livestock standing up, instead of kneeling down with sheep or chasing after hogs. Last year he spent a week caring

for Berks County 4-H steers in Harrisburg.

But the main reason steers probably seem easy to show for this exhibitor is because of the time and patience he puts into getting them ready. Exercise was one of the important points Dennis stressed when he prepares his steers for a show. He

runs them up and down his driveway.

Dennis has done much more with 4-H than show livestock. He has been president of the County Baby Beef Club and recently resigned from his position as president of County Council because of his work schedule. He participates every year in livestock judging at Penn State, and has attended Leadership Congress for a week. Two years ago Dennis placed tenth in the state livestock judging.

When asked what his hobbies were, Dennis indicated his family's farm. When he is not busy with his other duties, Dennis helps with the work on the home farm, which consists of about 100 acres and 40 head of cattle which the Dietrich's raise.

Looking to the future, Dennis feels he would like to continue with a full time job off the farm but he would like to farm on the side as he and his family does now. He also is planning to show

## Babcock Industries purchased

RICHMOND, Va. - A.H. Robins Company, Richmond-based pharmaceutical manufacturer, has completed its acquisition of Babcock Industries, Inc., of Ithaca, N.Y.

Under a merger agreement approved by Babcock stockholders at a special meeting December 29, Robins purchased all of Babcock's 685,437 outstanding shares of common stock for \$6 per share.

Babcock, founded in 1936, is a major breeding organization for egg-producing poultry breeding stock. It also is licensed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture to produce and

distribute poultry biologics, and is engaged in the selective breeding of swine.

The company had sales of more than \$11 million in fiscal 1977, which ended September 30. It has approximately 250 employees.

Commenting on the acquisition, A.H. Robins president William L. Zimmer III said, "We view Babcock as an opportunity for diversification, and expect Babcock to provide a framework for expanding our activities in the animal health field."

Zimmer indicated that Babcock will maintain its headquarters in Ithaca, where it will operate as a

Robins subsidiary. He added that no changes in the firm's management personnel are anticipated.

Between 1965 and 1970, according to the Census Bureau, nearly 2,000,000 people left the Northeast. However, since 1.3 million people migrated to the region, the Northeast showed a net migration loss of 700,000 for the period. Nearly 2.4 million people left the region in the next five years, and slightly more than 1,000,000 moved there during 1970-75. Thus, the region recorded a net migration loss of more than 1.3 million in the first five years of the decade.

again next year, already preparation for next Summer acquiring a steer in mer.

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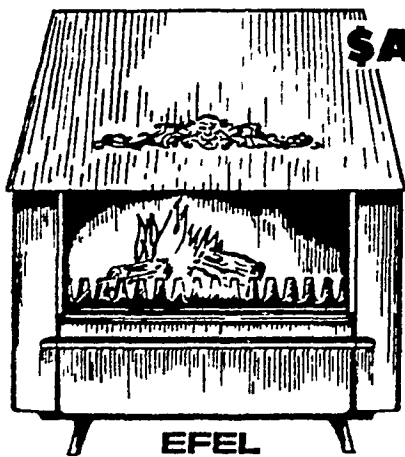
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