

Manheim FFA'er learns ag mechanics on the job

By **KENDACE BORRY**
MANHEIM — Agricultural mechanics is the main interest of Jay Gainer, Manheim R4. The Manheim Central senior and president of the Manheim FFA Chapter is involved in a work study program in which he gets to practice and perfect his farm machinery mechanical skills.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Gainer, he has excelled in many areas during his FFA career. Besides serving his club as president, he has also been

chapter reporter. In 1976, he won first in the county small gasoline engines contest, and placed third in the state. And during 1977, at the Pa. mechanics contest, he placed fifth out of 40 contestants. In project book competitions, he received gold and silver awards at the county level, as well as silver at the state.

Jay has carried swine breeding and fattening projects along with his work experience. Presently he is working at Messick Farm Equipment Inc., near



Showing some of the trophies he's earned through FFA is Jay Gainer, president of the Manheim Chapter. The trophy on the left he earned in 1976 for his first prize placing in the small gasoline engines contest, while the larger trophy was awarded to him for winning the Star Red Rose degree.

Rheems, in Lancaster County. Throughout the school year, his time is divided between attending classes and acquiring on the job experience at work. Thinking about the ag mechanics job, Jay stated that he always enjoyed working with engines and thus choose to go into that job experience at work. (Turn to Page 125)

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