

# FFA got this boy hooked on cows



Ed Breckbill gets a little help with his dairy cattle breeding records from this circular chart. Dairy cattle is what Breckbill is banking on for his future.

junior Holstein association circles.

Breckbill, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Breckbill, Oxford, is quick to give the FFA a lot of credit for having been instrumental in broadening his interest in farming. Although he has always been interested in agriculture, he says it wasn't until he joined the FFA program at Oxford High School that he became aware of the different aspects and details of modern agriculture. New found knowledge about dairy cattle type and production has been particularly impressive on the tall and slender young man.

The FFA has also helped him in getting along with and communicating with others, especially when in a group. He has participated in public speaking contests, made new friends at meetings and contests, including State FFA Days, held each Summer at Penn State University.

The FFA has helped in showing cattle, says Breckbill, who has won a number of ribbons in both 4-H and FFA contests. He's been to the Pennsylvania Junior All-American in Harrisburg on several occasions. Dairy cattle judging trips have taken him to numerous destinations,

including three journeys to Penn State.

Breckbill's sharp interest and refined knowledge of Holsteins causes his instructor, Ken Thompson, to remark: "He's the first

student I've had in quite a while who really knows his bulls and breeding."

Ed's responsibilities at home include helping with the morning and evening (Turn to Page 109)

By DIETER KRIEG  
OXFORD — Ask Ed Breckbill what he likes the most about the Future Farmers of America program, and he won't hesitate at all to answer "dairy cattle judging."

A senior at Oxford High School, Breckbill has been interested in cows for as long as he can remember. It's a fact which has given him responsibility of his family's 130 head of Holsteins and won him recognition in



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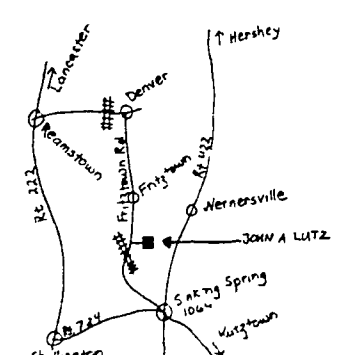
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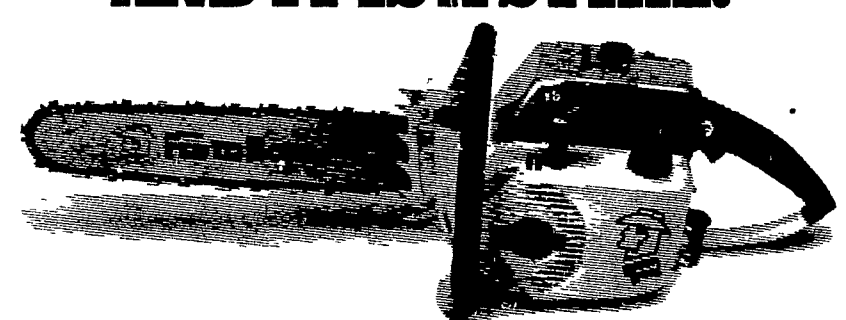
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