

These girls are going places because of FFA

By DIETER KRIEG
OXFORD — Two 17-year old girls at Oxford High School are really going places, and they credit the Future Farmers of America program for much of it.

Angela King has already earned her Keystone Farmer degree and will be running for state office this year. She's the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert S. King, Nottingham.

Geroldine Miller, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alvin Miller, Lincoln University, narrowly missed the Keystone Degree honor this Winter, but will be eligible for another crack at it next season. Nevertheless, she has compiled a record of leadership and recognition which makes her instructors, Kenneth Thompson and Scott Gold proud.

Both Geroldine and Angela are members of the parliamentary procedures

team where they have picked up valuable points on how to get along better with people. Both of them are also county FFA officers, with Angela filling the president's chair and Geroldine serving as chaplain.

The FFA has Geroldine and Angela going places in more ways than one. There have been trips to Penn State University and even Kansas City, Mo., where the National FFA Convention is held each year.

"Working outside is conversing with Nature," says Angela, who is presently employed part-time at the Rite-Aid store outside of Oxford. Having grown up on a farm, and still making her home in the country, she is making firm plans for a future on the farm. Specifically, she wants to go into dairy farming. She already owns six

Holstein heifers and is also working with a small herd of swine.

"I like working outside and with the animals," the young lady told Lancaster Farming recently.

Citing her rural upbringing as the reason she became interested in FFA, Angela says it has helped her develop a more mature personality. "I can conduct myself better in front of people, including here at the cash register," she explained, as she began to list the advantages of FFA membership. In addition, Angela has found FFA helpful in building leadership traits and public speaking abilities. She has also developed her interviewing skills, which last Summer earned her first place in a state-wide contest. That performance secured her a trip to Kansas City to attend the national convention.

Meeting people and making friends are two more advantages Angela and Geroldine have found in the

FFA program. That in itself has helped them to find new ideas and knowledge. A lot of their experiences have shaped their lives.

While Geroldine became interested in agriculture and the FFA because of her background, Geroldine joined the program because of the encouragement she received from Angela. The two have been close friends for years and enjoy a variety of activities together. Both are members of the girl's track team at Oxford High School, and both are also Riflettes with the band. Angela serves as president of that group. In addition, Angela is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and the girl's basketball team. Geroldine is active on the hockey team. Both have been chosen as FFA sweethearts for their chapter.

Geroldine credits the FFA for having turned her into a more open person, adding that she was once a shy individual. She also loves meeting people through the

FFA program and enjoys working with animals.

She sums up her testimonial for the FFA by saying that the best part of

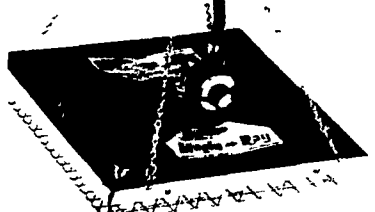
the organization is that everybody can work together. "It's like one big family and the advisors are like our parents."



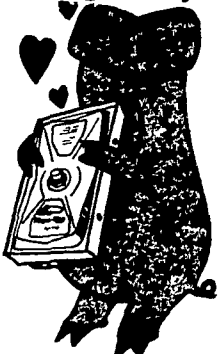
Geroldine Miller, left, and Angela King are both active members of the Oxford FFA Chapter, and this week — FFA Week — one of their responsibilities was to prepare interesting radio messages about the FFA. Here they're getting ready to turn the dial to WCOJ, the station that carried the FFA programs.

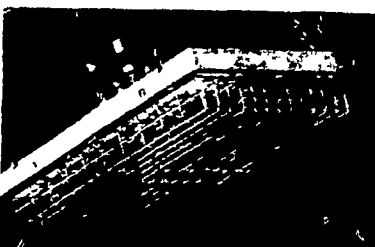
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