

## Reading Fair honors

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learn exactly what needed to be done.

The only time the C.P.A. sees the books now is at the end of the year for tax preparation, profit and loss statements and depreciation schedules.

Interested and involved in farming, gardening and homemaking, Mrs. Ohlinger is genuinely committed to the well-being of her family and community. Like her husband, she is an active member of the Grange and numerous other organizations. One of her annual public relations projects involves hosting Kindergarten classes at the farm. In addition, Reu-Hel Farms has been the location for a variety of business and social events such as field days.

The Ohlingers' daughters, Cathleen and Constance, are both active members in the Northern Berks 4-H Dairy Club, and have shown many blue-ribbon Holsteins. Like their parents, they are members of the Grange, and local, state and national Holstein organizations.

As recipients of the Outstanding Farm Family Award for 1978, the

Ohlingers are the first second generation to win the honor. The contest has been sponsored for 22 of the past 23 years by the Reading Fair. Last year the Kutztown Fair sponsored.

mined by production and analysis of feedstuffs. Included in the Ohlingers' cropping program are 255 acres of corn, 110 acres of alfalfa, 30 acres of wheat, 24 acres of oats, and five acres

of rye. In addition, they have 30 acres of pasture.

Although Ohlinger prefers corn silage in the ration, he also makes use of plenty of hay, haylage, and high-moisture corn. As is true on most farms these days, mechanization and automation are strongly evident at Reu-Hel Farms.

The accomplished and award winning farmer has also been making use of up-to-date technology, as well as management methods which have been around for generations. Some hay, for example, is still dried in the barn on the dryer. At other times, a hay preservative is used. A helicopte is called in from time to time to spray vast alfalfa fields and thereby keep pests under control.

While the management of 454 acres of land and 245 head of dairy cattle represents plenty of physical labor, there is also considerable desk and paper work involved. The person in charge of this department is Mrs. Ohlinger, a graduate of the McCann Business School. Initially, she had a certified public accountant take care of the books, to

### Low Cal Snacks

Prepare carrot sticks and celery sticks to put n the refrigerator to munch on for low calorie snacks Serve sandwiches open-faced to eliminate the xtra calories n that second slice of bread



Mr. and Mrs. Elwood Ohlinger and daughters Cathleen, left, and Constance are Berks County's Outstanding Farm Family for 1978. They own and operate Reu-Hel Farms, Inc., which has 245 registered Holsteins.

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