

4-H runs in Steve Shaw's family

By DIETER KRIEG
HARRISBURG — Fifteen-year old Steve Shaw didn't hesitate at all when he was asked why he is a 4-H Club member. "It runs in the family, we've been in farming for a long time and 4-H

just comes natural," the Berks Countian replied. Steve, the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shaw, Oley, was this year's owner of the grand champion 4-H Holstein at the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show. It was

held here a week ago as a part of the week-long All-American Dairy Show.

The young man was also quick to give his father a share of the credit for the success he has had with his 4-H projects, including show

ring competition. "Having a father who knows cattle helps me a lot," Steve explained. "My father was a 4-H'er and is one of our club's leaders today. He has been in the dairy business since the day he was born."

A member of the Eastern Berks Dairy Club, where he is currently the game leader, Steve exclaims that "4-H is really great; you learn valuable information about showing cattle and all other aspects of dairying." That's important to young Shaw, who says he'd someday like to farm on his own or go into a partnership with his father. There are 150 acres, 105 of which are tillable, on the home farm.

Steve and his 17-year old sister, Wendy, have already begun a small herd of their own, the home-bred animals of which come under the W-S Linden Loch prefix. Wendy, like her brother, is very much interested in dairy cattle. She has four state Junior Holstein Show titles to her credit, the most recent one coming just last week when she won the Pennsylvania FFA Holstein division. It was the second year in a row that she accomplished that feat. In the two previous years she won the Pennsylvania 4-H Holstein division championships.

Steve's 4-H champion this year was a cow which was purchased at a private sale



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in Maryland last year. Since then, he has shown her eight times, almost always winning grand champion honors. Richard Keene of Gilbertsville, N.Y., who judged the Holstein contest last week, described the white bovine as "a tremendous dairy cow." She is estimated to produce 19,400 pounds of milk and 821 pounds of butterfat this year as a 6-year old.

But 4-H is a lot more than showing and fitting cows. It's work and fun, learning

and maturing, winning and losing, challenges and routines. According to Steve, there isn't anything about 4-H that he doesn't like.

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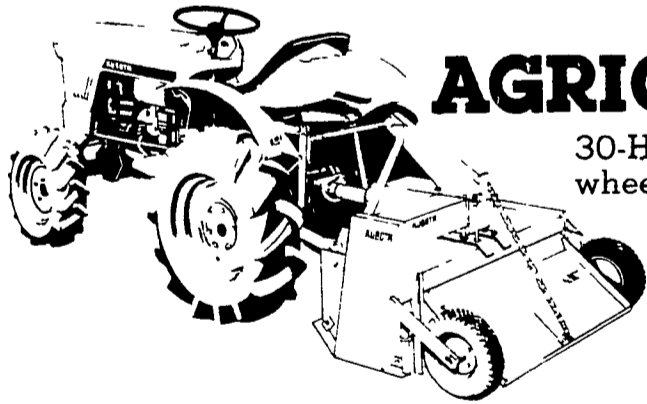


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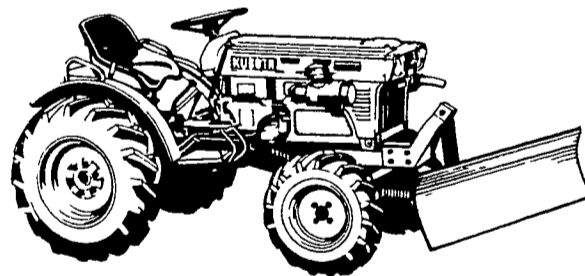
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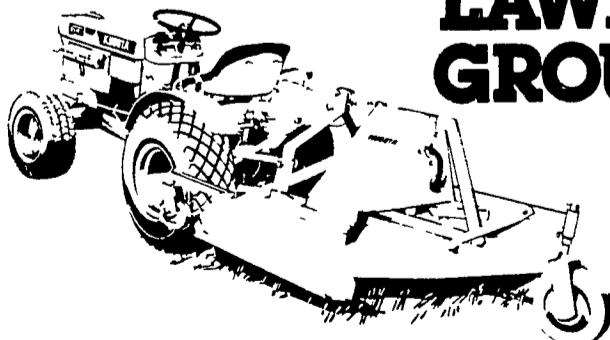
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