

Farming has always appealed to this FFA'er

By KENDACE BORRY
KUTZTOWN—To Dale G. Siegfried, Mertztown R2, one of the most important things that he has learned through the FFA program was the value of honesty. He claims that he believes that farmers are the most honest businessmen in the world today.

The 21 year old member of the Kutztown FFA Chapter has been named as a winner of the 1978 American Farmer Degree.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Siegfried, Kutztown, he is in partnership with his older brother, Paul, Jr. There the two of them are involved in what he calls "mostly a crop farm, with hogs and steers raised also". The crops include corn, wheat, hay, barley, and potatoes, while both Yorkshire breeding stock and fattening hogs are raised along with some market steers.

He was born on the farm that he is involved in running now and he took the vo-ag courses offered in high school.

He stated that when he was in high school, he wanted to do three things in his life—be a mechanic, farm, and be a truck driver. Now as a farmer, he explained, he can really do all three.

Farming is number one in his book, though, because he just likes being outdoors and enjoys the jobs that are involved with farming.

As a member of the Kutztown FFA, he served as vice president and sentinel as well as county delegate. In 1976, he was named the star Farmer of Pennsylvania, and later named the Eastern Coast Star Farmer, an area that covers 15 states.

He is also a member of the Yorkshire Club, the Pa. Holstein-Friesian Club, the Kutztown Grange, the All-Terrain Vehicle Club, the 4-H Eastern Berks Dairy Club, the Kutztown Area Young Farmers, the Kutztown Jaycees, and the Berks-Lehigh Pork Producers.

He likes what he is doing, he stated, and told that he had learned a lot from the

FFA program, including the value and opportunities available to help the community.

Speaking of farming, he said, "Farming is a gamble. Sometimes you hit it, sometimes you don't. I've learned to listen to both the advice of businessmen and farmers."

The youngest member of his family, he has been named the outstanding FFA boy at the Reading Fair in 1977, and was second in the running for the outstanding Young Farmer award presented by the Pa. Jaycees, an award he won on

the local level from the Kutztown Jaycees.

Besides his farm duties, he is also involved in doing custom wet lime spreading and custom seed cleaning and treating.

"I guess I'm always busy," he noted. "I do enjoy meeting people."

Looking to the future, Dale shares a dream with many young farmers today.

"I guess I'd really like to get started on my own someday", he explained.

"Even though I'm happy where I am, maybe some time in the future I'll have my own farm."



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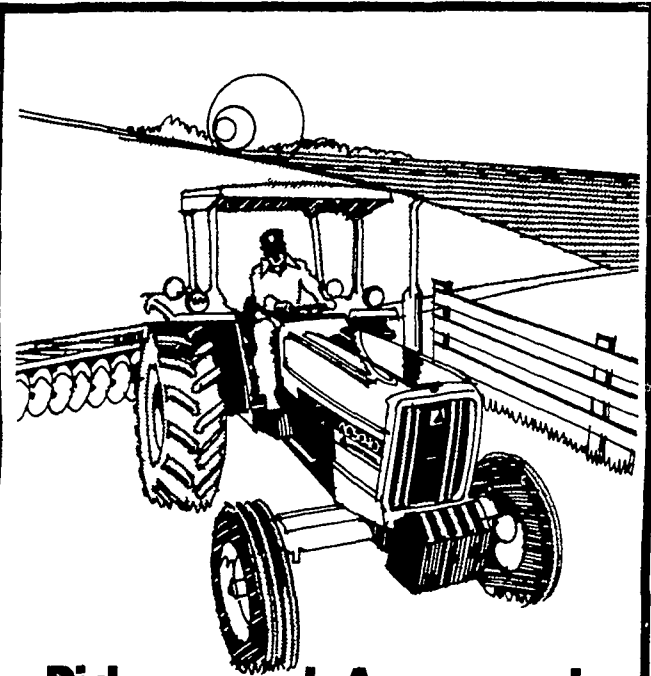


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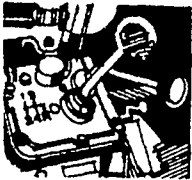
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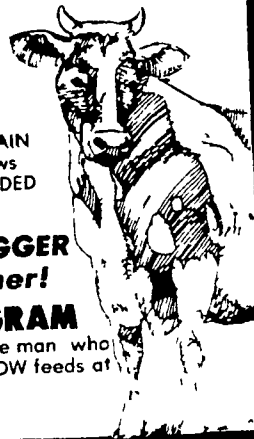
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