

# LIFE on the farm

By Dieter Krieg, Editor

With Thanksgiving approaching, I take inventory of what I hold dear.

I count my blessings, of which there are many.

The children and my wife, Lisa, come to mind first. They're really special to come home to. Heidi, for example, never fails to greet me with an enthusiastic and loud "Hi Da!" as soon as she hears me coming. Then all 20 pounds of her, complete with sparkling eyes and a great big smile, come sailing towards me and into my arms to be picked up and hugged. I'm always happy to oblige. So much in fact, that everybody accuses me of having the little girl spoiled.

Paul and Karl are a source of joy too. Each day they have something to show me and I must marvel at their fine development. Both boys are usually eager helpers. One is an artist, the other a builder. Paul can run like a marathon champion when he wants to but can't walk across the room if he's busy drawing pictures. Karl can be content building airplanes, houses, and barns, and yet still have time to find Daddy's shoes. They're both delightful.

And Mommy, she's very special too. She takes care of three small children and a husband who's a boy at heart. She provides us all with love, comfort, warmth, and of course good eating. She is understanding, patient, loving, lovable. For her, I'm grateful.

I'm also thankful for my parents, my upbringing, my heritage, my friends, and this beautiful world we live in. I'm thankful for Autumn, Winter, Spring and Summer. I'm glad for trees, grass, animals, fields, breezes, sunshine, rain, and soil.

I'm thankful for my job and the satisfactions I've been able to derive from it. I love the outdoors and agriculture. I'm grateful to be a part of it.

Included too in my inventory of cherished belongings and experiences are the memories I hold of having once lived on a farm where horses pulled wagons fitted with wooden, iron-rimmed wheels. I remember the scent of leather harnesses and hay, and the unique smell of the dirt floor in the toolshed. And who can forget the warmth and scent of a dairy barn, where the aromas of silage, hay, straw, and the cows themselves blend in for pure satisfaction.

A couple years of life in a refugee camp also had their value — an experience I wouldn't trade away for anything.

Countless good memories of years gone by and a happy feeling for what I have today, make my inventory of what I hold dear endless. I thank God for being so generous.

Have a happy Thanksgiving, everyone!

## Lisa Dobrosky wins nat'l. meats judging contest

YORK - York County's 4-H meats judging experts won another victory during national competition last week at Kansas City, Mo.

Lisa Dobrosky, 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony G. Dobrosky, Glen Rock R2, topped all competitors to be named the overall winner in the national 4-H meats judging and identification contest at the American Royal Livestock Show.

She's the reigning county 4-H queen and has carried sheep projects for several years as a member of the county lamb club and the Glen Rock Community club.

Other members of the team, which finished fourth in the fifteen-state competition, are Brenda Walter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Walter, Airville R2, Chris Sunday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sunday, York R1, and Steve Trostle, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Trostle, Red Lion R2.

Lisa was first in the total overall meats judging portion of the competition, finishing with 430 points. Chris Sunday placed sixth with 423 points. York's team was a close second with 1253 points to Oklahoma's score of 1255 points.



Lisa Dobrosky

In beef judging, the teammates earned a score of 413 points to place fifth. Wyoming captured that first place with a high score of 429 points.

The team took sixth place in pork judging, with Lisa placing fourth in individual scoring with 143 points, Chris Sunday at the tenth place with 133 points, and Brenda Walter in eleventh place one point lower.

Also scoring top in the retail meats judging category, Lisa earned the first place with 147 points, Chris with 141 points took sixth place, and Brenda with a tying 141 points was in

seventh, to earn the county the first place team spot.

In the meats identification portion of the judging, Lisa was third with 228 points, Chris finished eighth with 209 points and Brenda was tenth with 197 points, helping to earn the team the fifth place spot.

The team from Nebraska won the overall team score with 1925 points, while Pennsylvania's fourth place was won with their accumulated 1887 points.

Other competitors represented Illinois, Wyoming, Alabama, Virginia, Kansas, Florida, Minnesota and Montana.



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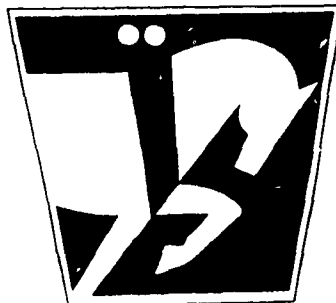
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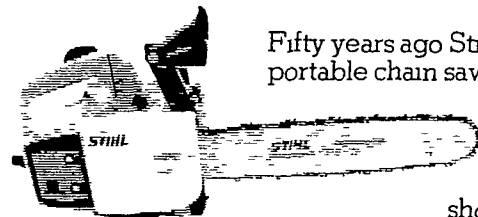
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