

Kreider, Long receive Lancaster Co. FFA awards

By JOAN LIESAU
MILLERSVILLE - Two 16 year old youths from the Penn Manor High School have earned distinguished awards from their Lancaster County Red Rose FFA chapter. Tim E. Kreider has been honored as the Lancaster County Red Rose Star Agri-businessman, and Gordon Long has been selected as Lancaster County Red Rose Star Farmer.

Tim is the son of Wilmer and Joanne Kreider, Washington Boro R1. He has worked for his father's business, W.E. Kreider Quality Meats, Inc. for many years. Tim felt he won the award for the records he kept on the hours he worked and the "jobs I've done". Tim's main responsibility were to sell products including lunchmeats, salads and cheeses, and cleaning up equipment.

The agri-businessman works Friday and Saturday nights, and throughout the Summer.

Tim has served as assistant sentinel and County delegate. He has participated in his chapter's pin orders, hunting chart, and citrus fruit committees. Tim's FFA projects include hog fattening, steers, and two acres of corn. He has raised 67 cross bred hogs in his FFA career along with six steers. Tim has sold all his steers to his father's meat business.

If Tim had to explain farming to a non-farmer, he said he would tell them that "it's a lot of hard work and there is a problem getting starting in farming because you have to buy equipment and land which is expensive."

Tim said his goals are "to work in agri-business and make enough money to set up a partnership with my father on the farm." And that he would "continue with an agribusiness career in the meat area," until that time.

Gordon Long, the son of Howard and Betty Long, Columbia R3, said that he had to keep records on his projects and be very active on chapter committees to compete for the Red Rose Star Farmer award.

Coming from a 93 acre farm, Gordon has served as the junior ag treasurer, assistant reporter and he is presently serving as the Manor FFA Chapter vice president. Gordon has been chairman of the Lancaster hog show, Farm City Week, and Starbicide committees. He has won the chain gilt and chain market hogs.

Gordon has many FFA projects. Raising tobacco because "it's a good cash crop" Gordon plants four acres. He raises two acres of corn which goes into feed for his livestock projects. He has raised six steers in his FFA career. He explained they were mostly cross breeds. At shows, Gordon said he placed about the middle of his class and on up.

Swine is Gordon's main livestock interest. He has raised 60 market hogs altogether in FFA. He uses Duroc-Yorkshire cross breeds because they are "good for showing, good for growing." He also has a swine breeding

project which presently includes 18 sows and two boars, all registered purebreds, either Yorkshires or Durocs. At the 1978 Solanco Fair, Gordon exhibited the champion sow

and litter in the FFA contest. Gordon says he has made money on his projects through "prize money at shows, good management, and the right kind of stock." Gordon stressed record

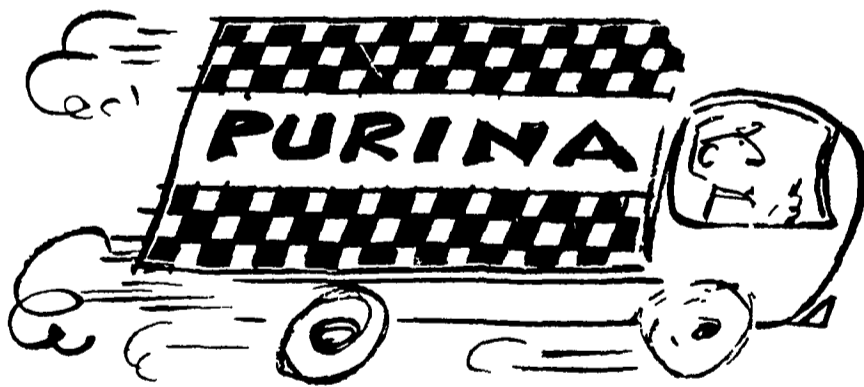
keeping, if he were to give advice to someone starting out in the farming business. "Keep them up to date and never fall behind in them" he said. "Make sure they're

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Tim Kreider (left) was selected as the Lancaster County Red Rose Star Agri-businessman and Gordon Long received the honor of Lancaster County Red Rose Star Farmer. Both young men have been members of the Manor FFA Chapter at the Penn Manor High School for the past three years.

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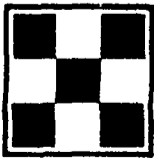
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