Kearns chosen Star Agribusinessman

ELVERSON -- Tom Kearns, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Kearns of Morgantown, has been chosen as the Berks County FFA Star Agribusinessman for 1978-79. Tom has served as Berks County FFA secretary for the last year, as well as treasurer of the Twin Valley FFA Chapter.

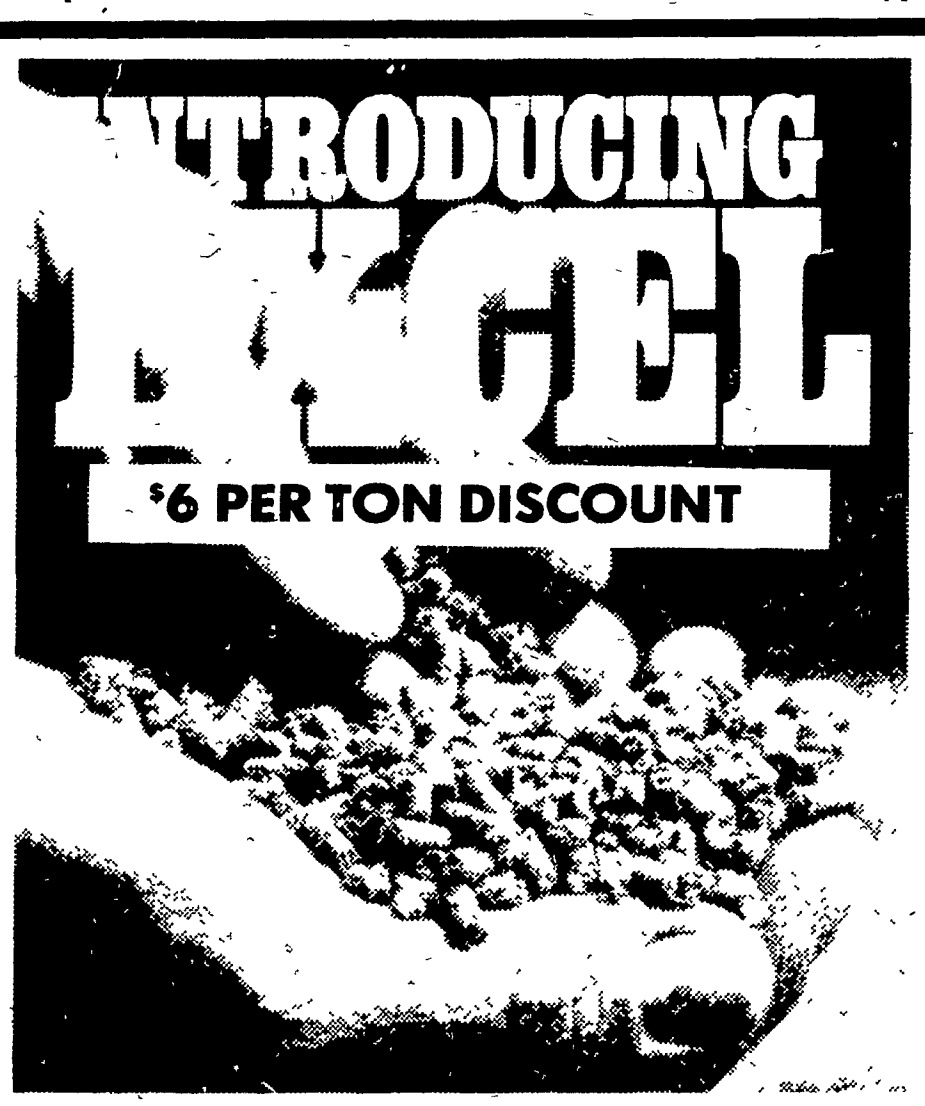
Tom was presented a $50 Savings Bond as County Star Agribusinessman at the County FFA banquet He was chosen from among the Star Chapter Agribusinessmen of other local chapters.

Tom served as treasurer of the Owen J. Roberts Chapter before his family moved to Twin Valley. He has participated in public speaking contests in both Chester and Berks County, as well as serving on the Parliamentary Procedure teams of both chapters He has attended the Pennsylvaniz Association of Farmer Cooperative Institute at Shippensburg twice. Tom exhibited dairy cattle at several local fairs - Kimberton Fritztown and Allentown as well as the Southeastern Pennsylvania FFA Dairy Show

Tom served on Chapter dairy judging teams at the Kutztown and Allentown Fairs and the Pennsylvania All-American Dairy show. He participated in the state FFA agricultural mechanics contest at Penn State in June of 1977. In 1978 he participated in the state dairy showmanship contest Tom also represented the chapter in the tractor driving contest at the Kutztown Fair. Attendance at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City last November was one of the highlights of Tom's Senior year.

Another highlight was when he recieved the Keystone Farmer Degree at the Pennsylvania Mid Winter Convention. At the state project book contest Tom took first place out of 175 books in the Work Experience Category. Tom's major projects were dairy heifers, field corn. veal calves, vegetable garden and working for the last six years on Cream Valley Farms, a 450 acre dairy farm on which his responsibilitys are milking, raising calves plus all aspect of field work.

Tom's plans after high school are to run for state FFA office in June and to become a herdsman on a dairy farm until he gets his own farm.



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Beam, Max compete in poultry judging

ELVERSON - Two Twin Valley FFA members participated in the recent Tri-County FFA Poultry Judging contest sponsored by Weavers Poultry and Weaver's Quality Eggs of New Holland and Lancaster.

Twin Valley students in this contest were Mike Beam, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Beam of Honey Brook and Ed Max, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Max, Honey Brook R3. Poultry judges had to complete nine skills required of poultry producers

Each contestant had to judge a class of four laying hens and give a set of oral reasons on this class, place a class of 4 pullets (chickens just starting to lay eggs) judge a class of 10 production hens as to keep or cull by sight only, sight judge 10 pullets for keep or cull, identify 20 poultry diseases or parasites, grade a class of eggs for internal quality by candling them, grade internal quality of a class of broken out eggs, grade exterior quality of eggs and grade a class of 10 chicken carcasses. The first eight places in this contest were captured by Garden Spot (New Holland) students. Weaver's also sponsors the National FFA Poultry Judging Contest at Kansas City in November.

Seed case settled

NEW YORK - Michael-Leonard, Inc., Grant Park, Ill., has paid $2,125 to settle a case involving alleged violations of the Federal Seed Act. The act, administered by U.S. Department of Agriculture officials, is a truth-in-labeling law designed to protect farmers and consumers who buy seed.

Clyde R. Edwards, seed official with the department's Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS), said the firm, in agreeing to the settlement, neither admitted nor denied the charges.

The case involved seven shipments of Kentucky bluegrass and lawn seed mixtures to Pennsylvania, South Dakota, Florida, Maine, Minnesota, and Virginia in 1975 and 1976. The alleged violations, while not the same for all shipments, were false labeling as to the test date and percentage of seeds that would germinate; presence of noxious-weeds seeds in excess of what's allowed; failure to label the name and rate of noxious-weed seeds; failure to test for germination within five months before interstate shipment; and failure to keep required records.

Stoltzfus receives dairy chain calf

ELVERSON - Doris Mast, chairman of the Twin Valley FFA Dairy Chain Calf committee announced the award of this year's calf to Roger Stoltzfus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stoltzfus of Elverson R1.

Roger is a junior vocational agriculture student at Twin Valley High School. The chain calf was originally provided by former chapter President Nevin Mast. The calf Roger received came from Doris, who had received the last chain calf. Roger will show his calf and within three years return another to the chapter, to be awarded to another FFA member.

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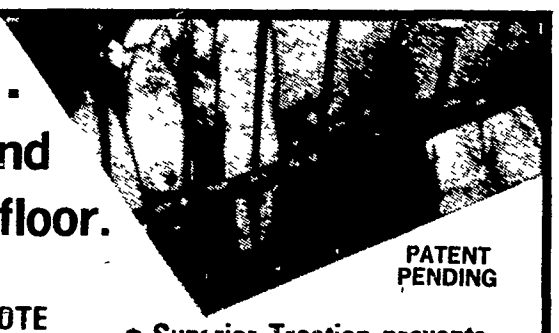

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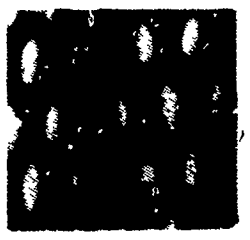

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