

Japanese student enjoys farm life

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DOVER -- "In the beginning, I was dreaming in Japanese, but now I'm dreaming in English," laughs Masayo Matsukawa. That was just one of the cultural changes ex-


perienced during the last 11 months by the pretty 17-year-old native of the land of the Rising Sun. Masayo is now in the final few weeks of her stay on a York County farm as an American Field Service exchange student. Her

family for the past year has been Loren Detter, a sales representative for Spangler and Sprenkle, Inc., his wife Ailean, and their children, Susan, 17, and David, 15. During her stay, Masayo was a member of the Dover High School senior class with her American "sister," Susan. Both recently donned

their caps and gowns for graduation. Masayo must now return to finish her final year of Japanese high school, through March, as her year of studies here does not count as part of her schooling record. After that, if she passes entrance exams, plans are to attend a

college, with a definite course of study to be chosen later. Susan will also be off to college, leaving in August to study teaching at the Mt. Vernon Bible College in Ohio. Both of Masayo's parents are barbers in the town of Yamashi, located about two hours from Tokyo in the

shadow of majestic Mt. Fuji. She has one sister, age 13, and the family lives with her paternal grandparents. Although not from a farm, Masayo quickly learned rural customs and daily chores on the Detter's 76-acre farm specializing in Charolais cattle and crops. (Turn to Page 131)



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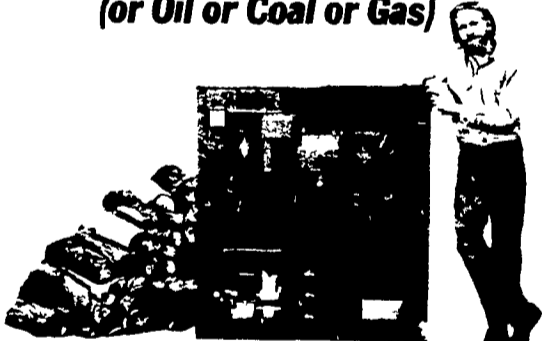
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