American Farmer Degree awarded to Earl Geib

BY DEBRA STRICKLER MANHEIM - "Money can't buy what involvement in the FFA organization has given me." said Earl Geib, on a recent visit to his R4 Manheim home.

Earl has been been nominated for the highest FFA Degree, as a result of his livestock production projects and his demonstrated leadership abilites in the local and state level.

In the past week, he had the opportunity to talk to freshman FFA members, and his words of advice were "get involved." This advice comes from an FFA'er who got involved not only on the local level but in the state. Serving as the State's

Eastern Regional Vice- busy through the Summer President in 1976-77, Earl had an opportunity to visit numerous FFA Chapters and encourage them to enter competitions. He will never regret all the people he met through his involvement in the program.

Earl resides with his parents. Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Geib, on their 50 acre farm. Helping his father with the beef and swine operation, Earl feeds 100 feeder pigs and 10-15 steers per year on his own. He purchases all his pigs as feeders and like to send them to market at 220 pounds. The Geibs also raise 12 acres of tobacco, which keeps Earl

and Winter months.

In the future, Earl would like to own a farm, although the present price of land is disheartening.

As a 1976 graduate of Manheim Central High School, Earl is appreciative of Mr. Jess Erway and Mr. Glen Spangler who encouraged him to compete for a state office, and enter contests.

Of particular interest is the Livestock Production Proficiency contest. According to Earl, Mr. Spangler forced him to complete the application. As a result, he placed first in the state competition and took a close second in the eastern regional competition.

While at Manheim, Earl served as chaplain, treasurer, and president of the local Chapter.

Since graduation, he has continued demonstrating leadership since he is currently serving as president of the Manheim Area Poultry Service, (MAPS). This organization

is kept busy catching chickens for area poultry producers. He also serves as vice-president of the Chicques Church of the Brethren's youth group and is on the board of directors at the Manheim Farm Show.

Despite-a broken ankle sustained at a recent football game, Earl enjoys sports.

He has a particular interest in baseball and softball. having been a pitcher.

This week Earl and his parents will be flying to the 52nd annual FFA convention to receive the coveted award. On his return home, ne will be busy purchasing vearlings to feed through the next months.



Despite his broken ankle, Earl Geib is involved with the farming operation. He assists his father in unloading ear corn, and spends time with his steers. This Hereford-Charolais-Angus cross was purchased from Frank Dorsey and will be sold at the Lancaster Auction.

4-H Club hosts halloween

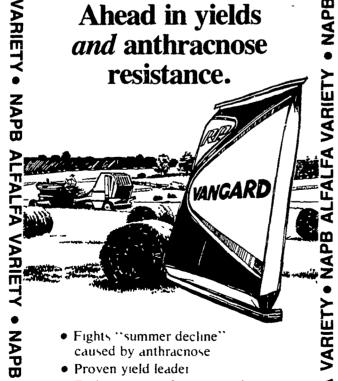
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MANCHESTER- The Northeastern Community 4-H Club held its October meeting at the home of Steven Gross. A haunted house was held in the barn. A short business meeting was called to order. After the meeting, club members enjoyed a hayride and games. Refreshments were served









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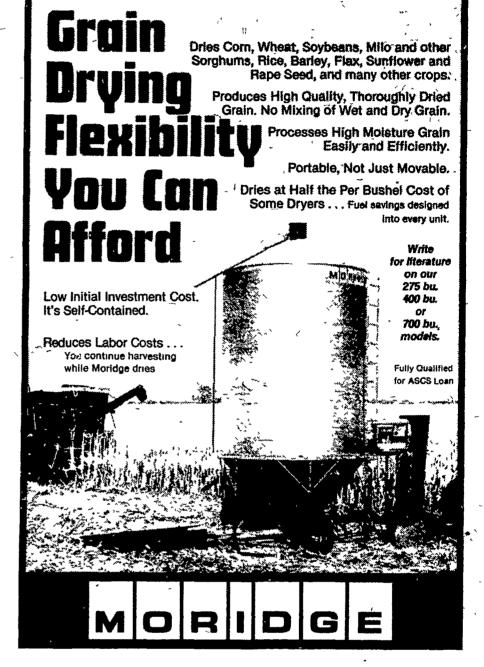
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