

Boyd, an active showman, nominated for Degree

BY DEBRA STRICKLER
CLAY — The sixth member of the Cloister FFA Chapter to receive the highest FFA achievement degree, the American Farmer, is Kerry Boyd of RD 5 Ephrata.

Kerry and his wife, the former Deborah Strauss, reside on the 50 acre Clay View Farm near Clay. He is in partnership with his father, Elmer Boyd. In addition to the land on the farm, the Boyds rent 50 acres planted primarily in corn.

The livestock operation

includes Holstein and registered Brown Swiss dairy cattle, a majority of Duroc crossbred hogs, eight sows, and 500 capons. Deb has a particular interest in sheep and a few can be found on the farm.

A familiar name in the show ring, Kerry is an experienced showman of hogs and his prize calf, Keb Clay View Titan Bee Kelly. He has showed at area fairs, state, and national competitions.

In August, Kerry won the grand championship in the FFA Market Hog Show, and

a number of top placings at the Elizabethtown, Ephrata, and Manheim Fairs.

His intermediate Brown Swiss calf, "Kelly", was named junior champion and reserve grand champion at the All-American Dairy Show in September.

This weekend, he will be busy exhibiting a barrow in the Junior Show at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition in Harrisburg. Also, he hopes to show "Kelly" in the State Farm Show.

As a 1976 graduate of Ephrata High School, he earned the Greenhand, Chapter Farmer, and most recently the Keystone Degree. He was sentinel of the Cloister Chapter and participated in the dairy judging team which took top honors in county, state, and national competitions.

Kerry remains active in the Lincoln Community 4-H Club, presently serving as a volunteer leader with the swine projects. He had been president of the Club for two years.

While in 4-H, Boyd took the county title at the annual corn roundup for nine consecutive years.

"I plan to fade out of the show ring," comments Boyd. Although he is already looking forward to the day when his son, Gerald Matthew, will be a livestock exhibitor.

In the meantime, the Boyds will concentrate on improving the dairy herd. They want to concentrate on quality rather than quantity, although they are considering hog expansion.

Kerry is an example of an FFA'er who has put a lot into his FFA career. He encourages all younger members to do the same, because the personal rewards make it all worthwhile.



Kerry is looking to the future, when his 13 month old son, Gerald, will be showing animals. If he follows in his father's tradition, Gerald will also earn the American Farmer Degree.



Kerry and his wife, Deb, enjoy a few spare moments in their home with son, Gerald. This week, Kerry and Deb will be taking a trip to Kansas City to receive the coveted American Farmer Degree.

Interstate members slate annual meeting

SOUTHAMPTON — Dairy farmers from six states will participate in the 62nd annual meeting of Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, Nov. 8-9, at the Host Farm Resort, Lancaster, Pa.

Delegates, directors and district officers will represent Inter-State's 3,000 members from Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Maryland, Delaware, Virginia and West Virginia at the two-day meeting.

Nearly 1,000 dairy farmer leaders will participate in the session at which the delegates will establish policies which they would like implemented in the upcoming year. The meeting also serves to update the membership on the activities of their cooperative during the past year.

Charlie Plumb, U.S.N. Reserve Lt. Commander, Lenexa, Kansas, Vietnam P.O.W. for nearly six years after being shot down near Hanoi, will highlight the

meeting as speaker at the 6:15 p.m. banquet on Nov. 8.

Thursday's business meeting will begin at 9:45 a.m. with a report from Inter-State's president, Lester C. Jones, a Medford, N.J. dairy farmer, and members of Inter-State's staff. Dr. James E. Honan will present his general manager's report when the afternoon session begins at 1:30 p.m.

Women attending this year's meeting will hear a presentation by Mrs. Florrie Paul. She will address the women on Friday morning with a program entitled "Incredible Edibles". The women will also tour a pretzel factory, The Moravian Church and the

Pennsylvania Farm Museum.

Receiving special recognition at this year's Young Cooperator breakfast will be the five 1979 Outstanding Young Cooperator Couples. Also at the breakfast program, Inter-State's annual news media award will be presented.

Following the breakfast program, delegates will present and vote on resolutions on policy proposals for the upcoming year. Members of this year's resolutions committee are: Mr. William S. Sutton, Chestertown, Md., Mr. Robert Ketterer, Kempton, Pa., Mr. Elmer S. Pettit, Woodstown, N.J. and Mr. Edwinn S. Ely, Elkton, Md.

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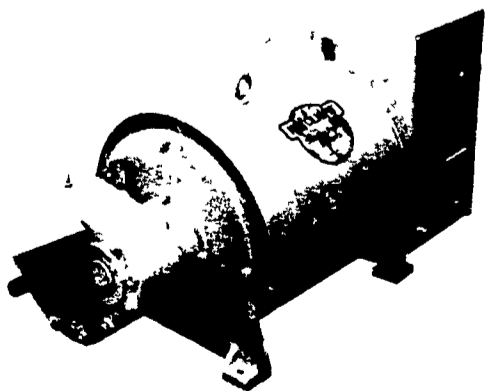
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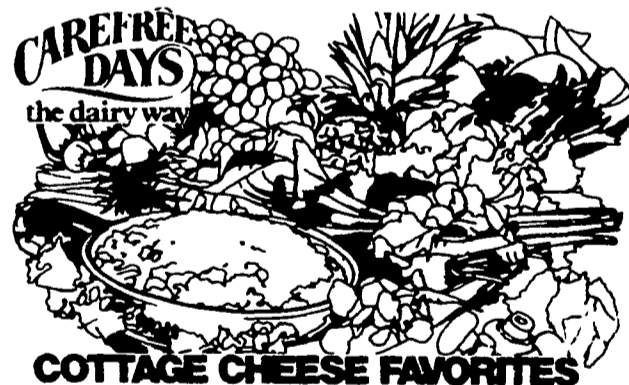
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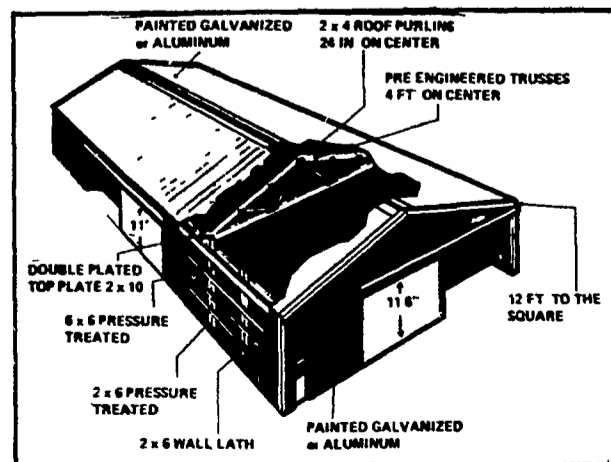
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