

Gordon Long is one of four sons of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Long, R3 Columbia, all of whom have won Keystone Farmer degrees. Gordon graduates in June from Penn Manor High School, and has already entered into a partnership arrangement with his father on a 120-sow farrow to finish hog operation.

Keystone sons

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while Mrs. Long works at John Herr's Village Market. Mr. Long left farming full-time seven years ago, he said, to give his sons a chance to run the farm.

Glenn was the first brother to graduate from Penn Manor and earned his Keystone Degree in 1974. He helps at the farm, and works full-time for Pennfield Corporation at the Hempfield Industrial Park mill, just four doors away from his father's place of work.

Gary, a 1975 graduate, was working in ag mechanics for

Cope and Weaver before leaving for Volunteer Service in North Carolina.

Galen, who earned his Keystone Degree in 1977, has been helping at the farm and is looking at off-farm work opportunities in agribusiness.

Gordon plans to stay on the farm, and has ambitious plans for a farrow-to-finish hog operation. Working as a father-son partnership, Gordon and his father had erected in August pre-fab confinement housing for 120 sows.

Those sows have just begun to farrow, and there

are now close to 300 hogs being readied for market.

The Farmstead Industries buildings came to the farm in sections which were bolted together over a liquid manure pit. The hogs live on plastic slats over the pit, which will have to be emptied about twice a year. Using a newly-purchased liquid tank with a coultter attachment, Gordon hopes to knife the manure directly into the ground, rather than spreading it.

He'd like to maintain purebred breeding stock in Hampshires, Durocs, and Spotted Swine, and possibly

Adams Electric co-op offers energy program

GETTYSBURG — Adams Electric Cooperative has recently purchased a display computer known as an Energy Cost and Conservation Simulator. The cooperative plans to use this teaching tool to increase energy use awareness and stimulate energy conservation by the members of the cooperative and the general public.

Adams Electric's General Manager Charles L. Overman summarized, "Our new simulator will help fill the need for adequate distribution of useful energy technology to the public.

Greater understanding is vital to achieve meaningful conservation and support for energy programs. We hope we receive many requests for this new program."

The simulator will illustrate the energy situation as it currently exists for the individual farm owner.

In addition, it allows the participants to compare the alternative actions they can take and view the results. Adding more insulation to buildings will immediately show results in energy savings and costs.

Other areas of energy use such as heating, gasoline,

lighting, etc., are also programmed into the simulator to show results in similar fashion.

The simulator will show energy use changes such as growth, time elapse and energy resources depletion.

This public service program is available to anyone throughout the cooperative's service area and beyond. Anyone interested in scheduling this program is invited to contact Gil Evans, director of Energy Use Services at (717) 334-9211 or the nearest office of Adams Electric Cooperative for further information.

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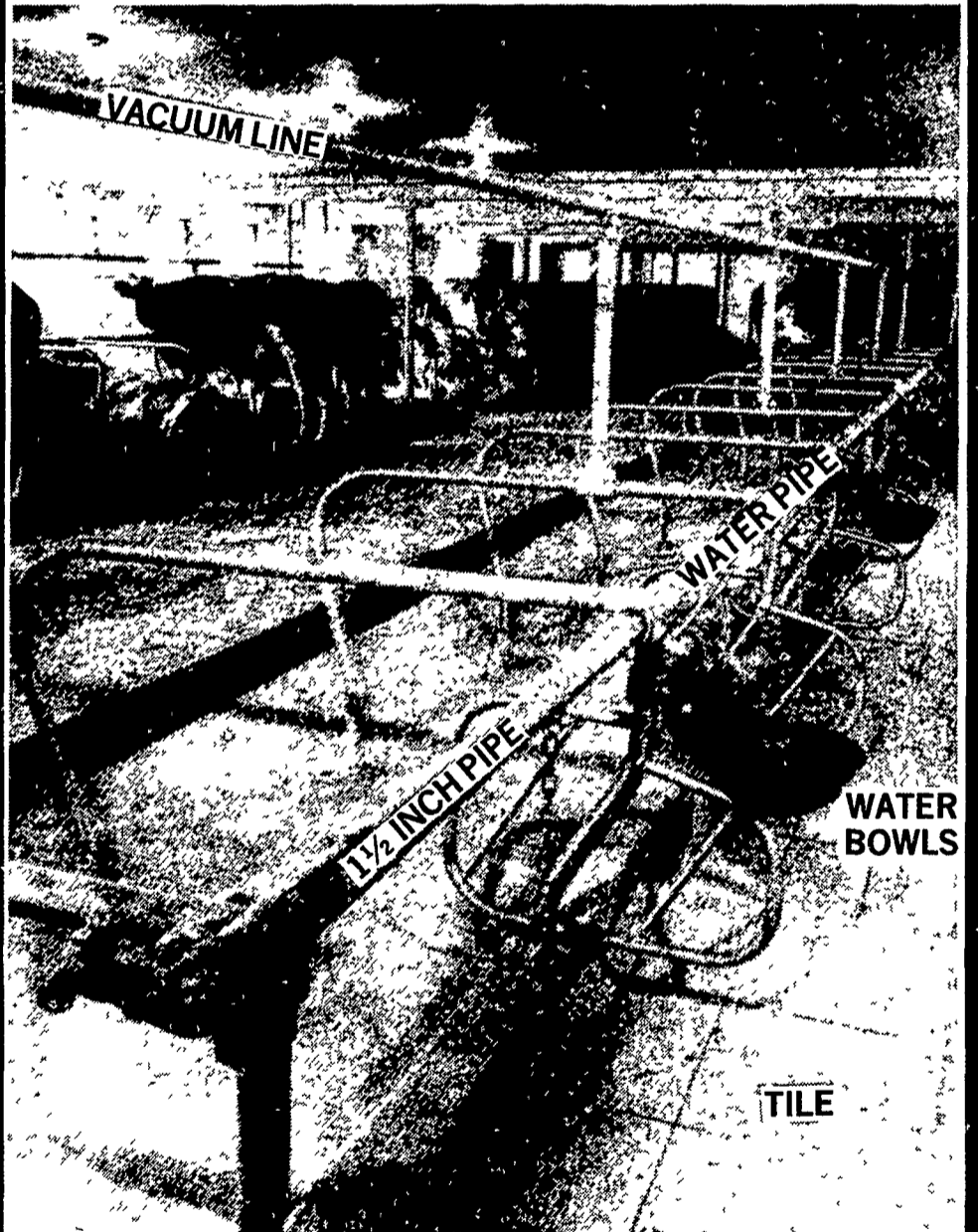
A wife recently explained how she knew her husband truly loved her. "Last fall, on a Sunday afternoon, I was painting the living room ceiling while Ben was watching a football game. I fell off the ladder and he called an ambulance as soon as the next commercial came on!"



Yorkshires and Chester Whites, as well.

Although he expects to sell some of his animals for breeding stock, Gordon expects to fatten most of the 2800 pigs born on the farm each year. Most of the hogs will spend their lives under a roof, but Gordon said he may establish dirt lots for the breeding stock.

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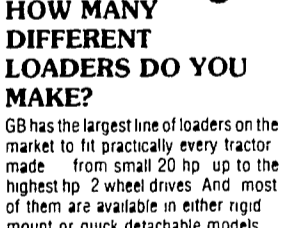
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