

Kenneth Sellers milks enjoyment from his herd

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ANNVILLE — To Kenneth I. Sellers, working with dairy cows is the best way of life there is. He says, "I've always seriously wanted to be a dairy farmer. I enjoy working with cattle."
Sellers lives at Lebanon R4 with his wife Karen and their three children: Krystal, 8; Kraig, 5; and Kevin, 2. For

this Lebanon County family, a dairy farm is the perfect place to live.
Sellers is proud of his herd of registered Holsteins, which numbers about 40 in the milking herd. He states, "It is totally homebred - every animal has our prefix - Gem-Rock." Out of his milking animals, about one third have Gem-Rock on both sides of the pedigrees

"A homebred here gives you an extra sense of satisfaction," he says.
He is especially proud because he is the third generation in the dairy business with the herd having been started 50 years ago by his grandfather Elmer Dutweiler. Kenneth's father Harold took over from him, and now Kenneth has taken over from his father. The three generations still work closely together, with Harold often helping out field work and Elmer helping with the cows. Kenneth notes, "My grandfather tends calves and cleans up. He loves working with cows and does a good job."
He makes it clear that he is happy with his family farm. "I might increase my herd size in the future, but still so one family can keep it going with perhaps one hired person I want the size to be
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To the Sellers family, each new generation is important to the Gem-Rock herd. Here Karen and Kenneth pose with their children Kraig, left and Kevin and one of their young heifers.



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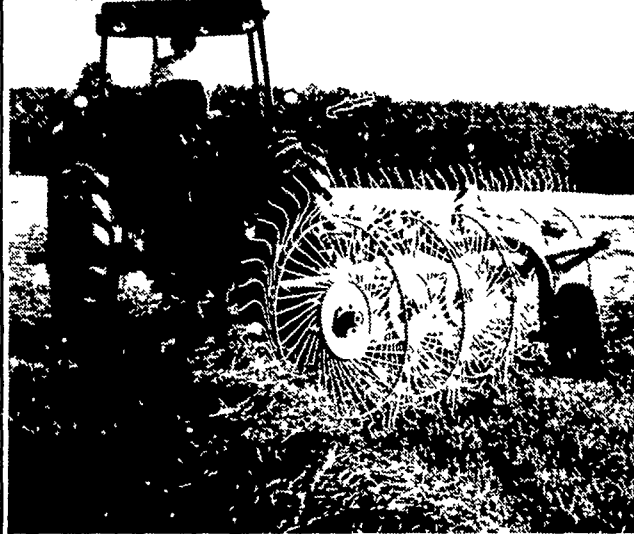
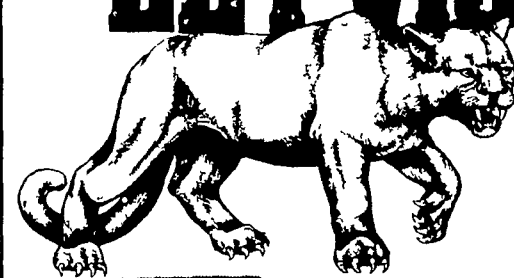
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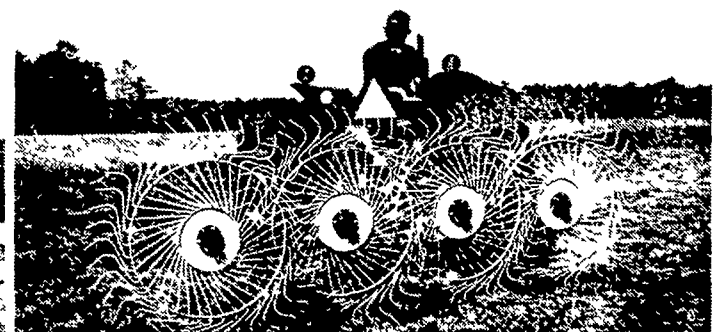


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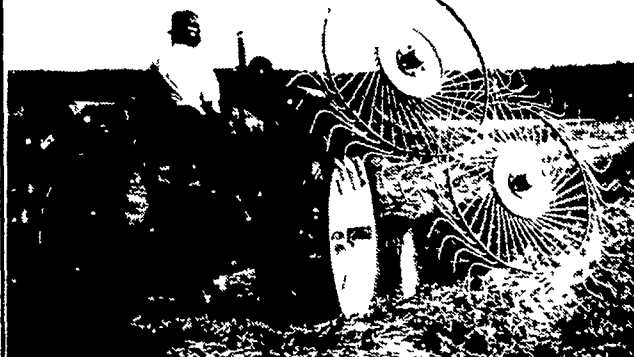
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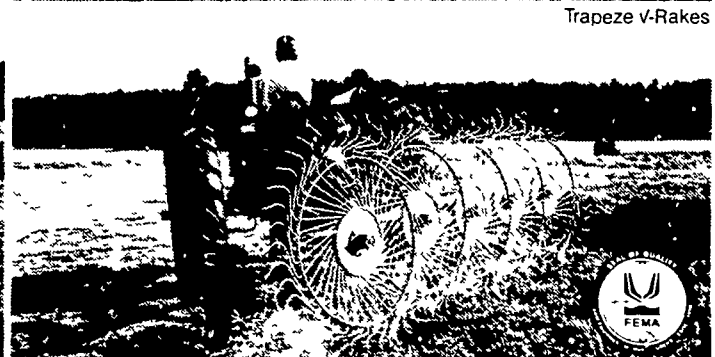
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