

## Moyer, Kelly exchange

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he said. Moyer added he is using primarily two bulls — Elevation and Creek's Bluff Elevation Lester.

Luke many of the area farmers, Moyer said he is concerned about having enough feed for his cattle this winter. "I planted 200 acres of corn and only got a quarter crop. Instead of 150 bushels per acre, I only got 40. If it would have been like last year, I would still have had 10,000 bushels of corn to sell after I filled the silos."

Moyer also ensiles his first cutting alfalfa, and bales the second and third cuttings. "The cows like the hay," he said, "and they seem to have less twisted stomachs."

Kelly pointed out the haylage that was harvested in the earlier part of the year is moister than the corn silage harvested this fall. "The cows eat and do better on the moister feed," he said.

In raising his calves, Moyer does not use hutches. They're raised in individual pens in a well ventilated

wing of the barn. A pair of fans and a vent system in the ceiling which allows fresh air to circulate from the top floor of the barn are the key to raising the calves inside, said Moyer.

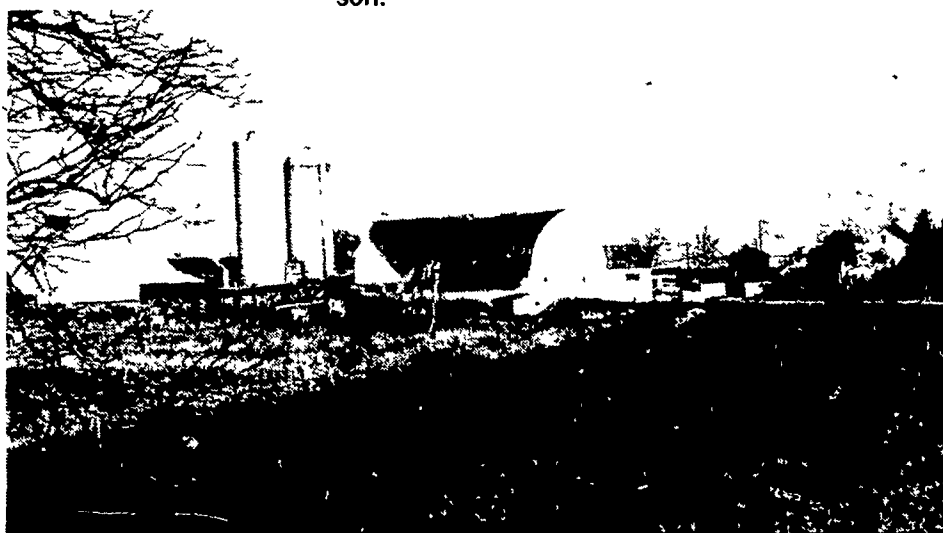
After a closer look at Moyer's massive corn harvester and hay mower and conditioner, both self-propelled, Kelly was aware of the physical dangers that can occur by accident and carelessness on the farm.

Rounding out the day with a trip to neighbor Hershey Bare's modern dairy farm, Kelly left the farm of independent dairyman Albert Moyer with a better appreciation of agri-business.

"I'd like to bring my son here for the day. Farmer's don't get a chance to sit down in front of the television — they're too busy for anything more than the news and futures markets," he smiled.



Donning dungarees, work jacket and gloves, Fred Kelly pitched in with the chores at Fernhost Farms. His experience on the 90 milking cow operation is one he said he'd like to share with his son.



## Bollinger, Murry exchange

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County since 1970, added Bollinger.

The top cow in the herd is Willow Maple Apollo Ginger, whose record is 28,000 pounds milk and over 1000 pounds fat. She is the cow Bollinger has used as his primary transplant cow. Bollinger first started transplanting in November 1978.

Ginger's sire is Hilltop Ivanhoe Apollo out of Willow Maple Gay Annette, a daughter of Harrisburg Gay Ideal Annette is also the dam of a young bull bred at Willow Maple Farm who now stands at stud for Atlantic Breeders Cooperative. According to Harold Bollinger, Donald's father and partner, Superb, shows a lot of promise although he is not old enough to be proven.

In the AI program, Bollingers use several top studs, including Marvex, Superior, Penn Star, Keyhoe Eric, Topper, and Very.

In order to feed his top-producing herd, Bollinger raises about 80 acres of corn and 55 acres of alfalfa.

"Two-thirds of my ground is no-tilled," Bollinger explained, "and the remainder is chiseled. All my full-season corn goes into the silo and my mid-season corn is shelled. The alfalfa either goes into the silo or is baled."

Bollinger pointed out he hires a custom combine to shell his mid-season corn when it has dried down to about 22 percent. He explained he adds propionic

acid to the grain and stores it in a pile about six to seven feet deep on his upstairs barn floor.

The propionic acid, he said, costs about 38 cents a pound, and it takes 1/2 pound of acid per bushel of corn. But, Bollinger said, he doesn't have the expense of hauling the grain to a dryer, along with the extra expense of drying. "And I can't keep it in the silo at that percent moisture — it would rot."

Bollinger said he feeds his cattle according to each cow's production. They get corn silage, haylage, and about 4 pounds of baled hay per cow. Then shelled corn, soybean meal, vegetable oil, and distiller's grain are added.

Murry summed up his learning experience on the farm by saying, "A cow is a machine. You feed it to produce milk. And when it's not making milk, it had better be making babies. Otherwise, it'll be making hamburgers."



## Perry County agent retires

NEW BLOOMFIELD — Roy F. Snyder, Perry County Extension agent on Penn State Extension Service staff retired November 15th with 32 years of services.

A native of Berks County, he served as assistant county agent in Snyder, Cumberland, and Perry counties prior to his promotion to county agent in 1953.

Snyder earned a bachelor of science degree from Penn State in 1948, majoring in dairy husbandry. He received a master of arts degree in Extension education from Michigan State University in 1959. He also served three years as an officer in the Army Air Corps during World War II.

During his tenure in Perry County, the Dairy Herd Improvement Association testing program has more than doubled in enrollment and production per cow has increased by about 75 percent.

Snyder initiated a brucellosis eradication program for county dairymen in the early 1950's. Through his leadership, brucellosis was eliminated as a major disease with educational programs contributing to this success.

The retired Perry County agent emphasized efficient crop production to support dairy production. Numerous farmers have been winners in the 5-Acre Corn Contest. He also placed emphasis on testing for lime and fertilizer requirements.

Snyder assisted county farmers with barn remodeling and plans for new farm structures. He also worked closely with livestock producers in the improvement of waste management procedures.

The county agent has supported a strong 4-H program and has developed projects to enable members to earn money while learning new skills.

In an effort to keep older 4-H members in club work, he assisted in designing a cantaloupe project in conjunction with the New Bloomfield Lions Club. Older members grow cantaloupes for sale and displayed their products at the service club sponsored roundup. Profit from their projects averaged \$176.

Snyder served as a member of the All-American Dairy Show and Farm Show committees for many years.

In 1969 he was recipient of a Distinguished Service Award from the National Association of County Agricultural Agents for his service to the state's agriculture. He also was winner of a "Search for Excellence" Award and was an Information Awards Contest radio winner.

He is a member of the Pennsylvania and National Associations of County Agricultural Agents, Epsilon Sigma Phi, New Bloomfield Lions Club, and the Grange.

He is married to the former Lois Zubler, of Centre County. They are the parents of three children.

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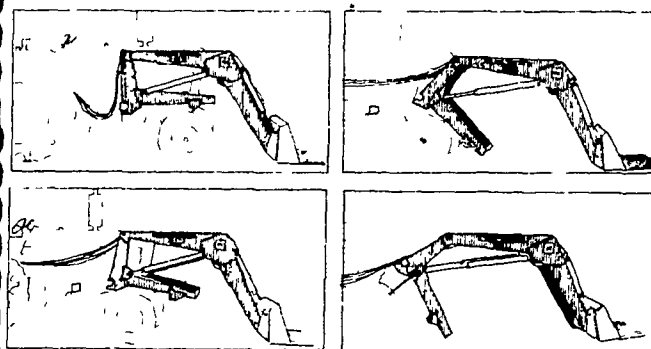
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