

Junior Members

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dividuals, he does credit the numbers of animals worked with as giving him background in the evaluation of a cow's true worth.

Sire selection is another interest of Alan's Dale-Pride leans heavily on the Sire Summary reports in selecting bulls for use on the cattle. Top preference goes to sires with a plus proof of at least one thousand milk and a plus on type. Bulls under this level, but with high butterfat proofs, may win an exception. Astronaut, Pacemaker, Valiant and Glen Valley Star are frequently used in the current mating program.

Now in complete charge of the heifer raising on the farm, Alan grows about 75 heifers annually for herd replacements, plus a few bulls for sales, possibly some to the export market. Heifers are fed a 20 percent protein ration, plus all the good quality hay they'll consume.

"I feel the young stock need as much attention as the older ones, because they are the future herd members," he's convinced.

Twin Valley students honored

ELVERSON — Two members of the Twin Valley Chapter of Future Farmers of America at Twin Valley High School, R2, Elverson, received recent honors.

Kevin Griest, 14, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Griest Jr., was the winner of the Creed Speaking Contest conducted among first-year Greenhand students. He was awarded an FFA jacket and recites the creed at the chapter's annual banquet.

This year's winner of the Meadowood Farm Award, a \$50 check, was Dolores McDermott,

Alan has also taken over management of the herd feeding program, which has been converted to a Total Mixed ration. He works closely with a nutritionist to balance feed nutrients and quantities for individual cows. Cows are fed at the bunker for 50 pounds of production, and higher producers get an extra ration of grain in the barn. Alan's methods speak well for his feeding techniques; the herd average is at 18,000 of milk and 700 of fat.

"Although farming may seem a hard road to travel, one cannot always look at the financial outcome," is how Alan says he sees his chosen career. "You have to look at the feeling of accomplishment and satisfaction which comes from hard work."

As Pennsylvania's Distinguished Junior Member winners, Debbie and Alan's scrapbooks will now be entered in the national competition. Winners of the national awards will be announced at the annual Holstein Convention, to be held in Baltimore in late June.

15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph McDermott. The award is given to an underclass student for use in starting an FFA project. Dolores is considering sheep raising as her project.

Meadowood Farm is operated by Mr. and Mrs. Frank M. Houck and Frank and Robert Stoltzfus.

Red meat production slips

HARRISBURG — Commercial red meat production in Pennsylvania during February totaled 760 million pounds, down two percent from February 1980, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

Cattle slaughter, at 53,600 head was up two percent from last year. Hog slaughter, at 250,800 head, was down seven percent from a year

ago. The number of sheep and lambs slaughtered totaled 12,500, nine percent more than in February 1980.

Nationally, commercial red meat production during February 1981 totaled 3.01 billion pounds, down one percent from February 1980.

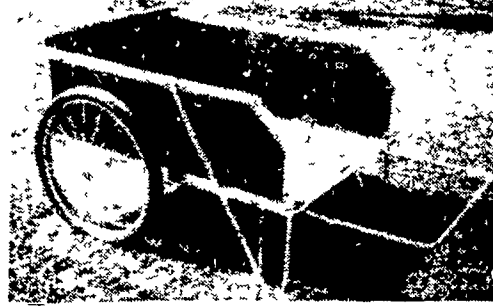
Beef production at 1.72 billion

pounds was up one percent while veal output at 30 million pounds was up seven percent.

Pork production totaled 1.23 billion pounds, down four percent from a year ago.

Lamb and mutton production increased four percent to 26 million pounds.

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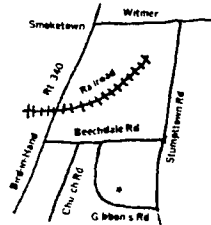
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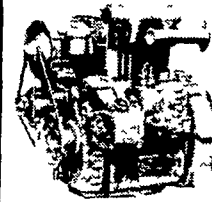
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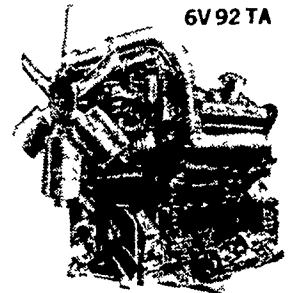
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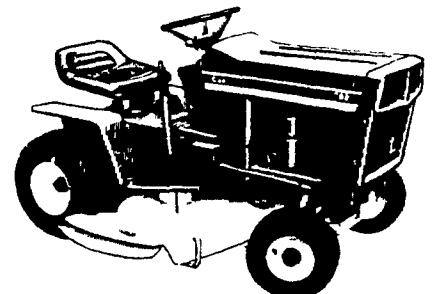
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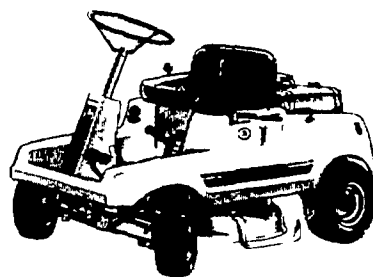
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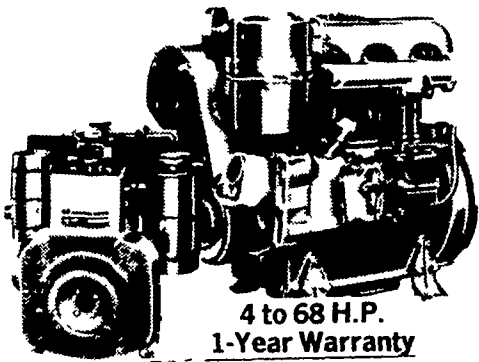
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