

Ida's Notebook

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As you might guess, I'm back from my trip to Europe and again have dirt under my fingernails as I weed strawberries, pick up walnuts and help to glean corn.

Our family and its schedules have changed quite a bit since this summer. No longer does our phone ring continually and our cars dash in and out the lane from 6:30 in the morning to 12:30 at night. Our two youngest have given up their summer jobs and are both in the School of Engineering at Penn State — one as a freshman and the other as a senior.

They both managed to go to the shore this summer for a few days. And my husband and I took off 2 days to go fishing at Bald Eagle State Park and at Prince Gallitzin. I painted our license numbers on our boat and we got a small electric motor for trolling. Our son Jeffrey went along as our instructor and we caught a chest of

small ones but no big fish.

Philip has bought a motorcycle for himself and now comes home from college on weekends to help fill the silos and to help with the seeding. He also has a part time job with the Soil Conservation Service office at State College, is President of the American Society of Agricultural Engineers at University Park and carries a heavy study load. There's no time for him to get into mischief.

One summer evening Philip gave me an exciting ride on his motorcycle. I felt like a person from Mars as I donned the heavy helmet and hopped on the back of his cycle. We hurried off to see a colorful air balloon that had landed in a neighbor's field and was giving folks short rides. It was a sure-fire way to gather the neighborhood.

Now, if we can just find a few hours this fall to fish at nearby Speedwell Lake or attend a fair, we

4-H'ers receive dairy awards

ONO — The Ono Fire Hall was filled with Lebanon County's future dairy producers during last Friday evening's 4-H Dairy Awards Banquet.

After a hearty meal, the club members settled down to the business at hand — who would be receiving this year's top awards?

Four 4-H'ers received recognition for completing the best club record books. Jere Bomgardner had the best book in the Norlecco club, while Daryl Balmer turned in the best one in the No-So-Ann club. Robert Bare topped the list in the Cedar Crest club and Patti Heilinger was tops in the Elco club.

For the best book in the county, the judges went with the best Norlecco record book and Jere Bomgardner.

It's not easy getting started in 4-H — there's so much to learn and such big kids to compete with — but Kendra Arnold and Chris Harding persevered and stayed with their projects to earn first year 4-H'er's Rookie Award in the Cedar Crest and Norlecco clubs respectively.

The top Rookie Award in the county went to Michelle Gish of the No-So-Ann club.

Nelson Bomgardner and David Bomgardner received recognition

for winning the champion fitter and showman honors during the Lebanon Fair.

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Honored at last Friday evening's Lebanon County Dairy Awards Banquet were: John Bomgardner, seated on right, 4-H leader and judging team coach; Michelle Gish, first-year Rookie; and Jere Bomgardner, best record book. Presenting the awards was Kirby Horst, seated on left.

Matthew Hetrick. Individual 4-H'ers who were honored for their judging efforts were: Sherry Donmoyer, Krista Hetrick, Wesley Harding, Laura Harding, and Heather Hernley.

Special awards were given to John Bomgardner, judging team coach, and Roy Miller, club leader, for their special service to the members at contests and shows.

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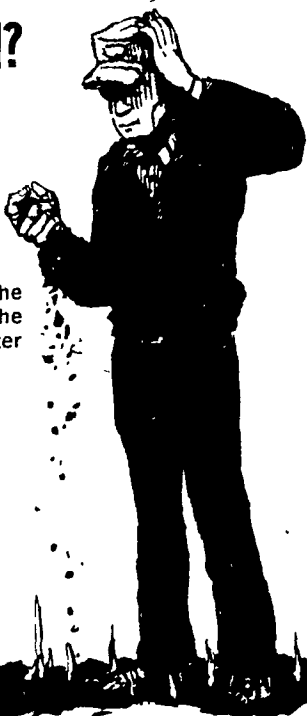
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