

Bradford Co. honors Extension Cooperator of the Year

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WYSOX — Eugene Harris, a well known farmer and community leader, was named the Extension Cooperator of the Year at the 68th Annual meeting of the Bradford County Extension Service held December 9, at the Wysox Fire Hall.

Harris and wife Alice have two children—Brian, a partner on the home dairy farm and Sylvia, wife of Malcolm Murphy of Ulster.

A graduate of Alfred University, Harris has been a 4-H leader for 25 years. He was a sponsor of the 4-H International Farm Youth Exchange, hosting three of the young people in his home. Harris has worked closely with the Cooperative Extension having been a member and past president of the Executive Committee. He has also served on the District 4-H Dairy Show and County 4-H Dairy Show committees.

A lifetime Jersey breeder, and acting director in both the local

and state Jersey Cattle Clubs, Harris also is a 45 year member of the East Smithfield Grange having held all offices. He is a church trustee, a church choir member, and chairman of the church building committee.

In addition, Harris has served as East Smithfield Bank director for 14 years, is an active Mason of 40 years, and a long time member of the Bradford-Sullivan County Farmers' Association. He presently sits on the board of the Bradford Citizens Health Foundation.

Upon receiving the certificate from Ed Dietfenbach, Northern Tier Regional Association Director of the Extension Service, Harris remarked that he is proud to have worked with Extension and proud to have been born and raised in Bradford County.

Gary Green of Warren Center, president of the Extension Executive Committee, moderator for the meeting, introduced the main speaker, Dr. Maurice

Kramer, an administrator of 4-H programs at Penn State. Kramer named some of the problems of youth today — loneliness, drugs and vandalism — and stated that 4-H can give young people impact to help solve some of these difficulties.

Four-H can give young people a chance to succeed, and to participate as a family unit. It will help them decide a life style for themselves, and set standards and goals, he said.

"Money cannot buy the feeling of satisfaction a leader can get from seeing a young person do something they thought they couldn't do," Kramer said, and challenged the audience to tackle the hard job of being a 4-H leader.

Dale Allis of South Hill Farm near Wyalusing, was then presented with the Outstanding Farmer of the Year award from Rich Gingrich, representing the Towanda Jaycees.

According to Gingrich who punctuated his remarks by showing slide pictures of the Allis family and farm. Allis had graduated from Wyalusing High School in 1971 and worked for seven years on a dairy farm in New York State where he was given the incentive of every third heifer calf born.

In 1978, Allis bought the home farm and has been successful in

raising milk production from 12,500 pounds average to 16,000 pounds average in three years. They also have the fifth lowest somatic cell count in the county and were lucky this past year to have two-thirds of their home calves born as heifers.

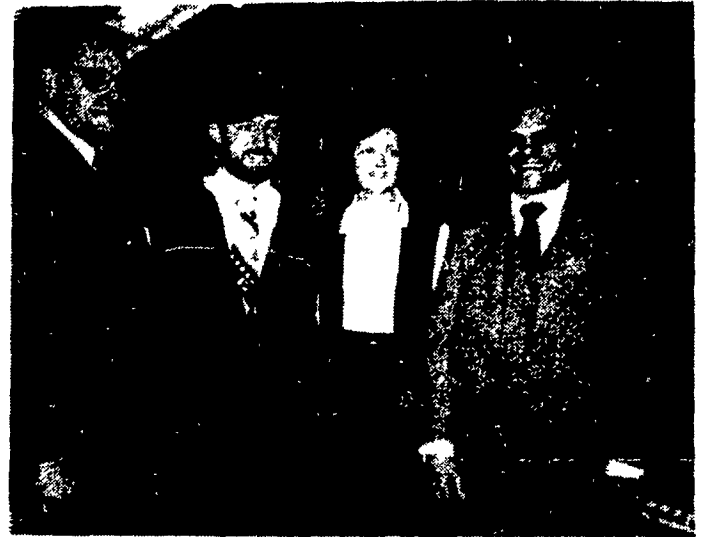
Many soil and water conservation measures have been implemented on the farm including strip farming, drain

tillage, pond installation, and tree planting, Gingrich stated.

The plaque was sponsored and presented by Kenneth Bartholomew of Rolling Acres of Wysox. This is the third year the award has been given.

Brian Harris, chairman of the Linda Hulstader 4-H Memorial Building Fund, reported that approximately \$9000 had been

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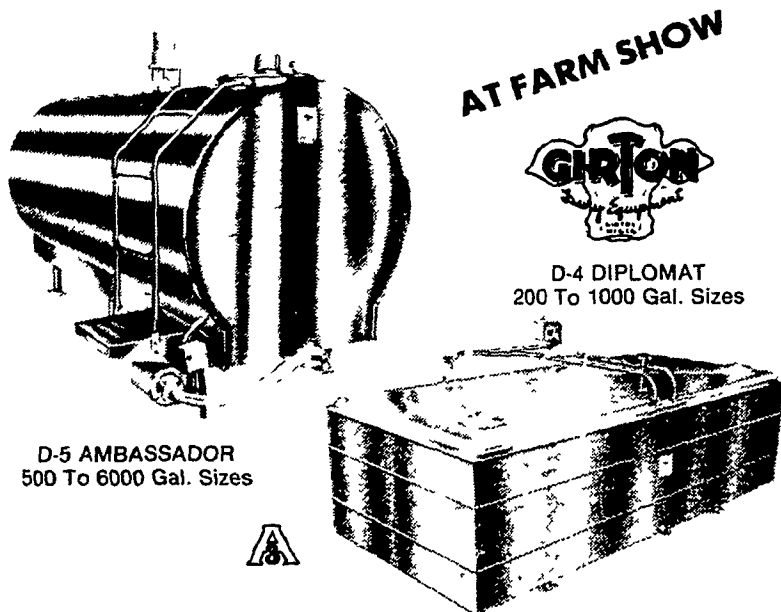


Mr. and Mrs. Dale Allis of Wyalusing, center, the proud recipients of the Bradford County Jaycees Outstanding Young Farmer Award, are congratulated by Orville Yoder, left, Bradford County Agent and Rich Gingrich, right, member of the Jaycees.



Gary Green, left, president of the Bradford County Extension Committee, congratulates Eugene Harris, recipient of the 1981 Cooperator Award.

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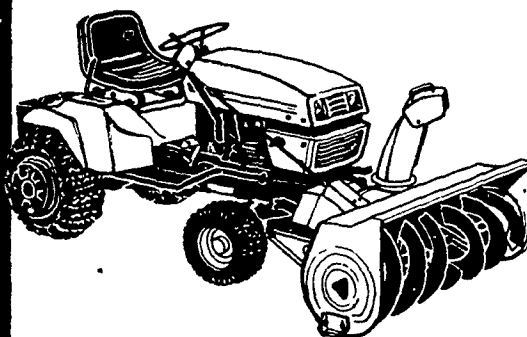
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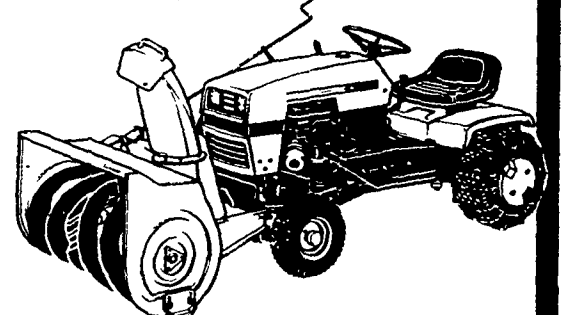
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