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HAPPY NEW YEAR

Here comes '82

LITITZ — Here comes 1982 - time to ring out the old and welcome the new! It's always hard to say goodbye to another year, yet we all delight in the opportunity to begin anew in all our endeavors and to stand at the threshold of a new year with blessings we so bountifully reaped in the now departed year.

Lancaster Farming would like to wish you and your family a prosperous new year - full of love, health, and an abundant harvest both in the field and in friendship - with this first issue of the new year.

But before you begin your celebration of the new year, how about a quick trip through Lancaster Farming's memory lane? Along the way you will see a new state dairy princess, a \$65,000 Holstein, a new FFA chapter, and much, much more - all beginning on page B16.

Let's not reminisce too long, however, because next week is our 1982 Farm Show issue - guaranteed to be the best ever.

You may want to carry Lancaster Farming to the Show with you as it will provide you with a list of exhibitors, a two-page map showing where everyone is located on the new exhibit floor plan, and a day-by-day schedule of events including all last minute changes.

You will also find biographies of the FFA Keystone Farmer award winners and special events you will see at the show. So travel with us to the Farm Show and welcome the new year with thousands of other farming friends. See you at the Show!

Contact us at Box 366, Lititz, PA 17543; or phone 717/326-3447, if you have something to contribute to next week's Farm Show issue.



Lancaster Farming welcomes 3 new correspondents

LITITZ — During the past several months, you've been seeing different by-lines above news stories and features in Lancaster Farming. As the new year begins, we'd like to take the time to introduce you to our three new correspondents — welcome additions to our editorial staff.

The most recent addition to the writing and reporting crew is Adams County's Ginger Secrist Myers who replaced former correspondent M. H. Gitt. Ginger is a familiar face to most Guernsey breeders, having worked with the association until she and her husband John Myers took up full-time dairying in November 1980.

Covering all the action in Bedford, Blair and Huntingdon counties is Patty Gross. She is the first correspondent Lancaster Farming has enlisted in bringing news of western Pennsylvania to our readers. Also from a dairy background, Patty uses her reporting experience in both radio and newspapers.

And, taking care of business in Cumberland, Franklin and Perry counties is lively Beth Hemminger whose farm experience has been gleaned from spare time spent on

her grandparents' farm near Newville.

Although Ginger and John are farming in Adams County, Ginger is a native of Franklin County.



Patty Gross



Ginger Secrist Myers

"My interest in agriculture and dairying in particular was carried on through family connections even though my parents left farming when I was quite young," Ginger recalls.

Over the years, Ginger was active in the county's 4-H program and exhibited cattle at the district, state and national levels. In 1971 she was high individual at the State Days 4-H Competition which earned her a position on Pennsylvania's state team. She and her fellow judging team members traveled to Columbus, Ohio for the National 4-H Dairy Cattle Judging Contest that year.

After high school, Ginger attended Penn State and graduated in 1975 with high honors. Even though her Bachelor of Science degree was in Health and Physical Education, Ginger managed to squeeze in a number of agricultural courses.

When she wasn't studying, Ginger was an active member of

the Penn State Dairy Science Club and Campus 4-H. She served as editor of the 'Dairyman' and, while participating on the Dairy Cattle Judging team, won the Clyde N. Hall award. Another honor she captured was being named All-Around Champion of the 1973 Dairy Exposition. Just this past spring, Ginger returned to Penn State to serve as the fitting judge for the Dairy Expo. She is currently serving on the Board of Directors for the Penn State Dairymen's Club.

After graduation, Ginger worked at Wilson College in Chambersburg while maintaining a small herd of heifers and leasing out her cows. In 1979 she was employed by the Pennsylvania Guernsey Breeders' Association as a field representative, a position she held full-time until her marriage to John.

Now John and Ginger have a (Turn to Page A34)

Pa. legislators work on 'Cruelty to Animals' bill

BY SHEILA MILLER

HARRISBURG — With all the rhetoric that's been floating around about animal rights and welfare, it was only a matter of time until Pennsylvania legislators decided to jump on the bandwagon. On November 16, 1981 Senator George Gekas (R-15th) introduced the state's Cruelty to Animal Bill, S.B. 1208.

This legislation, which was co-sponsored by Senators Edward Howard (R-10th), Robert Jubelirer (R-30th), James Rhoades (D-29th), William Moore (R-33rd), and Edward Zemprelli (D-45th), was passed by the Senate Judiciary Committee on December 9, 1981 and is presently on the Senate

Calendar on second consideration, according to a spokesperson for Sen. Gekas. "The bill will probably be voted on when the legislators come back in session, sometime in January," she said.

S.B. 1208 covers a multitude of "sins" concerning cruelty to animals, some which are already dealt with in existing laws. Its thirteen pages spell out what acts committed by humans against animals would be considered civil offenses.

The first area governs "killing, maiming, or poisoning domestic animals or zoo animals." The legislation spells out that "a person commits a misdemeanor of the second degree if he willfully

and maliciously kills, maims or disfigures any domestic or zoo animal or domestic fowl, or willfully and maliciously administers poison to any such animal or fowl, or exposes any poisonous substance, with intent that the same shall be taken or swallowed by animals, fowl or birds." However, it explains that this does not apply to the killing of animals found in the act of destroying any domestic animal or domestic fowl or to poisoning rodents or pests to control damages.

What does the legislation mean when it refers to "domestic animal" and "domestic fowl." This terminology encompasses

any dogs, cats, horses, mules, donkeys, burros, cattle, sheep, goats, and swine, along with any birds raised for food, hobby or sport.

S.B. 1208 calls for regulating selling, offering for sale, bartering, or giving away baby chickens, ducklings, or other fowl under one-month old as pets, toys, premiums, novelties, or to be colored, dyed, or stained. Rabbits, too, come under regulation in this legislation, and cannot be sold or given away, etc., under the age of two months.

The bill points out that this regulation on chick and rabbit sales should not be interpreted to (Turn to Page A34)

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