

Dennises receive Citation Award at York Beef banquet

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SEVEN VALLEYS — Gail and Rich Dennis were honored with the York 4-H Beef Club's Citation Award during the group's annual awards banquet, last Saturday, at the Seven Valleys' Fire Hall.

That presentation, given each year to an outstanding supporter of the club's project and programs, highlighted the recognition of accomplishments and award winners for the 1982 year of beef club activities.

The Dennis family breeds

purebred Angus at their Hidden Lane Farm, R2 Spring Grove, and is active in both the 4-H programs and the Pennsylvania Angus Association.

Their consistent outstanding displays and presentation of their animals on the show circuit earned the Dennises special mention as an example for club members to follow. A mobile home used by Gail and Rich at area shows regularly serves as an informal "headquarters" for the beef youth, and Gail is, with obvious affection,



Awards sponsor Bill Dietz, right, presented show trophies to 4-H'ers, from left, Bob Livingston, Chris Shive, Tammy Eisenhour and Sue Eisenhour.



Annette Walter was doubly honored during the beef club awards. As champion Farm Show steer winner, she accepted the check for the FFA animal from beef club president Bob Livingston. A 4-H graduate gift, from alumnus Bill Wise, came in the form of an Angus-black T-shirt emblazoned with her steer's name, "J.D." with "the champ" on the reverse side.

called "Mom" by many of the 4-H'ers.

As beef club organizational leader, she and Rich handle numerous behind-the-scenes chores to keep the various club activities running smoothly. Dubbed the "Apple II computer" of beef judging scoring by county Extension Agent Tony Dobrosky, Gail's abilities with a calculator and score sheets have earned her a

steady job at county and state judging contests.

"We just got into 4-H with our kids, and learned together with them," was her modest and tearful acceptance of the club's top recognition to adult supporters of the youth beef programs.

An award of a different sort went to Airville beef exhibitor Annette Walter, whose winning Farm Show champion "J.D." may earn

national acclaim as overall top-prices auction steer on record.

While "J.D." was an FFA project entry, veteran 4-H exhibitor Annette expected her check for the record \$12-per-pound total during the beef club awards.

Annette also won a salute from the club as the lone 4-H "graduate" from the club in 1982, and was gifted with special order T-shirt. in

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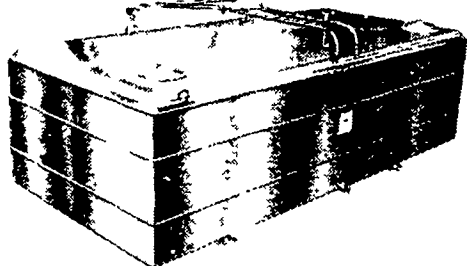


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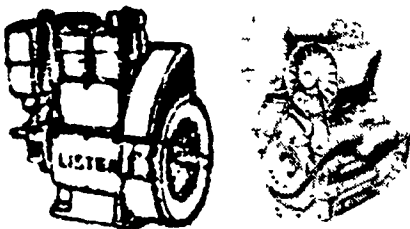


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