

Farm comes to school

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"It has been well received," Kellogg states and "their response has been really good." "Local people can't sit back and let the others take care of it," Kellogg goes on to explain while praising the local farm people in each school district for going into the schools and initiating the curriculum. Two private schools in the county have also contacted Kellogg and requested the materials.

Because the funds for field trips are at a minimum, a favorite feature at the area schools is the cow-calf demonstration given by Angie Koontz, R1, Fredonia. Angie and her husband, Don, who is a member of the board of the Mercer County Farmers Association, are milking 100 Jerseys and actively support their local, state, and national associations in promoting their product.

Stressing the importance of drinking milk, Koontz and her cow, Cleo, with a calf, traveled to the Lakeview Elementary School and introduced themselves to the kindergarten children, first

graders, and second graders. The enthusiasm was obvious and the teachers were very receptive as the Koontz caravan set up "stables" in the school courtyard and "told their story" throughout the day.

Accompanying the dairy demonstration was the 1982 Mercer County Dairy Princess, Susan Slater who also talked to the children about dairy products and the "real seal". After handing out balloons and showing the children a picture of the "real seal", Slater explained that the children could show their appreciation to her and the dairy farmers by drinking their milk.

Wendy Kellogg has also appeared in schools during the observation of "Ag Day" with baby pigs and also a milking machine. Debbie Moose, R1, New Wilmington, appeared with a Jersey calf in addition to hosting the kindergarten classes of the Mercer County School District on the Moose's "Spring Run Farm".

In 1981, the Mercer County Farmers Association passed this policy to start introducing

agriculture in the classrooms on a local level and the Women's Committee is currently planning some type of workshop as training sessions for farmers in order to get more area farmers interested in going to the schools and sharing a part of their business.

The Mercer County Farmers Association grade schools curriculum was developed by their Education Committee and deals with all the aspects of agriculture.

"It's a local program, but it could be used all over Pennsylvania", Kellogg states. She is proud of her committee and association for the support with they have provided for the farm industry. The committee is looking forward to next year when they plan to do a follow-up on their 1983 efforts and see what effects it has had on the understanding of the agricultural community and their commitments.

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and apple products and our dairy industry ranks fifth. If your county would also like to let your schools know that agriculture is BIG BUSINESS and needs to be in the classroom, Wendy and her com-

mittee are willing to help you. For a copy of "A LOOK at Agriculture" and more information, contact Wendy Kellogg R.D. 1, Jackson Center, Pa. Please send along \$2.00 to cover mailing costs.

Md. lists 4-H horse bowl winners

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Howard County emerged as a strong contender in this year's tenth annual statewide 4-H horse bowl knowledge contest, held May 14 during 4-H Super Bowl Saturday at the University of Maryland, here.

One Howard County team won the junior horse bowl contest for the second consecutive year, and another team from the same county was runner-up in the senior contest.

A Montgomery County team won the senior event and will represent Maryland on Nov. 5 during the national 4-H horse bowl contest in the Holiday Inn at Grantville, Pa. That event is held each year in conjunction with the Keystone International Livestock Exposition at nearby Harrisburg, Pa.

Members of the state champion Montgomery County senior 4-H horse bowl team are: Kathleen Connor, 18, of Sandy Spring; Christina King, 16, of Dufief; Trish Dowling, 18, and Bobby Wojciechowski, 18, both of Dar-

nestown. Melissa Martell, also of Darnestown, was the team coach.

Members of the winning Howard County junior 4-H horse bowl team were Charlotte Dungan, 12, and Carrie Olson, 12, both of West Friendship; Megan Cumberland, 12, of Lisbon; Rhonda McGee, 12, of Woodstock, and Tina Gray, 13, of Glenwood.

Miss Dungan also was a member of last year's state champion junior 4-H horse bowl team, and she captained this year's winning group. Her mother, Cindy Dungan, was this year's team coach.

Frederick County was runner-up in this year's junior 4-H horse bowl contest.

Norman G. Smith, and Extension 4-H program leader at the University of Maryland, noted that 15 counties were represented in this year's statewide junior and senior 4-H horse bowl competition—equalling the record set last year. The junior contest was the largest ever, with all 15 counties represented.

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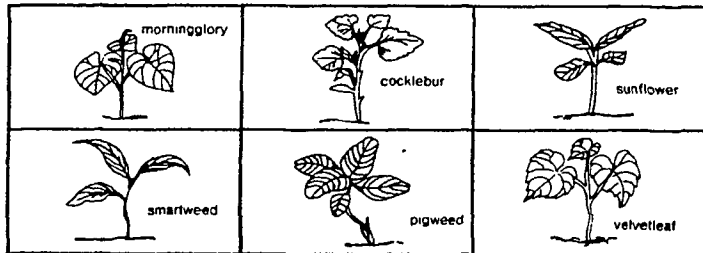
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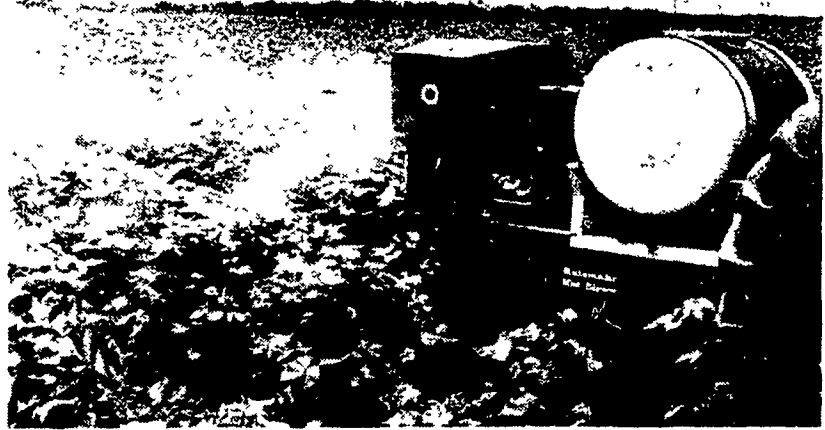
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