

Leslie family

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Both girls are junior members of the Holstein Association.

Jason, the only boy, has recently made his first investment in the farm. His uncle, David, sold him a registered Holstein calf for \$2.00 to make the transaction complete. Being young yet he tags along with the men learning the techniques of his possible future - farming.

Last but not least, you'll find petite Samantha trying her best to keep up with the overwhelming pace of the rest. Just so she wouldn't be left out, she recently invested her very own money with her uncle in a Holstein calf - also giving him the same as her brother, \$2.00 for the purchase!!

The eyes of this little girl sparkle with the anticipation of someday being the one in the spotlight of honors.

Dad and mom were also 4-H'ers in their childhood. Lloyd carried dairy, sheep and farm crops while Marlene took cooking, sewing, flowers and entomology. Still involved with 4-H functions at local and county levels they are leaders of the Connoquenessing 4-H Club.

Lloyd was an active FFA'er in his time, too. Carrying 11 projects, he was a gold medal winner at state level two years on farm account books in 1966-67. Upon graduation he served in the Peace Corps for 2 years in Malaysia, teaching tractor maintenance and planting corn. During one month some 1500 acres of corn were hand planted with very little use of equipment.

Returning to the home farm, his major role in the operation is in charge of the crops. Besides the acreage at home, they rent an additional 150 acres to secure enough feed for the livestock.

Twenty sows of Duroc breeding yield a 200 pigs a year for finishing. Quite proud of his own Duroc boar named "Super Wow" raised to be the service sire of his hog operation has added to his accomplishments.

Showing is sort of a family hobby and gives them something that they all can do together. Exhibiting at local shows such as the Big Butler Fair, Butler Farm Show and Lawrence County Fair has led them to stronger competition at the Pa. Farm Show for 8 years with sheep and pigs and, for the first time last year, at the Keystone International Livestock Exposition. They're looking forward to returning again this year and take along wool fleeces besides

their live products.

Lloyd presently serves as a director of Agway, County Executive Committee, Connoquenessing Boro Council and is a member of the Duroc and Holstein Associations. His wife, Marlene, serves as ways & means chairman of the PTC at the Connoquenessing School.

The couple were recently selected to be the district's young farm couple of Agway and to attend the annual convention Oc-

tober 23-25 at Syracuse, N.Y.

Marlene's hobby since a child has been collecting cups and saucers from around the world and across the United States. Her grandmother gave her her own baby cup that first delightful day and is one of the prize keepsakes of her collection.

Thus, this year's farm family bowl winners at the Butler Farm Show will certainly have high standards to meet in living up to the title!



Heather poses with a pen of her York and Duroc breeding hogs being exhibited at the Butler Farm Show.

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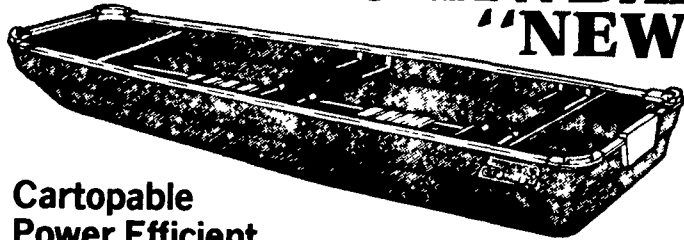
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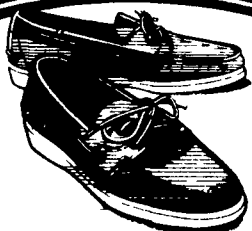
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