

George Farms

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Borrowing to the limit, George installed two silos, one for haylage and a second for high-moisture corn.

In 1981 an artificial breeding program was implemented under the supervision of Bob's son Pete who attended artificial insemination school following high school graduation. Since that time, Pete has managed to raise the herd average of his 45-cow herd to 15,800 pounds of milk with 571 pounds of butterfat and vows to keep the numbers moving upward.

"Just stop back in a couple of years," he smiles.

But even though Pete makes the breeding and management decisions, he relies on brother Marty to keep his Holstein "milk machines" fueled. Marty's chief responsibility lies with the field work, harvesting crops and making planting decisions for the coming year. Ed's son, Matt, is the newest number of the team, caring for the young stock as well as assisting with the dairy and beef cows on both farms.

And when asked how the extra feed is used from the family's

five croplands, Marty points to his father's stable of registered quarterhorses. An avid horseman and fan of cutting competition, Bob finds the Holstein herd to be a convenient source of "practice" livestock.

He also finds granddaughter Karen and her paint mare to be enthusiastic students. Bob notes with pride that Karen enjoys riding a cutting horse, and competing in the horsemanship classes in both 4-H and open shows.

And with a little luck, Bob may have a steady supply of eager students for a good many years to come. In addition to 12-year-old Matt, Ed and his wife Lorraine have a second son, six-year-old Robert, Jr. And yet another six-year-old in the family is Marty and Sharon's son, Martin Jr., who's the "senior" member of the tribe, including Sandy, age three, and two-year-old Adam.

Daughter Rebecca, who has a general store in neighboring Pottsgrove, completes the list of Bob George's children.

Does the George clan ever find too many "cooks in the kitchen"?

"We all have our own ideas and

Adams to hear Delano

GETTYSBURG — American Farm Bureau Federation (AFBF) President Robert Delano will be the guest speaker at the 34th annual meeting of the Adams County Farmers' Association, according to county President, Dale King, York Springs.

The evening affair will be held at the Sheraton Inn on business route 15 just south of Gettysburg,

sometimes things get...well...pretty interesting," Marty offers. Which seems to be fine with the elder George who's just pleased that his decisions down through the years have enabled the family to stay together.

Bobby George thinks hard when asked if there's anything he'd like to change about George Farms. "Well, it'd be nice if our surroundings were a little prettier," he grins. "Maybe I oughta be paintin' when I'm out ridin' horses."

Tuesday, Oct. 2 with a social hour at 6 PM and dinner at 6:45.

President Delano will address the group of farmers and their spouses following the banquet and business session. The purpose of the annual meeting is to elect directors and adopt policies for the county association; to make recommendations for the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association Annual meeting in November plus recommendations for the AFBF convention in January.

The terms of six board of director members expire at the annual meeting. They are Thomas Clowney, Brian Knouse, Atlee Keefer, John Hess, Dale King and Daniel Winters.

The county farm organization will also elect delegates to the annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Farmers' Association.

King will give his annual president's report, along with several standing committee chairmen.

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