

Kilmer insurance donates \$3,000 to 4-H

WYALUSING — Michael C. Kilmer, representative of the Kilmer Insurance Agency, recently presented a grant of \$3,000 to the Northern Tier Region 4-H Organization.

The grant was funded by the Kilmer Insurance Agency and the CIGNA Insurance Companies. CIGNA, through its subsidiary, Insurance Company of North America, has been a supporter of 4-H programs for many years.

The Kilmer Agency is a firm which has specialized in insuring dairy farms for the past ten years.

The check for \$3,000 was presented to Bradford County Agricultural Extension Director Jake Guffy, last Friday, in keeping with National 4-H Week, which is celebrated Oct. 7-Oct. 13.

According to Guffy, the money will be used to expand 4-H Dairy programs in the Northern Tier Counties of Bradford, Susquehanna, Sullivan, Tioga and Wyoming. A portion of the money will also be used for the Northeast District Dairy Competition, which includes Potter, Wayne, Luzerne, Lackawanna and Columbia

Counties, in addition to the Northern Tier Counties.

Guffy commented that the funds will be used for activities which will encourage young people to pursue dairy farming as a livelihood.

"We are very appreciative of this gift," said Guffy. "It stopped us in our tracks when we first heard about it." He went on to say that a donation of this size had not been seen on the county level in 4-H history.

Kilmer, a former 4-H member himself, stressed the significance

of the 4-H program. "We wanted to do something that would encourage children to develop their interests in the family farm."

Also on hand for the presentation were the 1984 Bradford County Dairy Princess, Wendy Lamont and 4-H member, Daniel Hoppaugh.

Wendy, 17, the daughter of dairy farmers Wayne and Barbara Lamont, Troy, has been active in 4-H for the past nine years. She has accumulated many awards, among them Grand Champion. Wendy is a member of the East

Canton Dairy Club.

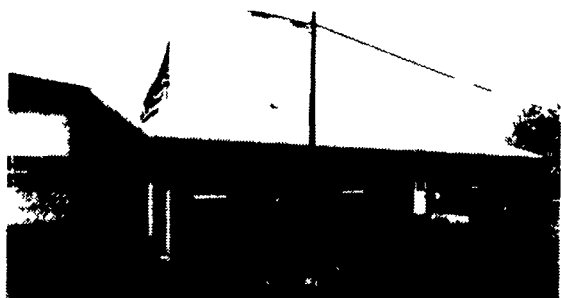
Dan Hoppaugh, 12, the son of Columbia Cross Roads farmers' Raymond and Joann Hoppaugh, is a member of the Leona 4-H & Dairy Club. Likewise, he has brought many 4-H awards home in the last four years, including a Junior Champion prize.

According to Bradford County 4-H Agent, Levetta Comstock, approximately 1500 Bradford County youths participate in 4-H. Nationally, Comstock said, over 4.7 million young people are part of the 4-H program.



Michael C. Kilmer, left, of Kilmer Insurance Agency, presents a check for \$3,000 to Bradford County Agricultural Extension Director, Jake Guffy, right. Also on hand are Bradford County Dairy Princess, Wendy Lamont and Daniel Hoppaugh 4-H Dairy Club member.

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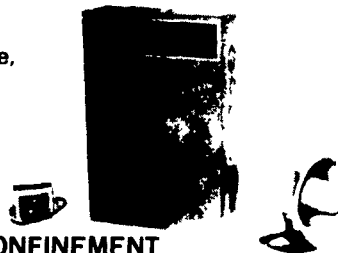
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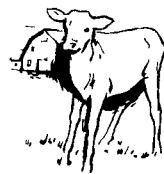
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