

Martin farm

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He has a steer operation at his dad's place, and steers and poultry at his own farm a mile east of the Martin homestead. He farms about 250 acres total, growing primarily corn, and a little alfalfa, barley and soybeans.

There are roughly 90 acres with the original farm, which is located outside of Mt. Joy. Unfortunately, the Martins' had to give up about 13 acres in the late 60's to "progress" — the building of Route 283. This goes a bit against their grain, but Earl Jr. simply says in a quiet voice, "We have an appreciation for the land."

Although the noise from the highway is a bit bothersome at

times, says Helen, you get used to it. And the Martin farm still has peaceful surroundings.

In the 50's Earl planted a grove of pine trees near their home, since they never had any woodland, and he also put in a pond because he enjoys water so much. The trees and the pond and the expanse of lawn provided a place for many hours of enjoyment for the Martin children.

"The Lord's been good to us," says Earl Martin. "And probably the best crop we've ever raised here are our children," showing off pictures of his 11 grandchildren.

Families and farming — they just seem to go together, don't they.

McKelvey farm

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operation's total capacity to nearly 190,000 hens.

In addition to the egg business, Tom raises 18 steers and farms 35

acres of corn. And with more than enough farm work to go around, Tom and Elaine are grateful that their son David, 18, and Joyce, 11, are at home to lend a hand. This pair only accounts for one-fourth of a "bumper crop" of McKelvey offspring that totals eight children, now mostly living away from home.

But more family help is on the way, with daughter Elaine planning to join the family business this fall after completing a tour of duty in the Navy. And still more reinforcements are due to arrive early next year when the McKelvey's daughter Pat Cross and her husband Carl will be moving to Lancaster County from New Jersey to enter the poultry business.

So the farm that became the nucleus of this Irish immigrant family more than six-score years ago, may well be responsible for reuniting the current generations of McKelveys. Which is one more reason why Tom and Elaine McKelvey are happy to be putting all their eggs in one Lancaster County "basket".

N. York band to open Farm Show

HARRISBURG — The Northern York High School Band from Dillsburg, York County, is scheduled to perform during grand opening ceremonies of the 69th Pennsylvania Farm Show on Sunday, Jan. 13, 1985 in the Farm Show Complex.

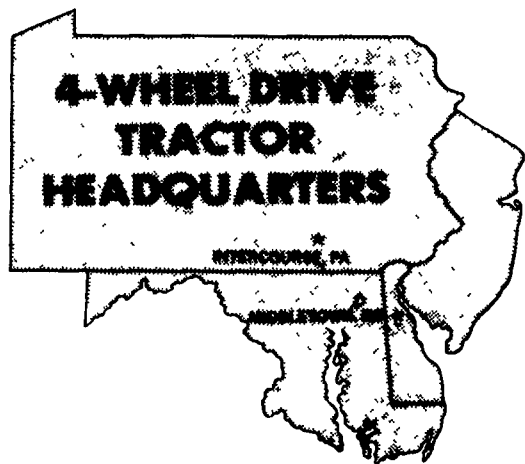
The 111-member band, under the direction of Richard L. Flyer and R. Douglas Riley, will provide musical background beginning at noon Jan. 13 in the Large Arena to offer a salute to "Agriculture: The Pride of Pennsylvania," the theme for the 69th Farm Show.

The Northern York High School Band holds memberships in The Tournament of Bands Association and The Cavalcade of Bands Association, and has won several awards in Independent, American and Liberty conference band competition during the past several years.

The Farm Show exhibition areas will open free to the general public at 1 p.m., Jan. 13 following the grand opening ceremonies. Various commodity groups will distribute samples of their products in the Large Arena at that time. The 1985 Farm Show runs from Sunday, Jan. 13 through Friday, Jan. 18.

Across the pond and beyond the trees lie the many buildings on the J. Earl Martin farm. A stone and a log home on the farm date back at least five generations.

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