Hoovers get Council post

SOUTHAMPTON - Gordon and Carole Hoover, a dairy farm couple from Gap, were elected to serve a one-year term on the Young Cooperator Advisory Council of the National Milk Producers Federation (NMPF) during its annual meeting held in San Antonio, Texas, Nov. 26 to 28.

The Young Cooperator Advisory Council is responsible for planning and implementing the National Young Cooperator program held in conjunction with the NMPF annual meeting. The Young Cooperator program consists of dairy farm couples under age 36, who are selected by their respective dairy cooperatives.

The Hoovers, representing Inter-Milk Producers' State Cooperative, were elected to represent Region I of the advisory council. One of five nationwide divisions, Region I includes dairy cooperatives located in the Northeastern states, from Maryland to Maine.

Owners of Welsh-Vista Farms, the Hoovers operate a 188-acre farm and milk a herd of 85 Holstein cows. Farming in partnership with his father, Gordon is responsible for dairy herd management, machinery maintenance, crop production and hired labor. Carole handles cattle registration, general farm chores and the family garden.

The Hoovers are both 1979 graduates of Penn State University. Gordon holds a bachelor's degree in dairy science, and Carole obtained her bachelor's degree in health planning and administration.

The young dairy couple agrees it is an honor to serve on the NMPF Young Cooperator Advisory Council.

"This opportunity will enable us to gain a better insight of the dairy industry and the planning and decision-making that directs its future," Gordon said.

"Most importantly," Carole added, "We believe it is our responsibility to become active and involved in the industry. We are looking forward to serving on the Young Cooperator Advisory Council and the chance to contribute our share to the great dairy industry.'

The parents of an 18-month-old daughter, the Hoovers are active in their church, the Jaycees and Jaycettes and the Lancaster County Farmer's Association. Gordon is also a Penn State Ag Trustee election delegate.

Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative represents about 3,100 dairy farm families in Pennsylvania, New Jersey, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia and West Virginia and markets more than 2.49 billion pounds of milk.

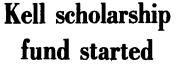
John Kline honored for FFA Star honors



John Kline, center, ELCO FFA's latest Eastern Regional Star Farmer, was honored Friday, Dec. 7, by friends and neighbors at a testimonial dinner at the Eastern Lebanon County Middle School.

Shown with him are leading participants in the dinner, from the left, Gerald Strickler, vo-ag teacher and chapter advisor; Glenn Wenger, president of the Pa. FFA Alumni and a past recipient of similar Eastern Regional Star Agribusiness honors; and Kline's parents, Verna and Norman.

Norman Kline perhaps summed it all up best when he referred to their children, who are leading dairy farmers in Lebanon County, and said "it was the best crop that they ever produced."



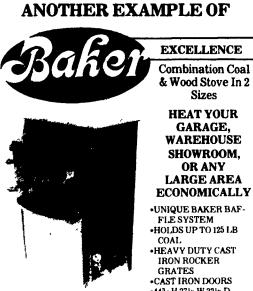
FLEMINGTON, N.J. memorial scholarship fund is being established in Hunterdon County in honor of Copeland Kell III, who died several weeks ago, reports Patricia Hilton, Vocational Agriculture teacher at Hunterdon Central High School.

Kell was for many years a Vo-Ag teacher at Central. He had also been associated with 4-H club work in his years in Hunterdon. He had been involved in youth development during most of his career.

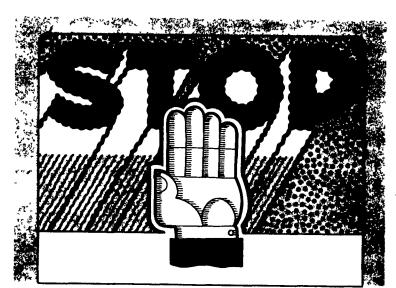
Miss Hilton will chair a committee of the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture to set up the fund. Also serving with her are Joan' Van Doren and Fred Van Doren, East Amwell Township, and Jack Coleman, West Amwell.

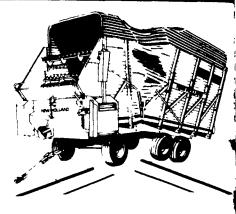
Contributions to the fund are being solicited by the committee. Checks may be made payable to the Copeland Kell Memorial Scholarship Fund and mailed to Miss P. Hilton, Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture, 4 Gauntt Place, Flemington, NJ 08822.

It is anticipated that scholarship awards will be made annually to outstanding youth in F.F.A. and 4-H programs.



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