

Butler County Holstein Club honors youth

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MERIDIAN — The brother and sister team of Gary and Julie Wible were honored as outstanding boy and girl, at the annual meeting of the Butler County Holstein Club held recently at the Meridian U P Church, Meridian, Pa.

Gary, 15, and Julie, 13, are the children of Curt and Colleen Wible, Butler. They were selected for these awards based on their junior Holstein project work.

Gary is a member of the Pennsylvania Junior Holstein Association and has been active for the past seven year in the Butler County 4-H Dairy Club. Gary currently owns 11 Holsteins while his sister Julie owns seven.

Julie is also a junior member of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association and a 4-H member in both the Butler County Dairy Club and the Lucky Clovers Sewing Club.

Gary and Julie were further honored during the banquet receiving milk production awards.

Gary took home the top award for the aged-cow class with a record of 24533 M and 818 F. Julie meanwhile received second place in the three-year-old fat division with a record of 565 F.

The youth portion of the banquet continued with the announcement other production awards. Jeffery Hixon won the three-year-old class with a 21780 M and 757 F production. Lona Rader placed second in the aged-cow class producing 20534 M and 797 F.

Harold Rader Jr. topped the four-year-old class with a record of 21398 M and 721 F. He also took top honors in the junior two-year-old milk category with the production record of 14301 M.

Jean Kummer was first in the junior two-year-old class fat division with a record of 474 F. Coming in second in this category for both fat and milk was Lona Rader with the record of 13679 M and 469 F.

The youth portion of the banquet concluded with a report from each junior member on last year's

accomplishments. At this time it was announced that Lona Rader is a state finalist for Distinguished Junior Member of the Pennsylvania Holstein Association.

Director George Cudoc explained a pamphlet that will be given out at the state convention which describes the Butler County Holstein Club with a brief history and a listing of their yearly activities.

This pamphlet also includes a map showing the location of the club's members. This project was done this year since the convention is being held at the western end of the state and will provide convention goers with an introduction

to the club.

Ken Raney from the Pennsylvania Holstein Association informed the group on the activities that will be coming up on a state wide level.

Robert Rugaber, Butler county

agent, concluded the meeting with a discussion on the herd buy program and urged anyone with questions concerning the program to contact the ASCS office or the county extension office.

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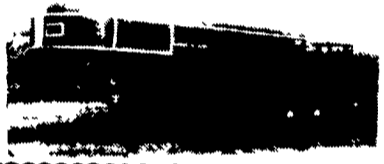
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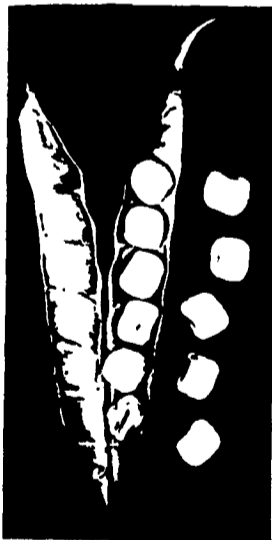


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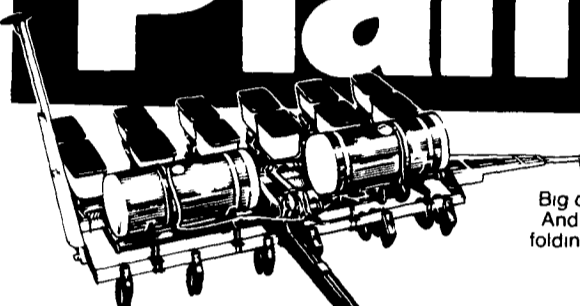
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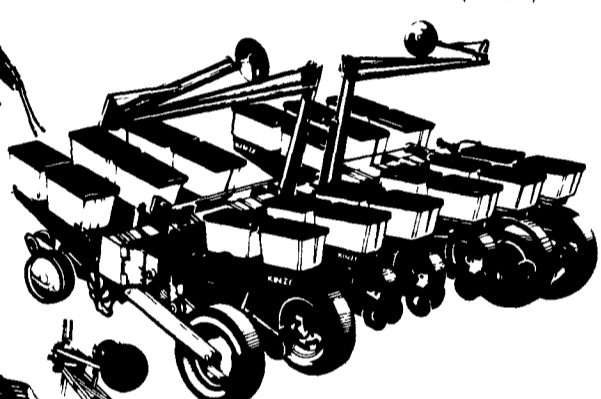
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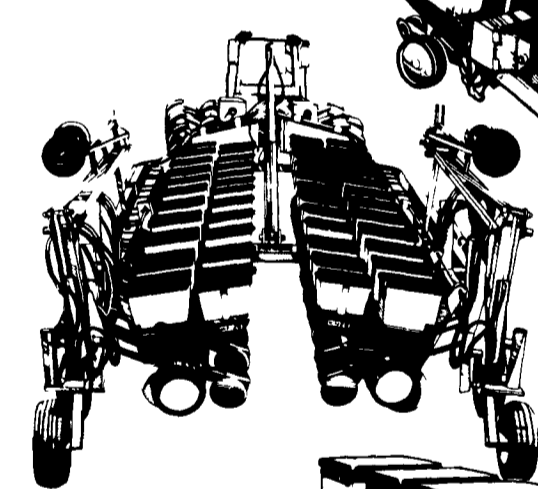
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