

A Year Of Triumph And Sadness

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enjoy welcoming in the New Year with her family.

Anne said, "It's a family tradition for us to go to my uncle's home and we either watch a movie or play a game that we try to finish exactly 'at midnight."

The family reunion is especially meaningful for Anne because her uncle had a heart transplant when he was 24. He's 29 now and doing fine.

It's also traditional for the family to eat ham for the New Year's celebration.

Anne's looking forward to the Pennsylvania Farm Show. She said, "I'll spend Saturday through Friday there, meeting everyone, handing out ribbons and tending the dairy stand."

Jan Harding, program director for the Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services, Inc., said her past year's highlights centered around family. She is married to Charles Ruslavage and it's a treat for them to find time together, which they got to do this past year with a three-day trip to South Carolina and another one to Florida to visit relatives. This summer, Jan and her five children, three grandchildren and "various dogs" held a weekend reunion by the Clarion River.

The New Year's holiday gives



Angela Spickler

Jan another chance to spend with her husband watching football. Her husband's son, Rob, plays on the Penn State team.

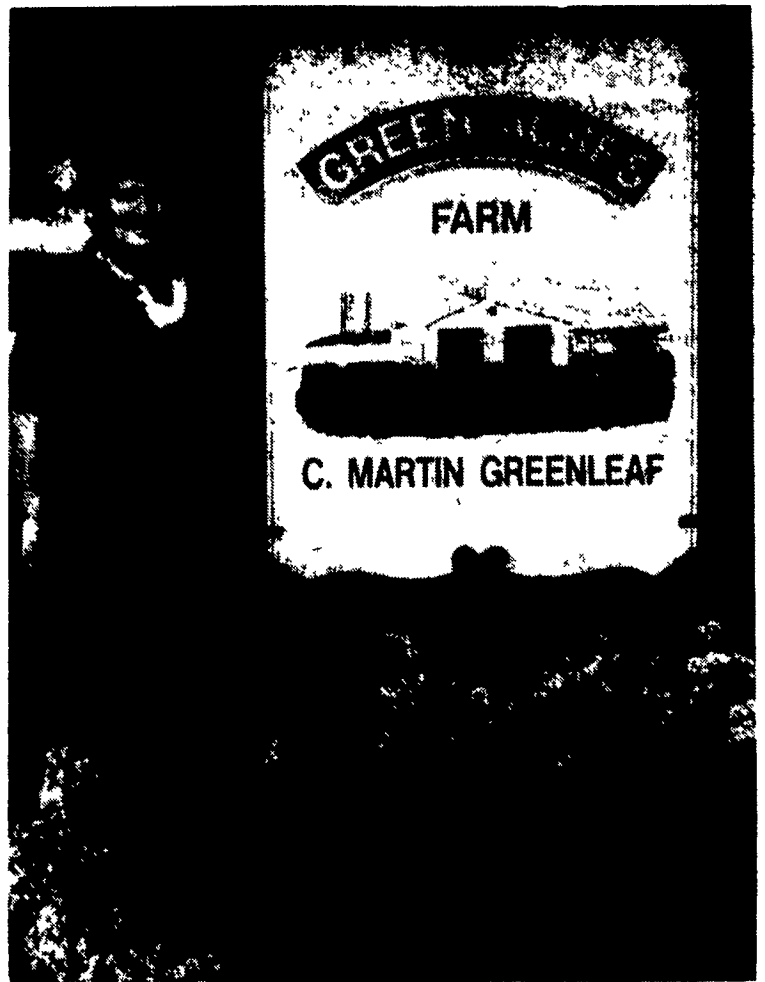
In 1990, Jan looks forward to two weddings, her son's and her stepdaughter's. A fourth grandchild is on the way.

Jan is also putting together a new program for her job duties. A mini-seminar will be held for dairy maids and ambassadors and will be run by former state princesses and alternates.

Pennsylvania Poultry Queen Anita Meck will observe a traditional New Year's celebration with family friends. They'll eat pork and sauerkraut and have fun.

Highlights were her high school graduation, her coronation and in 1990, she looks forward to a continuing college and enjoying her reign. 1990 is Anita's last year for 4-H beef projects and she said, "I plan to finish with a big bang by competing at the state farm show for the first time."

Rebecca Sonnen, former state dairy princess and current state FFA president, plans to do something with her family for the New Year. She said, "We're work in the barn until late and then my boy-



Lancaster County Farm Women President, Judy Greenleaf.

friend will come over and we're probably play some games. At midnight, my dad always shoots his gun."

Becky's highlight happened in June when her parents unexpectedly showed up at Penn State when Becky was elected state FFA president. "It was so neat seeing them and spending time together," she said.

Becky also enjoyed being playground leader for 34 kids this summer. She looks forward to returning to Penn State fulltime in the fall.

Judy Greenleaf, Lancaster County Farm Women president, said she and her husband, who prefer non-alcoholic, low-key times, will celebrate the New Year at the home of friends.

She said, It was most climatic

helping her daughter find the right college. Her son did well in sports. And 1989 was a better year for farming than most years. She hopes the weather cooperates so that they can have two good farming years in a row.

She also looks forward to visiting all the county farm women groups and the other duties that come with her office.

Remember Lorin and Sherry Kennedy from Franklin County? Lorin was paralyzed in a farm accident shortly before his wedding day. The Franklin County Builders' Association rallied to the Kennedys' support and built them a debt-free house within 30 hours.

Sherry said, "As special as the houseraising was, I'd have to say

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PA Poultry Queen Anita Meck



In 1989, the Garber family received a national award from Marilyn Adams, president of Farm Safety Just For Kids. From left: Fred, Ryan, Jeff, Marilyn Adams, Nancy and Crystal.



PA FFA President, Rebecca Sonnen (kneeling) with parents Marilyn and Paul Sonnen.