

# Carolyn Pfautz Recalls Year

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mer was elected the first female state FFA president.

The 1983-84 state officer tenure brought back many memories for Carolyn. There was a movement in the national ranks of FFA to do away with the National Poultry Judging Contest. The Pennsylvania delegation, headed by Carolyn, made the motion to table that idea for a year until further investigations could be made. The state officer team was instrumental in gaining other states' support, such as Delaware, Ohio, and Virginia, to back up Pennsylvania's motion. As a result the National Poultry Contest is still in tact on the national FFA level.

Carolyn's 83-84 team was diversified but united. One team member, Brandon Weary, chaplain, was "into" heavy metal bands — the team always joked with him about this irony. The team became

united in more than one way — Duane Herr, regional vice president, married the sister of Bill McBratney, another regional vice president after meeting her at a summer get together, held at the McBratney's lakeside home. Carolyn herself ended up marrying a 1982-83 state officer, Michael Pfautz, of Ephrata. Some of the other officers have been in each other's weddings. Dave Blank, now an ag teacher at Danville High School, and Ron Martin from Garden Spot High School were in Carolyn and Mike's wedding. Michael's brother, Tim, continued the line of Pfautz state officer tradition by being elected a state officer in 1984-85.

The 1983-84 team did many of their activities under their own direction, due to the fact that the state advisor was quite ill. But Carolyn recalls affectionately the help of Henry Givler, then field consultant for the Lancaster area.



**Carolyn Witmer Pfautz**

"I used to call him 'grandpa' and I still think fondly of him to this

day. "I have used all the leadership skills that I developed as a state officer and have applied them to what I have done to date." The teamwork ethic needed to function as state officers is one of its best attributes. "I also gained a lot of self-confidence whereas before I had very little. I learned the value of working with other people and gaining the ability to express myself. I developed the ability to think and speak extemporaneously."

After Carolyn's tenure as state president, she worked a couple of years in a bank, training to be a financial services representative. She discovered during her training that she wanted more direct contact with the public.

While chapter president, several of her male officers asked her to cut their hair occasionally. She considered this fact and her natural talent in that area and decided in 1984 to attend beauty school. After working several years as a hair stylist, in 1990 Carolyn

opened up her own shop in Ephrata, Alpine Hair Design. "I always tell young people coming in for appointments about the FFA and the effect it had on me getting where I am today... and my profession is not directly related to agriculture in any way. I know sometimes FFA is not perceived as 'cool' but I tell them they have to give it a chance — just one year — and you'll be surprised that it is really not just a 'farming' experience." The personal growth attributed to the FFA curriculum will affect you the rest of your life.

In closing, Carolyn Witmer Pfautz, states "being a state officer was the best year of my life. It was something I could never experience in any other organization." Now a successful business woman in her own right, Carolyn says she will encourage her own children, Sabrina, 3, and Elliott, 9 months, to take advantage of all the opportunities the FFA offers, and of course, to aim to be FFA state officers... in a new century, 2000, and with new horizons to look forward to.

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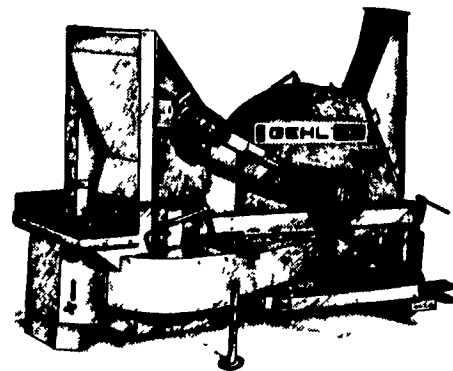
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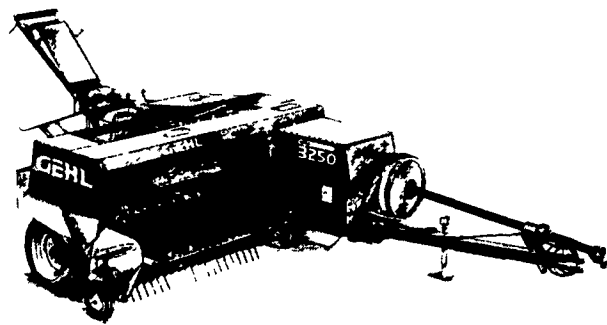
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