

Responsibility Proves Exciting To This Dairy 4-H'er

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MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.)
 — While some 4-H'ers depend so much on the work of parents and friends to care for show animals, Fran Kennel looks at animal responsibility another way — as a refreshing break from other boring routines and as simply a joy.

As for her champion animals, Fran, a senior at Lancaster Mennonite High School, said she "takes care of them. I know some kids don't. They're on the family farms, so the dad feeds them and stuff like that. It's kind of a break, I don't know, to just go out and work for a while."

For her devotion to dairy animals, Fran, the 17-year-old daughter of Marilyn and Larry Kennel, has been honored as best owner/breeder in the Holstein category from the Lancaster County 4-H Show.

The award recognizes qualities of 4-H'ers who believe in what they are doing and have the perseverance to carry their plans through to completion, according to Elizabeth Smith, member of the Cows 'R Us 4-H Club. The award, sponsored by *Lancaster Farming*, was presented last night at the Lancaster 4-H Dairy Awards Recognition Night.

Fran, active in 4-H for five

years, said her father, a veterinarian, helped spur her interest in animal husbandry. "When I was little, I used to go along with him to the farms," she said. "I always liked the animals, and I took biology, and it's just something I enjoy doing."

In fact, the only thing preventing her from becoming a veterinarian like her father is problems with allergies with animals. They deter her from fitting animals.

Nevertheless, at one time she considered becoming a vet, and instead opted to apply at Elizabethtown College to study biology. From there, she will apply through a special program conducted by Thomas Jefferson University to complete a master's in physical therapy within five years.

A lot of firsthand "biology" experience came while working as a technician for her father during the summer months, helping to set up equipment and conduct laboratory work, including using the microscope to search for the embryos after flush.

This type of work is "really exciting," said Fran. The work on the animals with her family — including brother Reuben, 15, Sarah, 12, and Nathan, 9 — drew them closer together.

She said 4-H "teaches a lot of good responsibility and it keeps us



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out of trouble."

Other owner/breeder honors for the colored breeds include Heather Becker, Narvon, Ayrshire; Elizabeth Smith, Denver, Brown Swiss; Brian Smith, Denver, Guernsey; and Karen Shaub, Quarryville, Jersey.

Other honors include:

CHAMPION SHOWMAN
 8-10 Year Div. Champ: Nathan Kennel, Mount Joy. Reserve: Laura Blank, Gap.
 11-13 Year Div. Champ: Sarah Kennel, Mount Joy. Reserve: Zachary Meck, Denver.
 14-18 Year Div. Champ: Matthew Weik, Peach Bottom. Reserve: Sberri Coleman, Ronks.

RECORD BOOK
 Champion 8-10 Year Old: Jill Hoover, Gap. Reserve: Amy Kreider, Quarryville. Champion 11-13 Year Old: Gerald Boyd, Ephrata.

Reserve: Joe Best, Holtwood. Champion 14-18 Year Old: Jesslyn Oberholzer, Elizabethtown. Reserve: Dan Geissinger, Gordonville.

BREED CHAMPIONS
 Junior: Ayrshire: Elizabeth Spickler, Mount Joy. Brown Swiss: Gerald Boyd, Ephrata. Guernsey: Brian Smith, Denver. Holstein: Sarah Kennel, Mount Joy. Senior: Ayrshire: Heather Becker, Narvon. Brown Swiss: Scott Wagner, Quarryville. Guernsey: Brian Smith, Denver. Holstein: Matthew Weik, Peach Bottom. Jersey: Karen Shaub, Quarryville.



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All American Meeting Set

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Pennsylvania All American Dairy Show exhibitors and supporters are encouraged to attend the 1992 annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Dairy and Allied Industries Association (PDAIA) set for Nov. 16 at Hoss's Steak and Sea House restaurant in Bedford.

The restaurant is actually located just off the Bedford exit of the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

The PDAIA is the governing body of the Pa. All American Dairy Show and the business meeting is being held to review the show and to elect board members to represent the six dairy cattle breed organizations and the dairy industry.

Exhibitors of three or more animals in the latest Pa. All American

Dairy Show and industry businesses supporting the show are automatically members of the PDAIA and are eligible to participate in the annual meeting.

The meeting is an opportune time for exhibitors and supporters to share ideas and lay plans for the 1993 show, said Charles Itle, show manager.

Each breed organization has one representative and there are three directors representing the general dairy industry. There are three openings expected on the board for 1992.

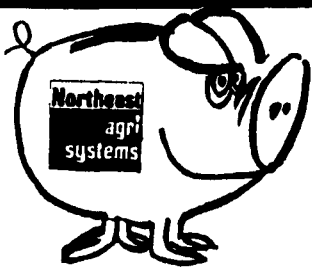
This year, the Guernsey and Milking Shorthorn associations are to submit the name of at least one person to be nominated for a 3-year term.

Those whose terms expire this

year are Guernsey representative Raymond Witmer, of Willow Street; Milking Shorthorn representative Sam Yoder, of Shoemakersville; and industry representative John Morris of Frederick, Md.

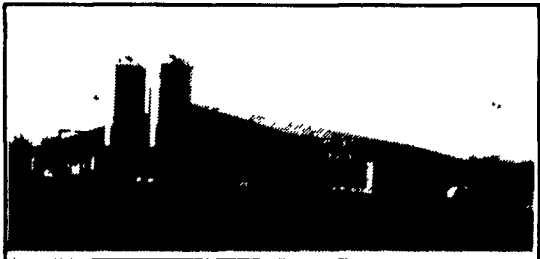
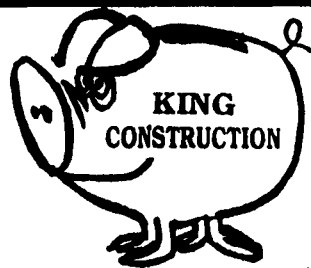
Since it is important that each breed has an active role in the conduct of the show, members are also encouraged to contact their respective organization to suggest nominees for these representativeships.

Suggestions for an industry representative can be made by contacting William Nichol, PDAIA secretary, 834 Benner Pike, State College, Pa. 16802; or the Pennsylvania All American Dairy Show, Farm Show Complex, 2301 North Cameron St., Harrisburg, Pa. 17110.



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