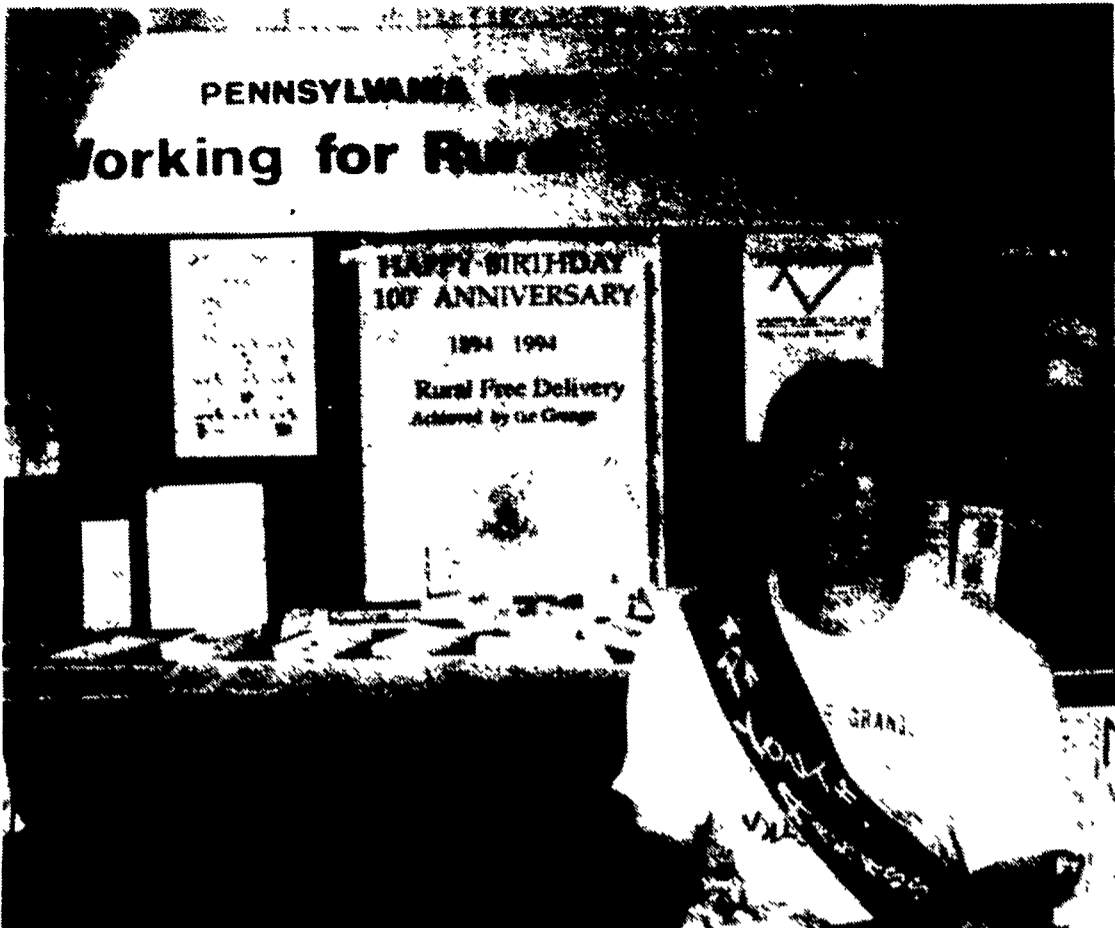




Grange State Youth Ambassador Pam Seidel believes people of all ages should join the Grange. She started attending meetings with her grandfather when she was 5 years old. The family togetherness and values that Grange teaches are now Pam's own. The Grange is a family-oriented, rural community service organization with a special interest in agriculture. Both Pam and Floyd will promote Grange activities for youth.



Part of the responsibilities of being a State Grange Youth Ambassador is to work at a booth at fairs across the state. Here Floyd Buffington tells fairgoers why Grange should be part of their lives.

Youth Ambassadors Enthusiastic About Grange

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LENHARTSVILLE (Berks Co.) — Ever since Pam Seidel was five years old, her grandfather has been taking her to Grange meetings twice a month.

At first, she was too shy to join in the activities with the other children, so she sat in the meetings with the adults. Other children might have been bored, but not Pam. She was enthralled with the pledges and formalities of the Grange meetings.

Soon she began participating in the many activities provided by the Grange for children, youth, and families at local, county, and state levels.

Recently, Pam and Floyd Buffington attained the coveted positions of Pa. State Grange Youth Ambassadors.

The two were chosen from other Grange youth candidates from across the state during a recent youth camp at Camp Carson Long Institute in New Bloomfield.

During the year, Pam and Floyd will promote the Grange at Grange functions, the Pennsylvania Farm Show, county fairs, and other agricultural events. They will also represent the Grange at the National Grange Convention in Harrisburg.

Floyd, who belongs to Community Grange #2048 in Dauphin County, said that he has served in every office since he was a Grange member.

"The opportunities are tremendous for youth," said Floyd who wants to visit schools and educate youth on the importance of Grange.

He said the Grange develops leadership and promotes community service.

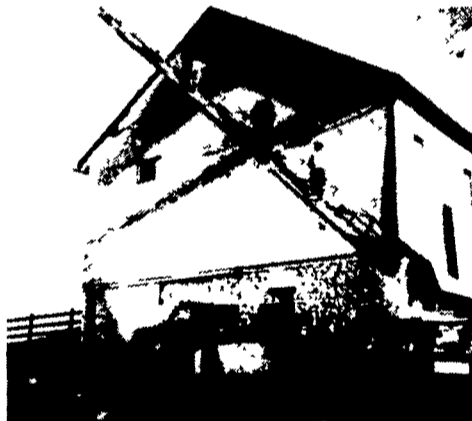
"It's a training ground for community leaders and provides a platform for exchanging ideas. But the most important part is that Grange activities are fun. You meet people around the states."

Floyd is 20 years old and a junior at Delaware Valley College. During the summer, he works on his parents' (Donald and Betty) farm. They raise 2,500 head market hogs and nine cattle on their 87 acres.

A former FFA member at Upper Dauphin High School, Floyd was on the wrestling team there and in college. He wants to teach vocational agriculture.

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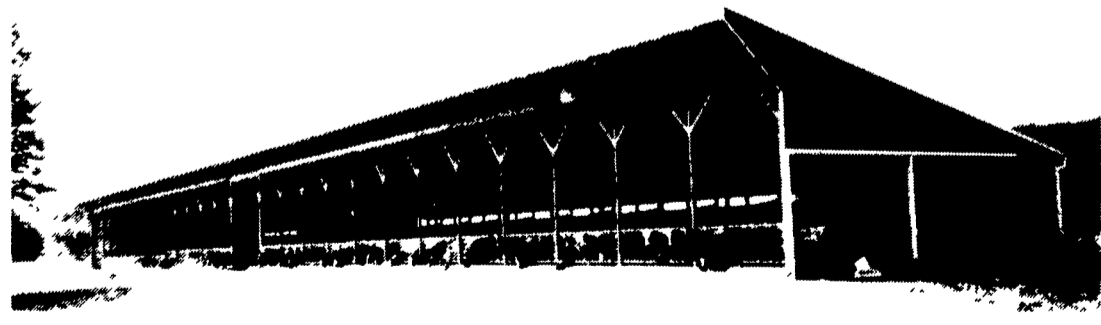
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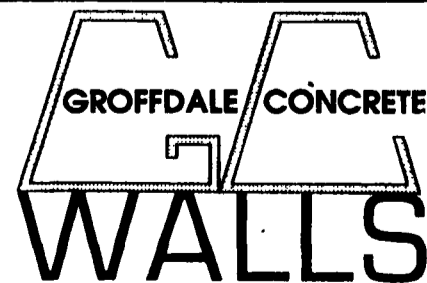
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