

Groundhog FFA Chapter Receives Citation at Father-Son Banquet

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"There will always be a place for the efficient farmer. There will always be a need for food."

This admonition from V. A. Martin, Harrisburg, state advisor for the Future Farmers of America, sparked the annual Father-Son Banquet of the Ground Hog Chapter of the FFA Tuesday night in Memorial Methodist Church, Quarryville.

Around 20 Future Farmers

and their fathers or guests were on hand to see the Southern Lancaster County Joint Community High School chapter receive a standard award — silver seal — citation from the National FFA for participation in the national chapter award program. The Groundhog Chapter was the first in Pennsylvania to be so honored.

Advisors Introduce Guests

Master of ceremonies was Robert Ecklin, president of the chapter established in 1936. At present the Ground Hogs boast 112 members to be one of the largest in the Keystone State Chapter advisors, Jackson H. Owen and Luther D. Peck, introduced guests of honor, that included Stanley Musselman, former Solanco vo-ag department head who is now with the farmer relations department of the Lancaster County National Bank in Lancaster.

Ralph Kreider, assistant vice president, took over duties of Donald Groff who was unable to attend. Mr. Kreider also led group singing. Miss Mary Kreider, chapter sweetheart, and her father, Landis Kreider, were also honored guests, with Mr. Owen's father, H. W. Owen of the Mt. Nebo vicinity.

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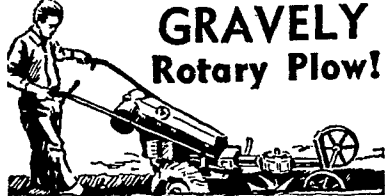
Robert Welk, Lampeter, president of the Pennsylvania State Future Farmers, gave highlights of the national convention last October in Kansas City.

Thomas Malin, York, area FFA advisor for York and Lancaster

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Tractor Club Safety Reminders



Safety violations on a tractor — staged for benefit of the Southern Lancaster County 4-H Tractor Club — are pointed out here by Fred Frey, club leader, at a recent meeting of the club in the C. E. Wiley & Son implement store in Quarry-

ville. Mr. Frey advises the club welcomes youths interested in tractor safety and maintenance, even though they may not yet be old enough to join any 4-H Clubs. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

counties, also reported and made the national award. Only six of the 14 chapters in this area earned the Silver Seal.

A quartet composed of Richard Hastings, James Hastings, Robert Ecklin, and Donald Herr, with Jack Heidelberg at the piano, provided music.

Other reports included; Eugene Graver, on Interstate Milk Producers meeting in Philadelphia; Raymond Deiter on progress of purebred Yorkshire gilt he received last year from the Sears-Roebuck Foundation; Robert Bucher, on steer he received as winner of the trucking industry essay contest this year.

A second quartet, Gene Graver, Merl Aument, Glenn Aument and Bob Ecklin, sang "The Bells of St. Mary's," "Moonlight and Roses," and "Kentucky Babe."

Freshmen Recite Creed

Four Freshmen, James Rupert, Kenneth Miller, Harold Clark and Rodney Martin recited the FFA Creed. Bill Jackson gave his report on the FFA week at State College, attended by 19 from Quarryville. Darrell Lewis, member of the State FFA Band, told of activities at the 1956 Farm Show, attended by 19 from the Groundhog Chapter; Jack Heidelberg, winner of the 1954 trucking industry essay contest, urged increased interest in the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair, Wilbur Sollenberger, on the Chicken of Tomorrow Contest.

Kenneth Rutt, who won a trip to the National FFA Convention on livestock judging ability, also reported James Hastings told of the recent Interstate Milk Producers Cooperative meeting in Quarryville.

Manheim Central FFA Wins Meet

Manheim Central Future Farmers of America won two events of three in competition with Lampeter-Strasburg Chapter.

James Graybill, Manheim, and Raymond Huber, Lampeter, each scored 12 points as Lampeter won the basketball game by a score of 37-24.

Melvin Shenk, Manheim, won two of three ping pong games from Leroy Brubaker to give his school the lead in that contest and the Manheim volleyball team won two-straight tilts from the Lampeter school.

As a final musical selection, a brass trio, Marion Findley, Darrell Lewis, and Glenn Aument, offered "Welcome Sweet Springtime" and "The Band Played On."

Women of Memorial Methodist served the baked ham dinner.

97 Examined By Orthopedic Surgeons Here

At the six diagnostic clinics held, 97 patients were examined by the orthopedic surgeons, P. David Nutter, M.D., and Marvin C. Goodman, M.D. There were 31 new patients admitted to the services of the Lancaster County Society for Crippled Children and Adults, Inc., 129 E. Orange Street.

Seventeen children attended the Pre-school Cerebral Palsy Center for the concentrated services of psychological evaluation and guidance, for kindergarten teaching, for speech, occupational and physical therapy.

Nine children attended the Corrective Swimming Class held at the YWCA — a Red Feather agency.

Orthopedic follow-up, occupational and physical therapy treatments were given to handicapped individuals in their homes and in the Treatment Center 571 visits were made in giving these services in February.

Approximately 225 hours of volunteer service was given by individuals and drivers at the Pre-school Cerebral Palsy Center. Board members, Venture Club, Junior League, Shrine Club, volunteer drivers for Craft Class and friends of crippled children offered their services to the Society.

The Community Chest loaned the Society typewriters and did multilithing for the Society.

Infalible Sign

We shall not expect the millennium until we see a bronze statue honoring a man who merely attended to his own work on his own workin' on the books at this time of night? — Akron (O.)

Milk Surpluses Provide Squeeze On Dairymen

"Dairying Ten Years from Now" may continue to place a squeeze on southeastern Pennsylvania if the business remains as profitable then as now. Joe Taylor, head of the extension dairy work at Penn State University, indicated this in a speech at Lancaster last week, addressing the second annual meeting of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative.

Good Dairymen Can Survive

Only good dairymen can continue to survive; more milk will be produced from fewer cows. "No one is going to starve anyone off his farm," Mr. Taylor continued, "but we must continue to improve our efficiency to maintain a standard of living that will keep our sons and daughters on the farm."

Five directors were reelected: from the Lancaster District, District, Samuel Groff and J. Z. Herr; from Adams, Lester Jacobs; from Montgomery, Wilbur Seipt, and Cumberland, Ivo V. Otto.

Cows under Dairy Herd Improvement Association tests will increase to possibly 220,000 in the next ten years, and with machine-kept records, such as the SEPABC now employs, more rapid handling will be possible.

Roughage Value Emphasized

The increasing value of roughages in dairy rations also received emphasis at the meeting. Mr. Taylor believes 80 per cent of the nutrients in a cow's ration should come from roughages.

During the past year, the five Pennsylvania artificial breeding cooperatives increased first services 5.9 per cent, or 23,000 cows, while the SPABC led all for the second year in a row with a gain of 9.8 per cent and bred 26.5 per cent of all cows bred by the ABCs during the year.

Earl L. Groff, president, was chairman of the meeting at the Landsville Fire Hall. Approximately 75 attended. Reporting on the cooperative's activities were David Yoder, manager; Oren Seavers, assistant manager, and Lee M. Poorbaugh, secretary-treasurer.

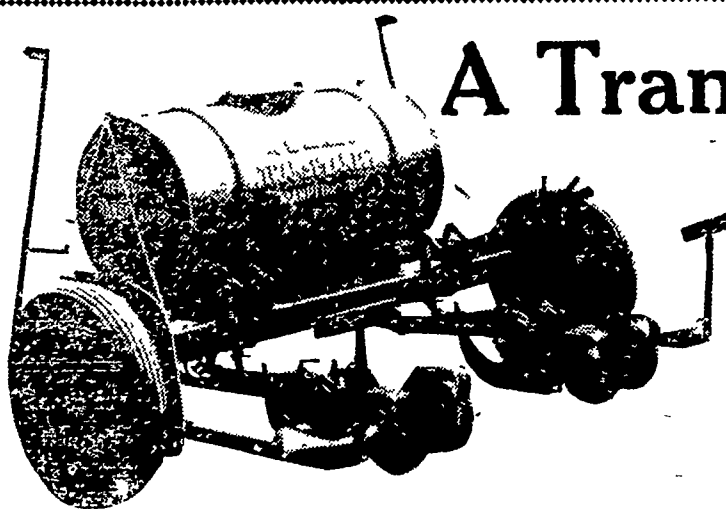
Rather Fishy

Just after midnight the burglar let himself into the city office. He was startled to find the room brightly lit and a clerk hard at work on some account books.

"Here, what's all this?" he demanded threateningly.

"What's all what?" responded the startled clerk.

"Well, it's a bit fishy, ain't it, workin' on the books at this time of night?"



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