

## Future Farmers Honor Rural Opportunities

By The Reporter  
Cloister FFA

The farm mechanics program at Ephrata High School is divided in two phases. The first phase is directed to the incoming 9 & 10th grade student. It includes basic woodworking and metalworking skills, identification and proper use of shop tools, and shop safety. Various small projects are also constructed in this phase of the program; they include cold chisels, feed scoops, and nail boxes.

As the student progresses with efficiency in the fundamental skills, he will enter the second phase of the program — relationship of the school shop to the student's farming program and to the need of the boy's home farm.

Repairing and painting old farm equipment is one of the most important projects students can do in the schools agriculture shop. Other projects which students have done include: 1 Overhaul & paint tractor, 2 Build feed cart, 3. Build farm wagons, 4 Build tobacco cultivator, 5 Build hay racks, self feeders and pig brooders.

Throughout the year many supplementary farm practices are included in the farm mechanics program. Some of these skills include laying

concrete blocks, testing soil and milk and laying out foundations for farm buildings.

This program is designed to aid the student of vocational agriculture to take advantage of his rural opportunities.

### PROTECT LAWN

Snow mold in lawns or fine turf can be expected where the disease has been a problem, and if we get much snow this winter warns A. H. Bauer, extension plant pathologist at Penn State. He says damage from snow mold can be reduced or prevented by not piling snow on the lawn from sidewalks and driveways, and by treating areas with chemicals. Where snow mold has been a problem and much snow occurs, see your county agent for further information on snow mold control.

Michigan has more planted trees than any other state.



**FUTURE FARMERS HONOR RURAL RESPONSIBILITY** at Garden Spot High School, New Holland. Practicing for elimination contest in public speaking, these boys learn to take their places in the rural organizations of tomorrow. Here members of the freshman class listen and criticize the presentation of their classmate. The winner of the local elimination contest will compete in the York-Lancaster area contest at Solanco High School on April 10. The boys L to R are William Fisher, East Earl R1; Darwin Martin, East Earl R1; Wilmer Esbenshade, New Holland R2, and Nelson Wert, New Holland R1. All the boys except Martin are in competition for school honors. —L. F. Photo

### Future Farmers

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