

Manheim FFA Will Refuse State Funds

By: James Gehman, Reporter

At a recent meeting of the Manheim Future Farmers of America action was taken on a number of items

The group decided to set the date of the Parent and Son banquet at April 23. Committees were appointed to take care of the food, entertainment, invitations and seating.

Following this, a discussion was started by the members about the prize money given for different county FFA activities this year. It was voted unanimously that we refuse the money because it comes from a state tax on horse race gambling. It was felt that, because it came from a disreputable source like gambling, we should not accept it.

Other items of discussion were about distribution of

triangular safety signs used on slow moving vehicles such as tractors, coin pickers, etc., and the suggestion that we attend various churches as a group a few times each year.

● Tobacco Seed

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south of Strasburg on Jackson Street. From 1 to 4 p.m. the operation will move to the John J. Leid farm south of New Holland.

Two demonstrations, one in the morning and another in the afternoon, will take place on March 20 at the Penn State Research Farm located one mile northwest of Landisville along Chiques Creek.

The demonstrations will be a continuation of a program started many years ago by retired associate county agent, Harry Sloat. A complete disease control program for tobacco seedbeds will be distributed.



RYEGRASS IN THE CORN FIELD helps to protect the soil during the winter and provides more organic matter to be plowed down in the spring. Corn will go back in this strip this year, but with good conservation farming practices soil fertility is increasing. L. F. Photo.

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which he cash rents in partnership with Paul Kline.

The 50 acres of corn at home and his share of 100 acres on the rented farm goes into a steer feeding operation which usually sees about 400 head go through the barn each year. The price situation cut the number somewhat this year. He buys 1,000 pounders and feeds for about 90 days, depending on the market.

About 50 head of feeder hogs follow the steers. He normally

buys the feeders, but he now has six gilts which he plans to breed.

Three years ago he began feeding lambs and plans to continue. Last fall he bought 250 head of 60 pound lambs from Virginia and fed them to about 100 pounds, topping them out in January and February.

Ten acres of tobacco keeps the work load balanced during the winter.

He points to the gently curving contour strips and tells of the two gullies which have filled in since he began farming on the level. He believes con-

servation is helping him increase his soil fertility even with the intensive row crop system.

He is so sold on the value of conservation farming that he has been an associate director in the district for five years, has set up many watershed meetings to sell conservation to his neighbors and has planned classes on conservation for his Young Farmer chapter.

The award was presented at the annual Soil and Water Conservation District banquet at Blue Ball.



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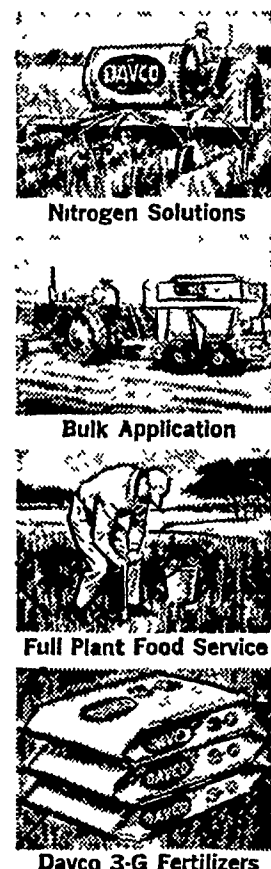
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