

Vo-Ag. Teachers

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September 23 will be FFA Judging Day at the Lampeter Fair. Avers reported that with the increased fair fund set up by the state went some restrictions on judges and chairmen; no one affiliated with either may show livestock in the same fair. The bulk of the afternoon's discussion centered around

the County Star Farmer question. That relatively new program involved a question that had not heretofore been considered: if the named star farmer should have some conflict over accepting the prize of \$175 for a trip to the national FFA convention at Kansas City, should that money go to him anyway for other purposes, or should it go to the runner-up, or should it not be used at all? Discussion on this question consumed at least one hour, and proposals, counter-proposals, motions, and votes on motions showed opinion to be widely divergent. No provision had been made for this occasion when the original program was outlined, but the question of such a conflict has arisen this year. The issue was finally settled, if not resolved, by a vote of 7 to 5 in favor of having the money

remain unclaimed this year if the chosen candidate were unable to make the trip. In other business discussed, Garland Gingrich of Penn Manor High School reported the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District had purchased a set of 90 slides for use by the Extension Service and themselves. These slides are also available to the vo-ag teachers as a teaching aid. He showed the group a sample of about 30 slides and illustrated their use.

Gingrich, as secretary for the conservation district, relayed a request that the teachers donate the soil profile they had constructed on June 17 to the conservation district so the latter could pass it on as an award at its annual banquet next March. The teachers voted unanimously to do so.

Thomas Mahlon, area supervisor, reported that Harris-

burg is now accepting requests for vocational educational equipment under Public Law 88-210, which makes federal money available for such purposes. He also told the teachers of the law recently enacted which makes it mandatory for protective equipment to be worn at all times in their shop classes by teachers, students, and visitors where abrasive dusts or noxious vapors are involved.

Mahlon also told the group that there were 17 blue ribbon winners from the area at the district FFA dairy show (12 of these were from Lancaster County). These winners will be eligible to participate in the Junior Dairy Show at Harrisburg on September 13th.

He also circulated a list showing the number of FFA members by states for this year. Pennsylvania had 9,511 paid-up members. Leading the list was Texas with 50,600.

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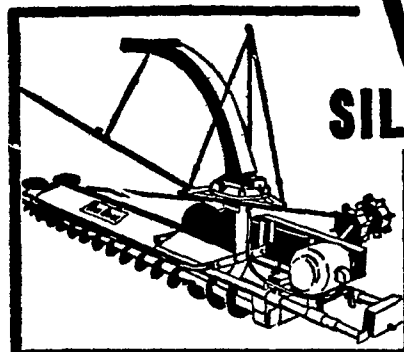


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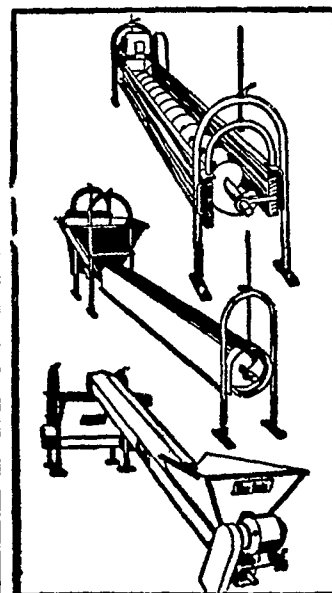


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