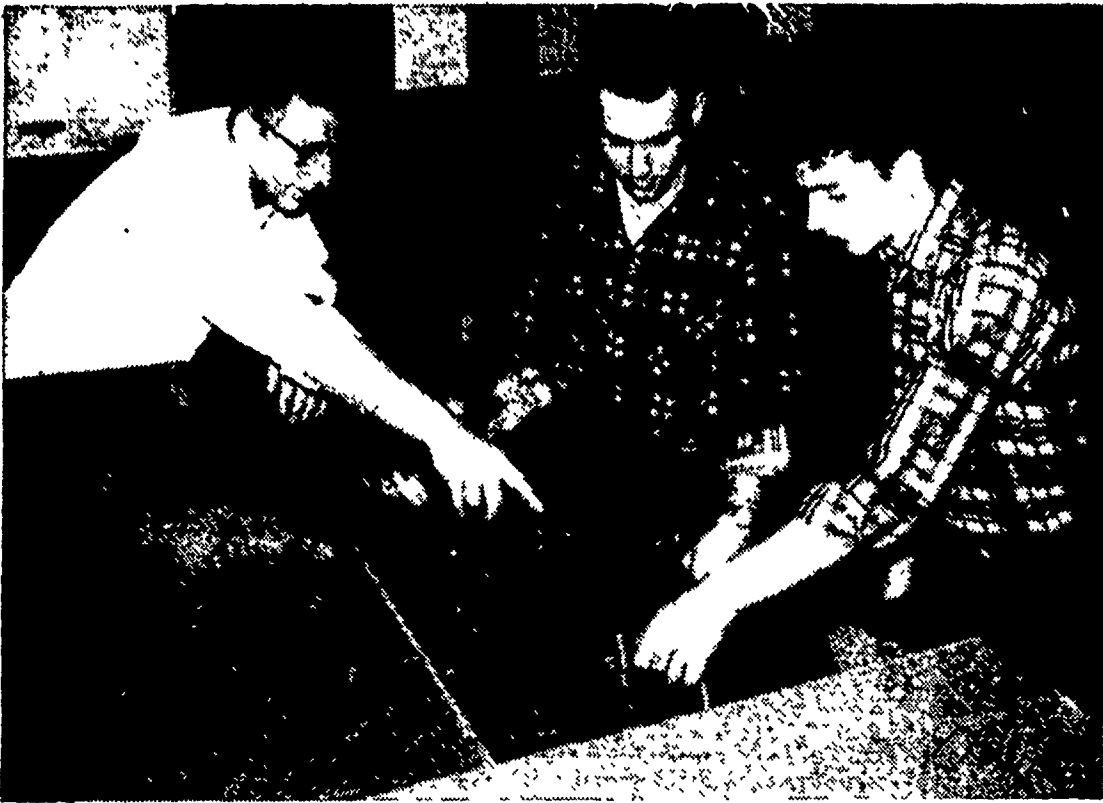


Agribusiness Work Experience Plan Is Big Success At Garden Spot H.S.



CHECKING BEARING SETTINGS on a baler in the Quality Control Division of the New Holland Machine Company are agribusiness students Sanford Gehman, right, and Roy Bowman, center. Overseeing the job is Jerry Harsh, quality control supervisor. Both boys are holders of the FFA Keystone Farmer Degree, and are seniors at Garden Spot High School. Their job at the machine company consists of taking pieces of equipment off the line at random, assembling it the same as a dealer would do, for a check of all fittings and settings to assure the final customers of good quality.

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"Sprayer nozzles should be 16 to 18 inches above the highest tip of the alfalfa to get complete coverage," he said. As a general rule the more water applied the better the insect control.

Since the chemicals now approved for use give only a short protection period, Menusan recommended that farmers delay spray application as long as possible and take some leaf damage to insure the best possible control.

"Even with the needed spray, alfalfa is still the best forage crop," he said.

John Baylor, extension agronomist, speaking on the management of today's forage crops for maximum feed value said that the sorghum-

sudan hybrids have their greatest use for green chop. But they can also be used for pasture, silage and hay.

In harvesting these crops height is important. "When we leave a lot of stubble we get a lower yield per acre but we do get more rapid recovery. "Under a green show,

chop system it is good to leave a little longer stubble," he added.

Lancaster County Associate agent, Arnold G. Lueck, served as master of ceremonies and presented awards to the previously announced winners in the five-acre-corn contest and the district hay show.

The agribusiness work experience project, which Garden Spot High School began last year as part of a 12-school pilot study in Pennsylvania, has continued as a permanent program for the ten high school seniors in vocational agriculture.

The size of the senior class has been the only factor seriously limiting program participation. The boys are given the opportunity to work in the agribusiness field of their choice. They can spend six weeks in the employ of one company, or three weeks each on two separate jobs.

According to Garden Spot High School agriculture teacher Robert Herr, the Garden Spot program was rated the most comprehensive agribusiness project in Pennsylvania, following its first completed year.

"It teaches the boys to supplement their farming experience and training with technical knowledge in other businesses," Herr said.

For example, he reported that two of his top dairy students this year worked six weeks at the Atlantic Breeders Cooperative about dairy breeding problems and programs, and sire selection. Both of these boys plan to farm after graduation, and this technical experience will be extremely helpful to them, Herr said.

Members of the junior class have already selected their agribusiness work programs for next year, Herr reported. Unfortunately, there

are only nine boys in what class, and the list of interested employers continues to grow. Herr is looking forward to the 10th grade class which numbers nineteen, and will be the biggest class yet to engage in the program when they become seniors.

The work schedule that has been set up for this agribusiness project requires the boys to spend four afternoons each week for six weeks — Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday from 1-5 p.m. — as employees. On Wednesday afternoons, they return to school to discuss their experiences and review such topics as salesmanship, human relations problems encountered, income tax, social security, and any other points needing clarification.

The agribusiness program is designed to meet present and future needs for more skilled people in non-farm, agricultural occupations.

In addition, the program accomplishes two important purposes, Herr concluded:

- 1—An employer gets a chance to weigh a student's potential on a part-time basis, and would probably have an inside track if he wanted to hire the boy after graduation.
- 2—The student gets a firsthand look at the business of his choice, and can decide whether he wants to pursue it later.

The Garden Spot High School seniors participating in the program this year are Roy W. Bowman; Sanford R. (Continued on Page 19)

Flying Farmers Plan To Tour Wash. & N.Y.

The International Flying Farmers will be touring Washington, D.C. and New York City this coming September, according to L. L. Logan, Kennett Square and West Chester Director of Region 1 Logan and Asa Culver, Trumansburg, N.Y., will be co-tour leaders for the full week tour. While in Washington the group will have their tour headquarters at the 4-H Club Center.

Culver, L. M. Barnum, and Mrs. Logan spent last Friday in the New York area setting up their schedule. Logan flew to Linden, N.J. which will be the airport used on the tour when the group flies their own aircraft from Washington.


In New York the group will see the United Nations, China Town, The Statue of Liberty, Rockefeller Center, Radio City, The Empire State Building and many other attractions. Logan will be in New York again this week finalizing the tour plans.

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