



Winners of the area public speaking contest this week were: Daniel E. Melhorn (left), Eastern York FFA Chapter, Wrightsville, second, and Gerald Martin, Warwick FFA Chapter, Lititz, first. Both will compete in the regional contest May 14.

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Dauphin and Schuylkill Counties and Philadelphia

Judges for Wednesday night's public speaking contest were Clyde S. Jackson, regional consultant, Pennsylvania Department of Education manpower developing and training program Stanley Musselman, farm representative, Lancaster County Farmers National Bank and Robert Mattek, farm Editor, WGAL-TV

Judges for the parliamentary procedure contest were Russell Drumm former vo ag teacher at Coalecho High School, now in private business as a landscaper, T. M. Mahm former agriculture supervisor for York and Lancaster Counties retired and Harvey A. Smith, area vo ag consultant in Lebanon, Dauphin, Berks and Schuylkill Counties

14, 15-Year-Olds Take Tractor Driving Test at Garden Spot

The vocational agriculture department of Garden Spot High School conducted a tractor driving certification test for 14 and 15 year old boys enrolled in the junior agriculture program at the Junior Senior High School. Under new Federal Regulations, 14 and 15 year old boys working on farms other than of their parents, must be certified under an approved program including 25 hours of instruction in safe tractor operation and farm machinery safety, and pass both a written exam and a driving test.

The driving portion of the

certification program was conducted Saturday, April 25, at the high school. The test involved hitching a tractor to a two-wheeled implement and negotiating an obstacle course, backing the implement into a narrow stall, safely attaching a three-point hitch power take off shaft, and a remote hydraulic cylinder. Safety is stressed at all times.

In addition to the driving test, classroom instruction is provided in all aspects of farm tractor and machinery operation safety. Twenty boys are enrolled in the certification program.

The testing was administered by the vocational agriculture staff of Donald M. Robinson, Philip H. Oglie, and A. K. Kissell. Older boys from the Grassland FFA Chapter also assisted in the testing.

Tractors and machinery were made available by local farm machinery dealers.

Gypsy Moth Hitchhikes With Unwary Campers

"Don't transport gypsy moth from your campsite" is the advice given in a prize-winning Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture exhibit.

A soft drink carton, the remains of a campfire and a camper trailer are part of the exhibit.

"A soft drink carton may very easily become the way a gypsy moth is transported to an uninfected section of the nation," said Henry F. Nixon, director of the department's Bureau of Plant Industry.

The caterpillar of the moth can easily crawl into a carton or on some piece of camping equipment and be transported hundreds of miles, Nixon said.

He also offered this possibility of spreading the pest: a female moth can lay eggs on camping equipment.

Campfire wood, camping equipment and the camper-trailer itself should be examined carefully before a sportsman loads his trailer for a trip, he said.

He expressed the opinion that an unobservant camper may have been the means of spreading the gypsy moth into Centie County where 50 acres of woodland were defoliated last spring. Previously the moth had been kept east of the Susquehanna River through the Department's control methods, he added.

7 Chester Countians

Seven Chester County representatives were among those attending the recent 4-H Teen Leadership Conference at Cocoa Inn, Hershey sponsored by Penn State and the Pennsylvania Extension Service.

The seven were David Weinstock and Dale Natziger of Phoenixville, Lois Johnson of Coatesville RD3, Nancy Wallaston of Toughkenamon, Mary Smiley of Chester Springs, James Wertz of Downingtown RD2 and Bob Hocking of Landenberg were the Chester County representatives chosen to attend the 1970 conference.

"Keys to Leadership" was the theme of the conference. Workshops and discussions on teen issues of the day made these young people more aware of their role in leadership through self understanding. Social fun, dancing, swimming and singing made it a weekend to be remembered.

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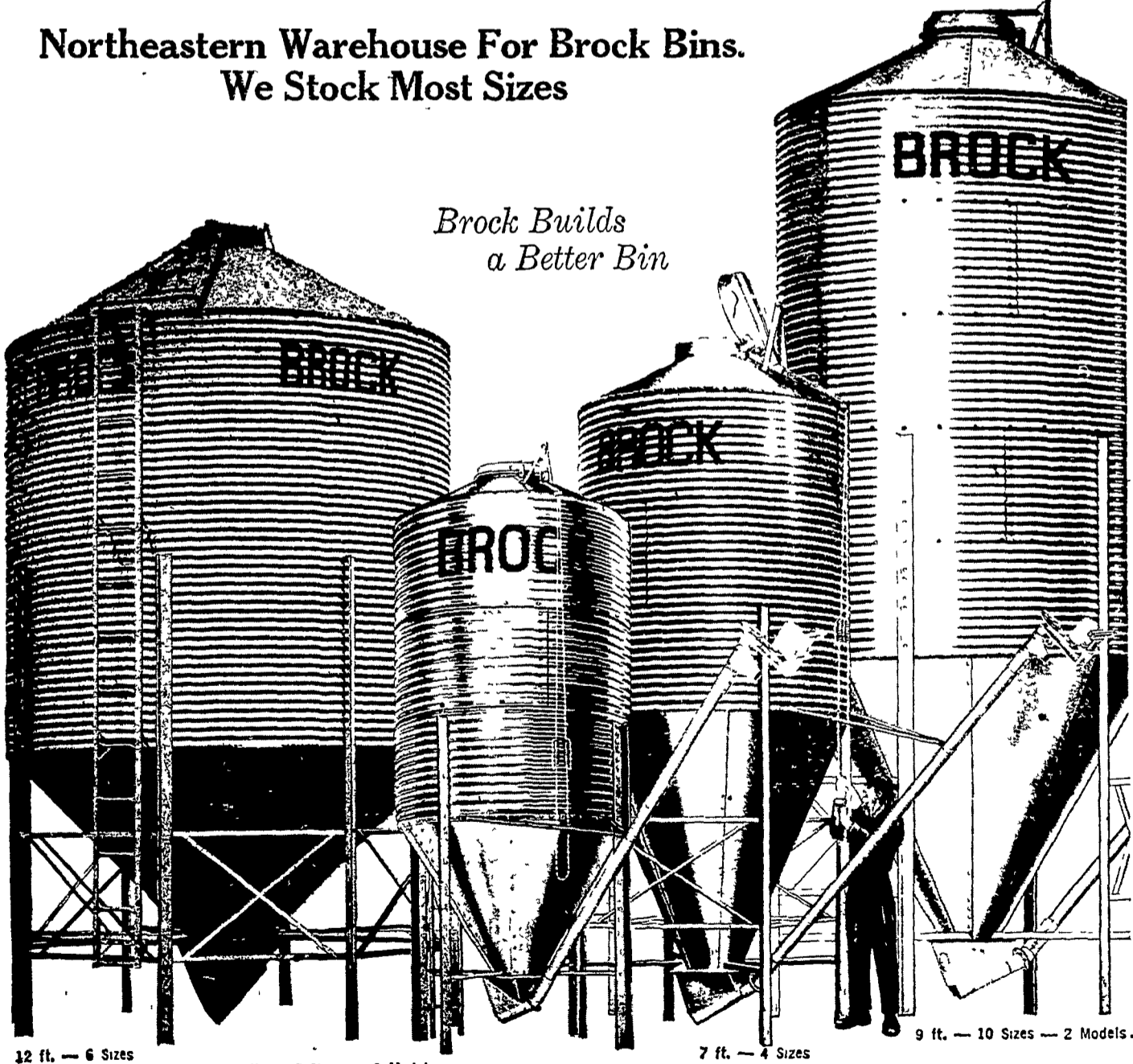
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