

Fifteen members of the tenth grade of the Grassland FFA Chapter who received their Chapter farmer degrees recently are: left to right, front row, Mel Horst, Gerald Hartranft, Gary Messner, Ken Groff. Second row, Dale Sensenig, Daryl Sensenig, Larry Ressler, Dennis Nolt, Wayne Martin. Third row, Dwight Ludwig, Karl Martin, Ken Mull, Elvin Hursh, Laverne Wise and Ray Martin. Qualifications for the degree include: applicant must have had at least one year in vocational agriculture and one year membership in FFA; earned and have productively invested or deposited in the bank at least \$50; a satisfactory supervised farming program; be able to hold a group discussion for 15 minutes, and be familiar with the provisions of the constitution of the Chapter.

Don't Be Complacent About Quality, Inter-State Official Warns

"Dairy farmers cannot afford to become complacent about new programs. We must gear ourselves to meet problems head-on," charged Golden W. Davis, management assistant, Inter-State Milk Producers' Cooperative, last week as he addressed delegates of the cooperative's annual meeting in Philadelphia.

The representatives of more than 3,000 dairy farmers in four states were cautioned by Golden Davis when he said, "Inspection used to be fairly simple in the era of can operations, but with the advent of the farm bulk tank, automation of milking, conveying and washing equipment, more in-depth training has been required of our field staff. Our fieldmen must know how to check these bulk tank and transfer systems, as well as the all-over inspections required by law," continued Davis.

"Remember, the consumer

will be the final judge," asserted the quality control expert.

"We must take whatever steps necessary to produce the best-quality milk possible. This means low bacteria counts, low leucocyte counts, milk free of anti-bodies, free of pesticide residue, and milk with a good flavor and taste. We must put forth extra effort to maintain daily our work areas, seeing to it that our equipment is clean, sanitized and in good working condition," Davis suggested.

"Consumers are becoming more active in organizing groups that are demanding a better flavored product, as well as a better shelf life for milk. More activity is noted throughout the country in developing and putting into law dating and coding of fluid milk in an effort to answer consumer demands. More and more federal and state regulatory agencies are gearing their activities towards protecting

the consumers."

Davis cited that milk is under more surveillance than any other food product. He discussed how dairy farmers can protect their market as well as their tremendous investment. He cited quality as the guarantee for a continued market.

Golden Davis pointed to the mistake many dairymen are making when they purchase unapproved equipment.

As an example, he mentioned the concerted effort by some to promote the sale of stainless steel pipelines, in spite of the stand Inter-State has taken for years concerning such equipment. Inter-state believes the dairyman should always be able to visually inspect any part of a pipeline.

He concluded his remarks to the 54th annual meeting of this dairy organization by repeating the fact that it is consumer approval that is necessary, and the consumer makes this decision at the marketplace.

U.S. Ag Safety Advisory Committee Named

Under Secretary of Agriculture J. Phil Campbell announced

appointment of a 26-member National Advisory Committee on

Safety in Agriculture to advise the Secretary and other officials of the Department on the development of the Department's safety program and ways the Department can work most effectively in safety programs with other government agencies, farm organizations and others.

The under secretary will be chairman of the committee. The vice chairman will be the chairman of the USDA committee on Safety in Agriculture, Lloyd H. Davis.

The executive secretary of the USDA Committee on Safety in Agriculture, Robert O. Gilden, will also serve as executive secretary of this committee.

The committee will meet at the direction of the chairman to advise on the development and implementation of programs and activities concerning safety on farms and related agricultural industries. Members are appointed for a term ending July 20, 1973.

The following have been named to the Committee: Weldon Barton, Washington, D.C.; C. L. Denton Jr, Tyrone, Ark.; John A. Tanner, Douglas, Ga.; Marvin Vines, Little Rock, Ark.; Mrs. A. C. Machemehl Jr, Bellville, Tex.; Frederick Heringer, Oroville, Calif.; Fred A. Phillips, Keating, Ore.; Charles R. Frederick, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. Lewis E. (Virginia) Edmundson, Walsenburg, Colo.

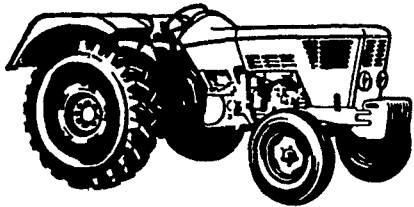
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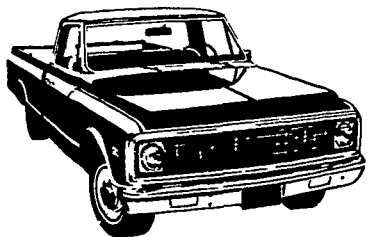
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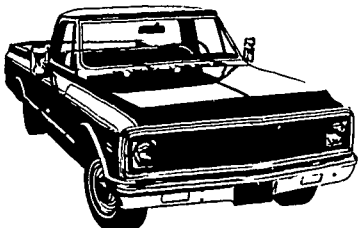
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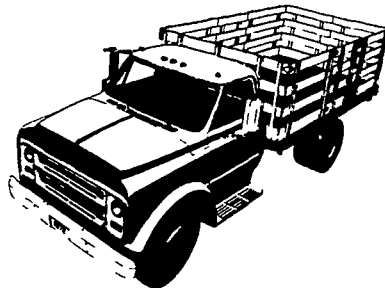
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