

Twin Valley FFA Chapter Elects 1972-73 Officers

The Twin Valley FFA met last week at the Twin Valley High School. The meeting was brought to order by Frank Stoltzfus using

the official opening ceremonies.

Terry Murray reported that two Twin Valley members participated in the Berks County FFA public speaking contest at Conrad Weiser High School. Nevin Mast, chapter vice president, placed second in the effective public speaking contest and is now eligible to participate in the area contest against speakers from Berks, Lebanon and Schuylkill Counties. His speech was entitled "Soybeans — Miracle Crop to Feed the hungry World." Terry Murray placed fourth with his speech on dairy heifer management.

Robert Stoltzfus reported that Twin Valley was represented at the Berks County FFA parliamentary procedure contest. The team, which included several last minute replacements, placed third. The Governor Mifflin team was first and Conrad Weiser was second. Stoltzfus stated that all members who participated increased their knowledge of parliamentary procedures.

Lloyd Simmers reported that 13 FFA members served as waiters for the Twin Valley Future

Homemakers of America banquet. This was in exchange for the FHA girls waiting on tables at the FFA banquet. This proved to be both an interesting and an educational experience for all members.

Stanley Stankiewicz reported that the landscaping committee met with Mr. Wood to obtain his ideas on what the FFA could do to improve the school grounds. Many ideas were exchanged with some concrete plans being made for this spring. The FFA will plant some evergreen and deciduous trees. They will also plant crown vetch on the bank in front of the school.

Plans for the pumpkin contest are proceeding. The Chapter voted to have two movies to entertain the students while the pumpkins are being judged. Hopefully all pumpkin contest material will be distributed to students by the middle of May.

Members discussed whether they would like to have another paper drive. Members felt that it was worthwhile, but were hesitant because of the recurring problem of a lack of licensed truck drivers. No decision was

reached on holding another paper drive.

Included in the Berks County FFA meeting at Oley High School was an interview and a small gasoline engines contest, as well as election of County officers for the 1972 - 1973 school year.

A motion to have a window exhibit for all local fairs and the Pennsylvania Farm Show was referred to a committee of six.

The program of work and budget will be prepared by May 10 so that hopefully it can be distributed before the end of school. All old and new officers will work on preparing these.

Proficiency award applications which were distributed in February must be returned to advisor Frederick by May 10.

President Frank Stoltzfus revealed that the department chairmen are currently considering an FFA proposal to have teachers visit local farms for an In-Service day. Members discussed which farms they felt teachers should visit. It was also stressed that the cooperation of all members will be needed to help make this a success.

The last items of business was

election of officers for the 1972 - 73 school year. Newly elected officers are:

Nevin Mast, president; Terry Murray, vice president, Beth McDonnell, secretary, William Ford, treasurer; Thomas Carskadon, reporter; Melvin Houck, chaplain; Robert Stoltzfus, sentinel, Frank Stoltzfus, junior advisor

Nevin Mast, County officer candidate, Terry Murray, County delegate, Beth McDonnell, alternate County delegate, Ronald Smoker, assistant secretary, Thomas Beiler, assistant treasurer; Lloyd Simmers, assistant reporter, Fred Stevenson, photographer.

New officers will officially assume duties in May.

The business meeting was followed by a recreational period in the gym and refreshments in the vo ag shop

Reporter-Elect
Thomas Carskadon

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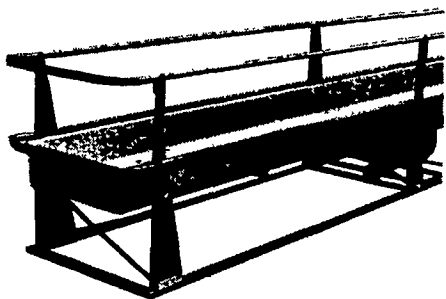
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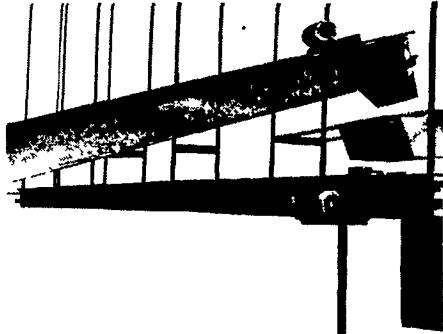
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