8 Twin Valley Students Participating in FFA Week

Eight vocational agriculture students from Twin Valley High School will journey to the Pennsylvania State University on June 28 for the annual three-day FFA Activities Week and Summer Convention of the Pennsylvania **Association of Future Farmers of** America. Over 1,200 vocational agriculture students and FFA members from across the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania will participate in this event, as band or chorus members, officer candidates, official county delegates, or contestants in one of the 18 contests.

Two Twin Valley FFA members will participate in the 80-member State FFA band. Beth McDonnell, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Carroll McDonnell, Elverson RD1, will make her second appearence in the band. Thomas Carskadon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Carskadon, Morgantown, will make his first appearance in the band. Beth plays the bell lyre, Tom plays the saxophone. The state FFA band will play at each of the three convention meetings. The band is

under the direction of Dr. James Dunlop, director of the Penn State Blue Band. Members of the band are FFA members from Chapters across the State.

Terry Murray, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Samuels of Honey Brook RD2, will participate in the state FFA chorus. Approximately 80 FFA members from throughout the state comprise the chorus. It too will perform at each of the three convention meetings.

To be eligible for either the band or chorus an FFA member must secure the recommendation of his band or music teacher, his vocational agriculture teacher, and his local school adminstrator. Final selection is made by the band and chorus directors.

Four Twin Valley students will participate in two of the 18 contests held in conjunction with the convention. Ronald Smoker. son of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Smoker, Honey Brook RD2, will be a participant in the livestock judging contest. Ron. who was the Chapter Star Greenhand, will

be required to judge eight classes of livestock, including market classes of steers, wethers, and swine, containing four animals per class; breeding classes of heifers, ewes, and gilts containing four animals each: and a class of 10 feeder steers which must be placed according to U.S. Standard Grades.

Other Twin Valley contest participants are: Nevin Mast, Chapter president, Robert Evans, and Jeffrey Boltz. They will compete as a dairy judging team. They will be required to judge seven classes of dairy cattle - four classes of four cows each, from among the five major breeds, and three classes of heifers or young cows. In addition, these students will have to give oral reasons on one class; they will have to explain why they placed the animals in class first, second, third, and fourth, in terms of the good and bad points of each of the animals. This is the first year the dairy judging contests is on a team basis and also the first time that contestants have been required to give oral reasons.

The eighth Twin Valley participant will be Frank Stoltzfus, former Chapter president and former County president. Frank will serve as an officer candidate,

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hoping to be elected to one of the 11 state elective offices.

Students will also have several educational experiences. On the way to Penn State they will tour Heislers Cloverleaf Dairy at Tamagua where they will see processing and bottling of milk and the manufacture of ice cream. They will continue to Penn State through part of the anthracite coal regions of Schuylkill County. Students will be able to see for themselves the splendor and destructiveness of strip mining and some of the results of strip mining. The FFA members will also tour the Benner Springs Fish Hatchery of the Pennsylvania Fish Com-

At Penn State, the students will be able to attend one of 10 educational programs ranging from hearing the champion FFA public speakers parliamentary procedure teams to seeing some of the current research in cattle, crop, and deer management being conducted at Penn State. Students will also be able to talk to the heads of the various departments of the College of Agriculture concerning their future education and what Penn State has to offer.

Accompanying the eight Twin Valley students will be Ronald Frederick, vocational agriculture teacher and FFA advisor.



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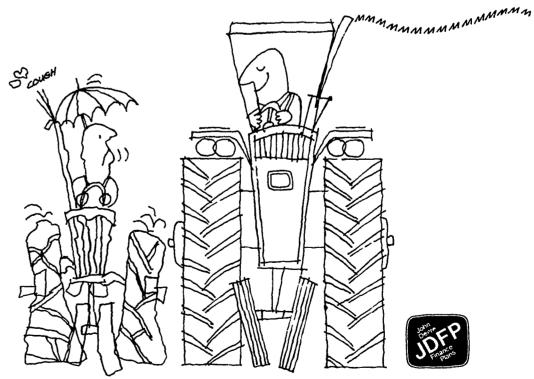
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