

Twin Valley Pumpkin Contest Rules

During the next several weeks the Twin Valley FFA will be visiting elementary schools in the Twin Valley District to distribute information to the students about the Pumpkin Growing Contest which the Chapter sponsors. In some of the schools the students will also be putting on an assembly program concerning the FFA and its activities.

The FFA members hope the contest will serve the following purposes: it will help to motivate the students to learn more about how plants grow and the factors affecting plant growth; hopefully it will encourage the students to learn more about modern agriculture (not just farming) and the role it plays in our

national life as well as the career opportunities available; make the students aware of the FFA Chapter and the vocational agriculture program offered at the high school.

The rules for the contest remain much the same as in previous years except that a new category has been added for pumpkins raised by teachers.

The contest is open to all students in grades Kindergarten through five in the elementary schools of the Twin Valley School District. Students will be given a copy of the rules, an entry blank, and a letter to parents by the visiting FFA members. Students wishing to enter the contest should complete the entry blank

and return it to their teacher, at which time they will receive a packet of seed and a list of approved for pumpkin growing.

All students and teachers participating in the contest must use the seed provided by the FFA so that no participants will have an unfair advantage. Participants will be allowed to enter three pumpkins in the judging part of the contest, one pumpkin in each of the three categories—heaviest pumpkin, pumpkin with largest circumference, and most unusually shaped pumpkin.

Monetary prizes for first, second and third place are offered to contestants in each category in each grade level. A grand champion trophy is

awarded in each of the above three categories from among the top three pumpkins in each grade level. Students are eligible for more than one monetary prize but for only one trophy. A trophy will be presented to the teacher

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exhibiting the heaviest pumpkin.

The pumpkins are judged in October in the high school gym by the FFA officers. This is the third year the Twin Valley Chapter is sponsoring the Pumpkin Contest, with the help of several local agribusinessmen. Last year's contest had 109 pumpkins judged.

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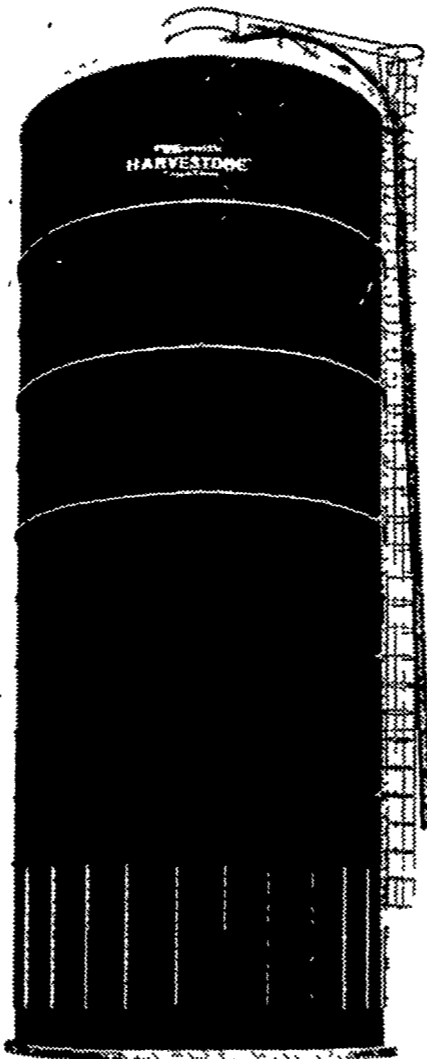
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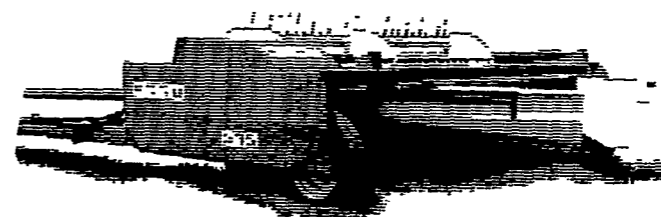
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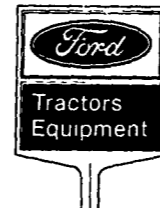
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