

## Ephrata Wins Small Gas Engine Contest



Dale Weber (left) and John Weaver, members of the Cloister FFA Chapter at Ephrata, demonstrate some of the skills which helped them in winning top honors in the Small Gasoline Engine contest.

## Purchase, Loan Rates For Rye Announced

County loan and purchase rate schedules for eligible 1973-crop rye were issued. County loan and purchase rate schedules for eligible 1973-crop rye were issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA). The 1973 county loan rates are based on a national average loan level of 89 cents per bushel (the same level as for 1972) for rye grading No. 2 or better, or No. 3 on the factors of test weight only, announced Dec. 11, 1972 (see USDA press release 4023-72). County loan rates are established to reflect historical rye prices received by farmers and will

vary depending on location.

The county loan rates in Colorado were increased two cents to improve the loan rate relationships with neighboring states in the major rye producing area, USDA officials said.

Copies of 1973-crop rye county loan rates are being sent to states and will also be available from the Grain Division, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service, U.S. Department of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250.

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Fourteen teams, with two FFA students on each team, competed in the area Small Gasoline Engine Contest held last week at Manheim. The team from Cloister Chapter at Ephrata won first place honors, scoring 315 points out of a possible 380 points.

Other team winners were: Manheim, second; Elizabethtown, third; New Holland, fourth, and Penn Manor, fifth.

Individual scorers and the schools represented were: John Weaver, Ephrata, first; Dale Weber, Ephrata, second; Eric Zeiset, Elizabethtown, third; Gene Gehman, Manheim, fourth; Roy Sauder, Manheim, fifth; Don Weiler, New Holland, sixth.

The Cloister Chapter team and Manheim Chapter team are now eligible to compete in state competition at Penn State during FFA Week in June.

The contest consisted of a written test on small gas engine operating and repair, use of the small gas engine service manual, and trouble shooting an engine to find and repair faults.

Schools participating in the contest were: Ephrata, Elizabethtown, Solanco, Penn Manor, New Holland, Manheim, Oxford, Warwick, and Octoraro. Agriculture teachers from the participating schools served as judges.

## Pig and Rabbit Club See Demonstrations

The Elizabethtown Area Pig and Rabbit 4-H Club met Thursday, April 26 at the Union Schoolhouse, Elizabethtown. President Dan Baum brought the meeting to order.

After the opening procedures the new members filled out enrollment cards. Club leader, J. Warren Heisey, commented on

the projects and gave record books to the members who needed them.

Rabbit demonstrations were given by Patricia Myer and Barry Heisey, followed by pig demonstrations given by Wendy Gerber and Stanley Heisey.

The next meeting of the club will be May 17 at the home of Stephen Horten, Masonic Homes.

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