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Berks County FFA Elects Officers, Conduct Contests

The Berks County FFA met at Oley Valley High School last week. Included on the agenda was the election of officers for the 1973-74 school year, an Interview Contest, and a Small Gasoline Engines Contest.

Each of the officer candidates were interviewed by a panel of present FFA officers and county delegates. Heading the list of existing officers interviewing the candidates were Ron Myer, County FFA president from Conrad Weiser High School, and Nevin Mast, County FFA vice-president from Twin Valley. Assisting the FFA officers were Robert Kramer, advisor to the County president, and Harvey Smith, vocational consultant for Berks County.

Each officer candidate had to answer several questions, such as — "What does the FFA mean to you?"; "Why do you want to be a County FFA officer?"; and at least one question on parliamentary procedure. The candidates were also asked to read a section from a book to test their reading ability and were asked to plan a picnic for the next meeting to see how well they could think on their feet.

The following FFA members were elected to office for the 1973-74 school year: Terry Murray, Twin Valley, president; Marlin Dietrich, Kutztown, vice-president; Bill Abrams, Governor Mifflin, secretary; William Schantz, Brandywine Heights, treasurer; Thomas Heffner, Hamburg, reporter; Darryl Hartman, Conrad Weiser, sentinel, and Kevin Daub, Tulpehocken, chaplain.

The newly elected officers will take office at a meeting at Conrad Weiser High School on Tuesday, May 15.

While the new County officers were being interviewed several County vo-ag teachers were conducting the Interview Contest. For this contest each FFA contestant was to write a letter of application for a job, fill out an application form for that job, and have an interview with one of the vo-ag teachers. The contestants were able to select any job they desired. They were scored on such points as completeness, neatness, grammar, attitude,

personality and poise, appearance, voice, and response to question.

Winners in the contest were: Beth McDonnell, Twin Valley, first; Blake Brown, Conrad Weiser, second; Roger Imes, Oley Valley, third; Glenn Christman, Kutztown, fourth; Myles Angstadt, Brandywine, fifth.

Eight FFA members from four Berks County Schools participated in the Small Gasoline Engines Contest. This contest is divided into three parts — a written exam pertaining to selection, operational principles, maintenance, repair, adjustment, and service of the two and four-stroke cycle small gasoline engines. In the second part of the contest, contestants

use a service manual to determine measurements, adjustments, service and maintenance procedures for a selected engine model. The third part of the contest consists of trouble shooting and repairing an engine. The engine is faulted, and the two-team members from a school work to get it operating properly.

This contest was also in charge of several Berks County vo-ag teachers. Winners of this contest were: Scott Snively, Oley Valley, first; Dennis Kohl, Oley Valley, second; Ronald Worley, Brandywine, third; Mark Kohl, Brandywine, fourth; Albert Dillon, Governor Mifflin, fifth; Steve Smith, Governor Mifflin, sixth; Geoffrey Fultz, Twin Valley, seventh, and Ronald Smoker, Twin Valley, eighth.

Two Named To Posts

J. Ralph Parrett, 134 Cedar St., Elizabethtown, has been promoted to Quality Assurance Manager at Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland.

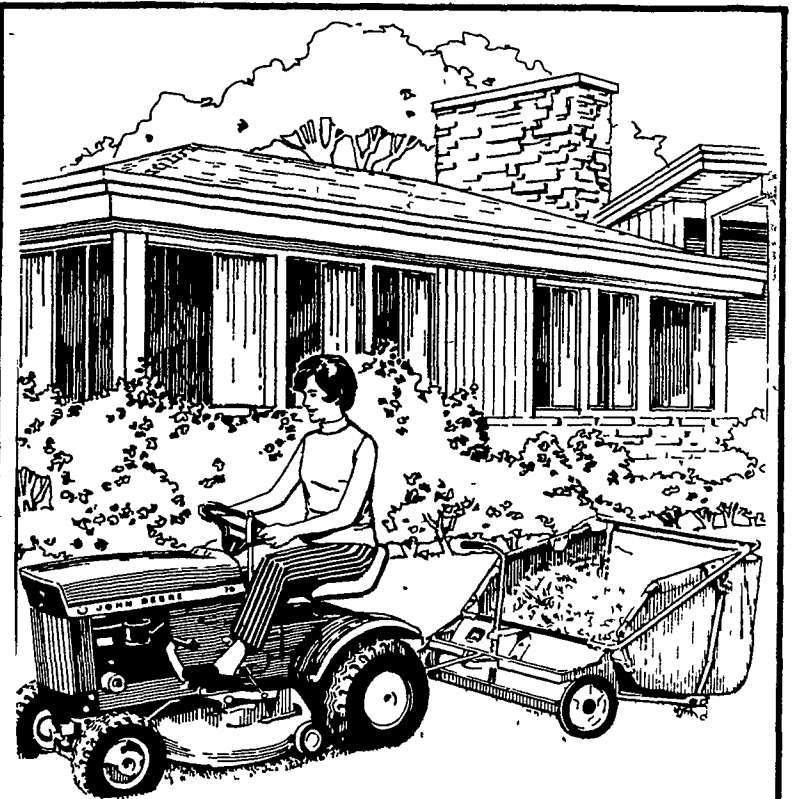
Parrett, who holds a B. S. degree in Chemistry from Elizabethtown College, joined the firm in 1970 as Quality Control Laboratory Supervisor. As Quality Assurance Manager, he will be responsible for the development and supervision of product related quality assurance programs and laboratory testing.

In a related move Donald Singletary, East Earl RD1 has been named to the newly created position of Veterinary Services

Manager. Singletary holds B. S. and D. V. M. degrees from the University of Illinois, and has considerable training in the field of technical writing and diagnostic work.

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