

## Summer Activities Planned At Twin Valley Meeting

A regular meeting of the Twin Valley FFA Chapter was held last week at Twin Valley High School. Terry Murray opened the meeting with the regular opening ceremonies.

The secretary's report was read and approved as read. The treasurer's report was read and filed for audit. Ron Smoker gave a progress report on the window exhibit and on the barbecue planned for this summer.

Lloyd Simmers gave a farm safety report. He stated that the committee is exploring the possibility of having a safety oriented window exhibit for next year. The committee has made numerous safety posters to distribute to libraries and elementary schools next fall. Handout sheets on open burning of trash are also being distributed.

It was decided that the Chapter should pay \$8 of the expenses of the nine students attending FFA Activities Week at Penn State in June. The remaining \$10 will be paid by each student.

July 15 and August 4 were set as the dates for summer

meetings. The July meeting is to be held at Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houck's farm and is to include a softball game and a demonstration of swine fitting by Robert Stoltzfus and Melvin Houck. The August meeting will be the barbecue at Kurtz' Fishing Lakes.

The Chapter was asked to have eight members to assist at the Berks County Wool Pool Wednesday, June 13 at the Reading Fair Grounds.

The date of the Berks County FFA Swine Show and Sale was announced. It will be held August 1 at the Leesport Market and Auction.

The meeting was closed with the official closing ceremonies.

Lloyd Simmers  
Chapter Reporter

### Country Within

Lapland is the home of a small, sturdy people known as the Lapps, but it is not a separate country. The land belongs to Norway, Sweden, Finland and the Soviet Union.

## USDA To Start Export Sales Reports July 6

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced that it will begin a weekly series of reports on grain and soybean export sales July 6, 1973.

USDA's Statistical Reporting Service (SRS) stated the reports will show total export sales made each week and cumulative totals by marketing year of shipment. Commodities covered in the reports will be wheat by classes, corn, grain sorghum, barley, and soybeans. The reporting program will be based on responses to questionnaires sent weekly to all known exporters.

The reports will be issued each Friday with a one-week time lag between the end of the reporting week and the appearance of the sales data in the published summary. The July 6th release will report forward sales committed prior to June 30, 1973. Changes from the proposed program announced earlier reflect suggestions offered by the industry and others in response to the earlier request for comments.

Currently, such export sales information is not available. A weekly report of export sales should assist farmers, exporters, and government officials

in making production and marketing decisions.

Representatives of SRS and USDA's Export Marketing Service held an open meeting for industry representatives, the press and public June 6 to explain the operating details of the reporting program.

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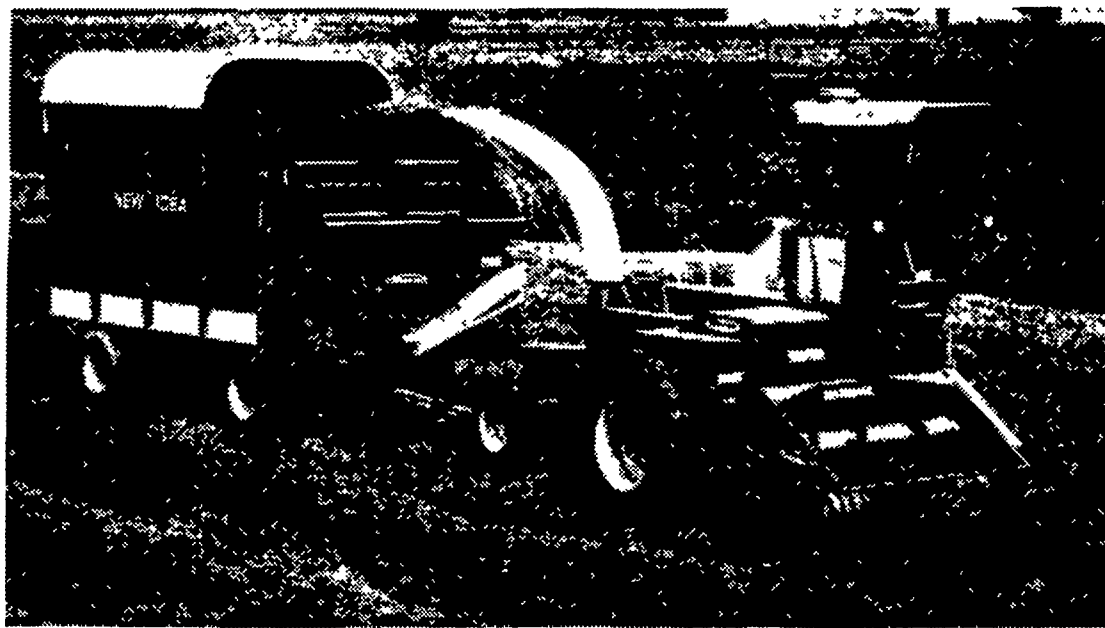
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