## Greg Landis Meets With Secretary of Agriculture Butz

Greg Landis, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania FFA Association was one of 85 FFA officers who met with Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz. The hour-long meeting was a highlight of a week-long State FFA President's Conference in the Nation's Capital. The conference was sponsored by General Motors Corporation as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Landis of Lancaster RD6. He was elected Vice-President of the Pennsylvania FFA Association at the State Convention held at Penn State in June

In his remarks Secretary Butz congratulated State and National FFA officers for their "great Job of carrying to every nook and cranny, the story of American agriculture, agribusiness, and the American food industry." He further challenged them by saying that "taking the story of America to the world is a much broader responsibility and one that all citizens must share."

Citing the important role of U. S. agriculture in world trade, Butz told the young men and women preparing for careers in agriculture, that abundant farm

production played an extremely important role in recent efforts to establish peaceful relationships with other nations. "If anyone thought that President Nixon didn't use the American foodstuff and our capacity to produce as a persuasive bargaining tool....they haven't read their tea leaves right," Butz said.

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Butz pointed out that General Motors' sponsorship of the State President's Conference was an investment by the corporation. "General Motors expects a return on their investment," the Secretary declared, "a return in leadership, in community building, and in spreading the American philosophy.

"This nation has one resource that cannot be exhausted," he told the FFA leaders. "This inexhaustible resource is the human mind and the human personality. It multiplies when you use it—it only wastes when you don't use it. The more you share the more there is to share," he concluded, challenging his audience to use their leadership skill as a tool for the improvement of the human mind and personality.

The visit to the U.S.D.A. and discussion with Secretary Butz were only part of an action



Greg Landis, Vice-President of the Pennsylvania FFA Association, is greeted by Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz (center) and Wallace E. Wilson, Vice President of General Motors. Greg met

President's Conference in Washington, D. C., and the

second FFA Conference to be sponsored by General Motors Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, Inc. G.M. Vice President Wallace E. Wilson, was

also on hand to greet the FFA members and congressional guests. "General Motors is proud to provide this opportunity for young leaders to visit the

Nation's Capital and be exposed

to the governmental process," he told FFA members and guests.

"We have great confidence in these youth and in their role for the future of production

agriculture and agribusiness."

he said. "In recent months the

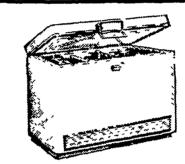
public has become increasingly

with Secretary Butz during the State President's Conference held in Washington, D.C., under the sponsorship of General Motors. Greg is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jay E. Landis.

packed week for FFA officers. aware of the important role of agriculture. That concern is one Earlier in the day they hosted nearly 200 Senators and reason why General Motors is Congressional representatives at especially pleased to be part of a breakfast in the Rayburn this program which is preparing Building. Senators and young people for careers in this Congressmen from every state vital industry." (As sponsors of were welcomed to the program the week-long conference by National FFA President stressing the development of Dwight Seegmiller of Decorah, leadership and citizenship, Iowa, who pointed out that this was the sixth annual State

General Motors provided travel and conference expenses for State FFA Presidents attending the conference.)

The purpose of the State President's Conference program was to inform state officers of national FFA programs and services, provide an opportunity (Continued On Page 19)



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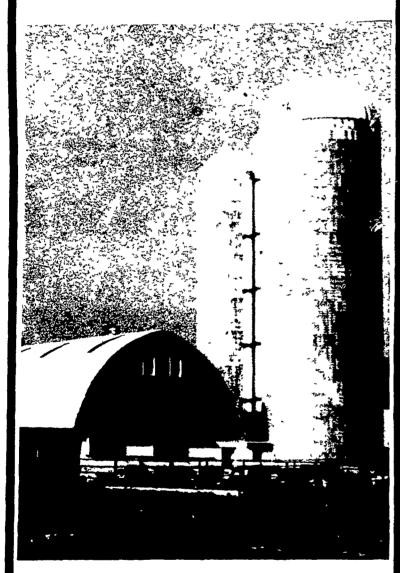
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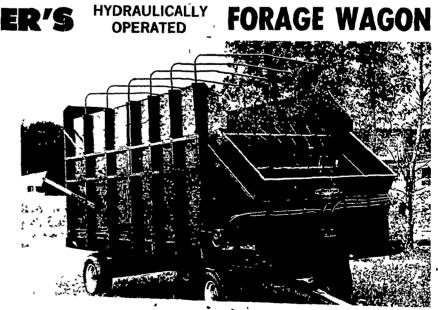
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