

# Greg Landis

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for student input into national FFA program planning, develop officer leadership skills and interpret vocational education in agriculture to national student leaders. Activities such as visits with Government officials, group interaction, and discussion with National FFA Officers and FFA Center Staff provided state officers from across the nation a unique opportunity to learn more about the FFA and the U.S. Government.

Throughout the week FFA officers participated in several other unique experiences. On Wednesday they met with six young men and women serving as

Summer Interns at the White House. Discussion which followed centered on preparing for leadership roles in society and other current issues. Tours of Washington, D. C., sites helped break the schedule. They included visits to the National FFA Center, Mt. Vernon, the Capitol, Washington's Monument, Arlington National Cemetery, and an evening at the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts. In ceremonies at Mt. Vernon and Arlington Cemetery officers placed wreaths to recognize the Nation's Founding Father and to pay tribute to those FFA members who died in war.

A highlight of the week's activities was a reception in the White House garden with Julie Nixon Eisenhower, who greeted

each of the 85 conference participants and welcomed them to the White House. A VIP tour of the White House followed the reception.

The final session of the conference was devoted to improving State FFA activities and conventions. This discussion was followed by an inspirational talk on Our American Heritage by Col. James F. Bean, USAF. Bean is a former State FFA President from Kentucky who recently returned to the U. S. after several years as a Prisoner of War in North Vietnam.

The week-long State President's Conference program concluded with a banquet and special program presented by the six National FFA Officers.

## Lebanon Co. Plowing Contest Aug. 22

Three champion plowmen will be chosen at a Plowing Contest on August 22 in Belle Grove, along Route 934 five miles north of Annville. The farm of Harvey Bomgardner has been chosen as the site for the qualifying contests prior to the State Plowing Event at Hershey on August 28.

In order to be eligible to compete in the State Contest, county plowmen must enter the local event. A county champion will be selected in each of three divisions. The first place winner in Level Land Small Plow, Level Land Large Plow and the Contour Plowing divisions will represent

Lebanon County in the State Contest at Hershey, which is scheduled this year in conjunction with the Ag Progress Days, August 28, 29, and 30.

Paul Flinchbaugh, North Lebanon Township, chairman of this year's contest, has announced that the event is sponsored jointly by the Agricultural Extension Service, the Soil Conservation District and the Farm Supply and Implement dealers of Lebanon County. Cash prizes will be awarded to all contestants, and cash and trophies will go to the champions. The champions will represent the county in the State

### Contest.

Karl Hellerick, newly appointed chief of the Lebanon Soil Conservation District, will be in charge of laying out the lands to be plowed. Soil Conservation technicians will demonstrate the techniques of soil and land judging and all persons attending the event will have a chance to demonstrate their skill in soil judging. Prizes will be awarded for this event also.

Farm Implement Dealers will display some of the equipment which, in some instances, is threatening to make the moldboard plow obsolete. Prominent on the list of equipment to be on display will be several versions of the chisel plow, and some types of no-tillage planters. These implements, when properly used, show much promise in promoting good soil and water conservation practices.

Anyone who is skilled in the use of farm equipment may enter the County Plowing Contest. Contestants under the age of 15 years must have a certificate of instruction in tractor driving. Entry blanks for the contest can be obtained from any Farm Implement dealer, or at the Agricultural Extension Office, 400 South Eighth Street, Lebanon. The deadline for entry in the contest is August 20.



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