

# Local Chapters to be Honored, Compete at FFA Convention

Tom Aaron and Dale Bollinger, both from Quarryville, will be among top FFA members to be honored as thousands of FFA youth gather in Kansas City, Mo. for the 46th National Convention October 16-19. Both have been chosen to receive the American

Farmer Degree.

Aaron and Bollinger will be accompanied to Kansas City by their wives as well as Aaron's parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Aaron. They will be joined by Dr. William Fredd, their FFA Chapter advisor at Solanco.

The American Farmer Degree, highest degree of achievement in the FFA, will be presented to 564 FFA members this year, representing the best of more than 447,000 FFA members enrolled in the nation's 7,798 high school vocational agriculture departments.

In addition to being named as American Farmer, Aaron was also named Northeastern Star Farmer. The Star Farmer of America will be announced Thursday night, chosen from the Regional Star Farmers of which there are four regions.

Dr. Robert Herr, head of the Vocational Agriculture department at New Holland, is scheduled to be one of 77 vocational agriculture instructors to receive the Honorary American Farmer Degree. The instructors receiving the degree this year come from the ranks of 10,000 men and women who are teaching vocational agriculture throughout the United States and Puerto Rico.

Area Chapters and teams to be attending the Convention in contest areas as well as Chapters receiving special citations include:

Stephen Purcell, Upper Bucks Tech FFA Chapter, North Atlantic Region, has been named regional winner of the FFA Agricultural Sales and-or Service Proficiency Award. One of the four regional award recipients will be named national winner.

Community Action Awards will be presented to two area Chapters. Northern Lebanon will be one of 33 Chapters presented the National Gold Emblem award while Grassland Chapter, New Holland, will receive a silver emblem. They are among 58 Chapters receiving national silver and bronze awards for their efforts in community development.

Grassland Chapter and Northern Lebanon Chapter will be receiving gold emblems in the National Chapter award program, while Cloister Chapter and Manheim Chapter will be presented silver emblems. These emblems are awarded for superior performance in programs of activities relating to the vocational agriculture and FFA programs in their high school. This year 101 Chapters are being awarded the gold emblem, 102 Chapters the silver emblem, and another 72 the bronze emblem award.

Nelson E. Martin, East Earl, past State president, will be one of Pennsylvania's two official delegates. The 115 delegates will

be representing their peers in discussing and voting on issues that will determine the future course of the National Organization.

Contest areas to be entered by local chapters include: Garden Spot, ag mechanics; Solanco, dairy cattle; Pequea Valley, livestock; Penn Manor and Cloister, meats; Eastern York, Penn Manor, and Bucks County Area vo-tech, poultry. More than 710 FFA members will be entered in various contest areas. To be eligible for national competition, members first competed and won in chapter, district and state contests.

Roger Good, Airville, will be one of 99 singers as the FFA chorus entertains during the course of the Convention.

Jeff Glackin, Solanco Chapter, will also be a Convention-goer, having received the Rural Youth Award at the Solanco Fair.

More than 13,000 FFA members and guests are expected to attend the Convention. The Convention is an annual event to conduct the business of the National FFA and give awards for outstanding accomplishments of FFA members on the national level.

## Meat Group Elects Lyng

Richard Lyng, formerly Assistant Secretary of Agriculture, was recently elected the new president of the American Meat Institute at the conclusion of its 68th Annual Meeting at the Conrad Hilton Hotel.

Lyng succeeds Herrell DeGraff who is retiring after 10 years of service.

Lyng served as Assistant Secretary of Agriculture from 1969 to 1973 under President Nixon. He was responsible for marketing and consumer services in the USDA. He also was a director of the Commodity Credit Corporation and was chairman of the Child Nutrition Advisory Council. Previously, he was director of the California Department of Agriculture under Governor Ronald Reagan.

Originally from Modesto, Calif., he was president of the Ed. J. Lung Co., Inc., a family operated seed business and was former president of the California Seed Association.

Lyng is a graduate of Notre Dame University

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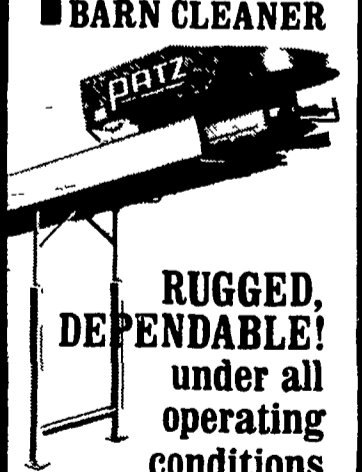
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