

Twin Valley Representative Attends FFA Convention

Robert Stoltzfus, vice-president of the Twin Valley FFA Chapter, attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. last week as a representative of the Twin Valley FFA Chapter.



Robert Stoltzfus

Also attending the National Convention was Nevin Mast, State FFA sentinel and former Twin Valley FFA member. He attended the Convention in his capacity as a State officer.

Mast and Stoltzfus traveled with the other State officers and Chapter representatives on buses chartered by the State association.

County Farmers

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will be fully aware of the farmer's position.

One of the meeting highlights was a speech by J. Troy Barton, poultry manager of the American Agricultural Marketing Association. Barton, a nationally recognized authority on agricultural marketing, said farmers are going to have to change. The farm organizations that have done the job in the past aren't going to be good enough for the challenges of the future, he said. "You're going to have to do a lot more. Everytime you get into a favorable position, you're going to have to defend it. The day's over when the consumers are going to picket the A&P when they don't like food prices. They're going to start picking on you, the farmer."

Talking about the consumer boycotts some months ago, Barton said he feels farmers gained from the boycotts and consumers lost. "We've learned that consumers are going to eat, and they're going to pay fair prices for their food. They may gripe, but we've learned that we can live with their gripes."

Barton added that farmers should never apologize for making a profit. "You're either for a free market, or you're against it. There's no in between."

Marketing organizations got a plug from Barton when he said that profits today are made in buying and selling. "The American farmer has learned to produce," he said, "but he doesn't know what to do with the stuff once he's got it. The individual has very little impact on the market place. But when these individuals band together for buying and selling, they can carry a lot of clout. We've shown that in our fowl marketing program, which is getting farmers better prices for spent hens than they ever thought possible."

Barton closed his speech by touching briefly on some of the problems that will be facing farmers in the years ahead. Land use was one thing Barton mentioned, OSHA regulations were another. He also mentioned the national debt and the question of who is going to control agriculture.

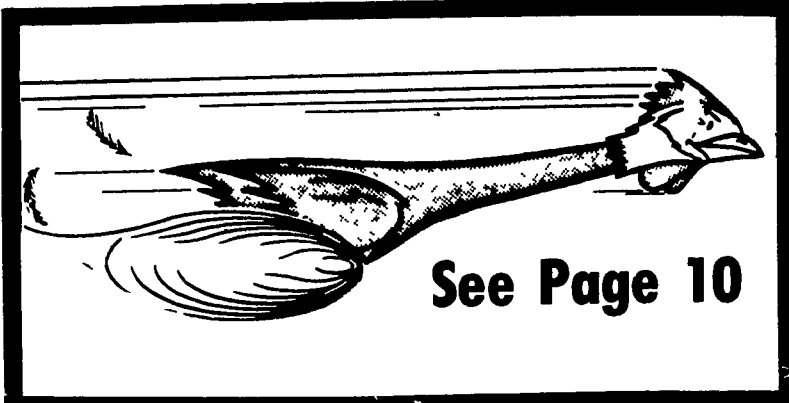
Before the close of the meeting,

the results of an election for directors were announced. There are 13 Association directors, each serving a two year term. Each year, either seven or six directors are elected to fill the vacated seats. Four directors were reelected this year. They are Robert H. Kauffman, Elizabethtown RD1; Donald L. Hershey, Manheim RD2; James Shertzer, Millport Road, Lan-

caster; and John Myer, Quarryville RD2.

New faces on the board will be Carlton Groff, Kirkwood RD1; Reid Wissler, Ephrata RD2, and Robert Wagner, Quarryville RD2.

Three committees were also appointed. They were: Livestock - Roger Thome, Harold Rohrer and Noah Wenger; Dairy - Robert Kauffman, James Kreider and Clarence Stauffer; Poultry - Ervin Denlinger and Jay Greider.



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