

Twin Valley Installs 25 Greenhands

The November meeting of the Twin Valley Future Farmers of America was held last week in the vocational agriculture classroom of the Twin Valley High School. President Terry Murray presided.

Vice-president Robert Stoltzfus reported for the B.O.A.C. (Building Our American Communities) committee that he had contacted the Chester County Government concerning securing water test kits so that a survey could be made of the purity of water from wells in the Chester County portion of the Twin-Valley School District. He stated that although final details have to be worked out, it appears the test kits will be available and also stated that a similar testing program conducted in the Eastern Lancaster County School District showed over 60 percent of the water supplies to be contaminated.

Lloyd Simmers reported that the Farm-City Week committee had made arrangements for a Farm-City Week Breakfast to be held at the high school on Friday morning November 16. Boyd Gartley of Interstate Milk Producers was the speaker. Invitations were sent to local teachers, farmers, and businessmen.

It was also reported that about 500 cases of fruit have been ordered to date in the citrus sale. Also the landscaping committee reported that flowers have been placed throughout the school. The committee thanked Joe Miller for

his continuing help in obtaining and caring for the flowers.

Following the business portion of the meeting, Terry introduced State FFA Sentinel, Nevin Mast, former chapter President. Mast delivered an inspirational talk on cooperation and what it means to an FFA member.

After Mast's talk, 25 new Greenhands were received into the chapter using the official FFA ceremony. A Greenhand is a first year FFA member who has learned the history and creed of the FFA and has plans for a supervised occupational experience program. The following members received the Greenhand degree:

Mike Aikens, Ben Deaver, Ted Ford, Robert Fryberger, Linda Geiger, William Harris, Jim Hughes, Jerry Ink, Dennis Jasinski, Richard Kizer, Stephan Kohl, Kevin Moyer, Gerald Norris, Jeanette Oatman, Tom Peck, Paul Rhoads, Ron Scott, Mary Shade, Steve Souden, Kathy Swift, Harold Zeiset, Gale Fultz, John Sterner, Steve Stroman, and David Hammons.

After receiving the Greenhand Degree, six of the new members participated in a Chapter Creed contest. Each of the six recited the FFA creed. A committee of out of school FFA members awarded FFA jacket to the winner, Steve Kohl. In a surprise presentation, State sentinel Nevin Mast, presented his Twin Valley jacket to Ben Deaver, who placed second in the contest.

Following the contest, mem-

USDA Lifts Ban On Commercial Bird Imports

Commercial birds may now be brought into the country, but under new quarantine regulations, the U. S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) announced.

The agency's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service said that such birds must first be certified as healthy by a veterinarian of the exporting nation and then must be examined by a federal veterinarian upon arrival in this country.

A quarantine of at least 30 days is required under the new regulations in facilities operated by the importer. During this period, they will undergo further testing by USDA veterinarians for exotic Newcastle and other infectious poultry diseases.

Birds found to be unhealthy will either have to be returned to the exporting nation or destroyed by the importer.

Quarantine facilities must be located near one of the U.S. ports-of-entry approved by USDA for bird imports. They are Boston, New York, Miami, Tampa, New Orleans, Honolulu, Seattle,

How to Cook Cheese

When using cheese with foods to be cooked on the top of the range or in the oven, such as in a casserole, use low to moderate temperatures. Extension foods and nutrition specialists at The Pennsylvania State University, offer this suggestion to keep cheese toppings from hardening. Cover the cheese with crumbs, or add cheese just a few minutes before taking the casserole from the oven. If you shred or dice the cheese, it will melt quickly. Remember to use moderate temperatures.

bers enjoyed basketball in the gym, and refreshments in the vocational agriculture shop.

Chicago, Detroit, Los Angeles, San Francisco, San Ysidro, Calif., El Paso and Brownsville, Texas.

In addition, the facility must be approved by USDA on meeting the construction, operation and maintenance requirements spelled out in the new regulations.

The ban, which was lifted Oct.

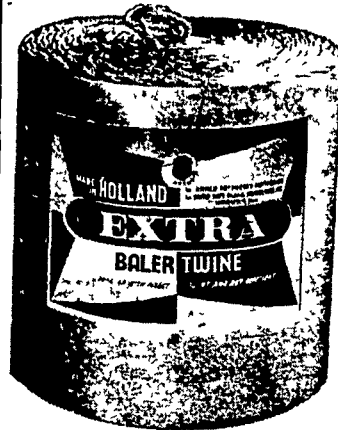
29, had been in effect since August, 1972 in an effort to keep Newcastle disease from entering the country and infecting U. S. poultry.

Poultry and personally owned pet birds are already covered by import regulations.

The new regulation and standards were published in the Federal Register Oct. 30.

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