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Receiving officer pins at the recent Solanco FFA annual banquet are, left to right: Tom Galbreath, treasurer, Randy Clark, president, Thomas

Stottlemeyer, parliamentarian, Jeff Glackin, secretary, and Gordon Herr, sentinel.

Solanco FFA Annual Meeting

Solanco FFA members held their annual banquet recently at the Memorial United Methodist Church in Quarryville. During the

meeting, the FFA's recounted the highlights of the past year and presented awards to a number of members.

In 1973, 65 Solanco FFA members undertook some kind of occupational experience with a total of 92 projects. Total receipts for the 65 students were \$87,460, total expenses were \$47,979, leaving a total labor income of \$39,481. The biggest category of work was dairy farming, with 19 students and 33 separate projects with a total gross of \$38,954.


The Star Keystone Farmer award presented during the meeting went to Randy Clark, club president. Joe Winters won the Star Red Rose Farmer citation and Marshall Trimble was named Star Chapter Farmer. Tom Jackson was honored with the Star Greenhand prize.

The Lancaster County Bankers Award was presented to Charles Coates. Charles Coates won the Cope & Weaver corn production award while Herbert McMillion won the Henry N. Wenger award. Farm Women No. 20 this year honored Tom Stottlemeyer.

Officer pins were presented during the meeting to Randy Clark, president; Charles Coates, Gary Akers and Hobert McMillion, vice-presidents; Jeff Glackin, secretary, Thomas Galbreath, treasurer; Fred Lefever, Reporter; Gordon Herr, sentinel; and Joe Winters, parliamentarian.

Storing Foods In Open Cans
 It is safe to leave food in an opened can, but make sure you store the can in the refrigerator. Extension consumer specialists at The Pennsylvania State University explain that some acid foods may develop a metallic taste after standing in the can inside the refrigerator for a while. This

is because the acid in the food dissolves a little iron from the can. The metal is not harmful, but you may not like the taste. If you are not going to eat an acid product such as canned tomatoes or grapefruit juice within a short time, it might be wise to keep it in a glass jar or other container instead of the can.

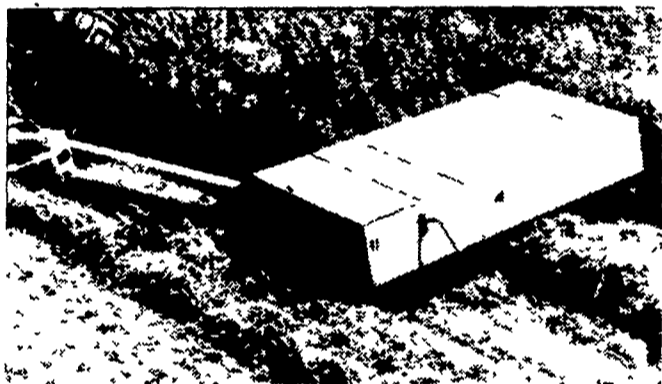


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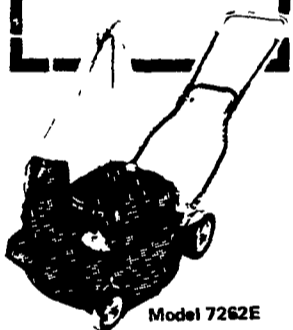
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