

New Holland FFA's Host Mansfield Group

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The Grassland Chapter of the Future Farmers of America hosted the Mansfield FFA in a tour of local farms and agricultural businesses last week. The Mansfield FFA, from

Southern Tioga county, arrived in the New Holland area early Monday morning, May 13. They began their tour by first visiting Sperry New Holland, and followed that with a tour of the New Holland Sales Stables. The Mansfield members then

boarded a bus, and toured New Holland area farms.

That evening the Grassland and Mansfield FFA officers got together and presented individual members' projects, chapter, and fund raising projects. The Grassland FFA then held its 7th regular meeting, with President Lloyd Hoover presiding. After the meeting the movie "The Rise and Fall of the Great Lakes" was shown and refreshments were enjoyed by all.

It was then time for bed and the Mansfield boys headed for Scott Steffy's cabin located near Middle Creek Wildlife Refuge Area. After a busy day the boys were ready for bed and soon were all sleeping.

The early morning sun and the singing birds had the FFA members out early and walking. Some went fishing and some just observed nature. The members soon gathered together and had a good hearty breakfast of bacon and eggs prepared by the Grassland members. Before the group was fully prepared, the bus had arrived and the chapter was soon ready to leave.

The first stop scheduled for Tuesday May 14th was a tour of the Lancaster Stock Yards. Business was relatively slow but the



Mansfield and Grassland FFA members observed livestock at Lancaster Stockyards last week during a tour by the Mansfield group

of Lancaster County. The tour was hosted by Garden Spot High School's Grassland FFA chapter.

Mansfield members were surprised at the stockyard's size and loading capacity. The chapter then went to visit Lloyd Hoover's hog and veal project. The Mansfield members also observed Lloyd's tobacco beds. The boys were back on the bus and headed towards Rocoma Farms. This is one of the New Holland area's largest dairy operations. Rocoma Farms processes and bottles their own milk.

By now the bacon and eggs had lost their effect, and the FFA members were ready for a good cafeteria lunch. The half-hour lunch period provided the boys some free time to meet other Garden Spot students.

After lunch the bus took the Mansfield FFA and their hosts on a tour of local Amish

farms. The 4 and 5 horse teams fascinated the fellows. Weaver's Poultry was the last stop of the day. With hats on head and pins on jackets the fellows began their tour of Weavers. They were both surprised and amazed at the number of

chickens processed daily at Weavers.

The tour was now ended. After good-byes were said they loaded the bus and waved their farewells. The tour had been a great success and both chapters enjoyed it immensely.

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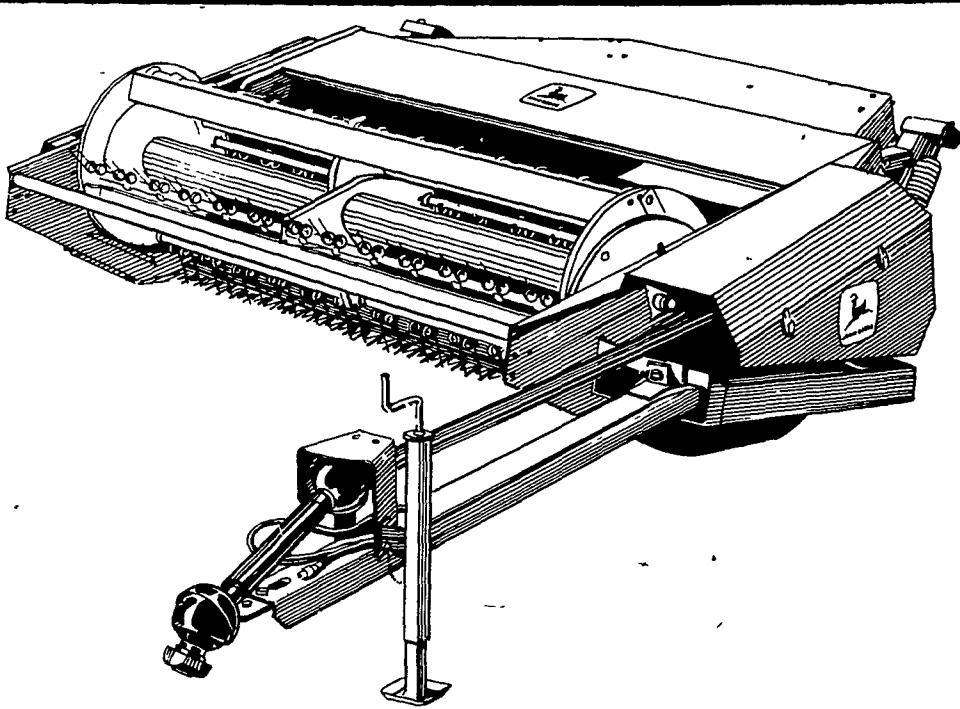
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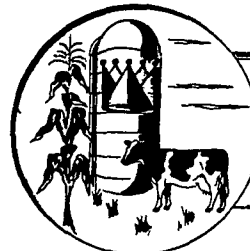
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