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Grassland Tour Day

The Grassland Chapter of The Future Farmers of America held its annual project tour on Wednesday, May 22.

The members met in the Vocational Agriculture Department at 8:15 Wednesday morning.

The first project visited was Don Weller's farm. The chapter saw the Weller steer raising and fattening project. We also saw the Weller firing, and pig raising project.

The second stop of the morning was to member Mike Hartman's place where the club viewed his pheasant raising project. The chapter also observed his many varieties of quail. Which include Golden Manchurian, British, and Pharah quail. Mike has just received 100 more pheasants to raise again this year.

The Club then went to see the Weaver dairy farm. Don Weaver, a chapter member, gave us a tour of their dairy operation. Don also showed us his fine greenhouse project.

It was up and away to Rocoma Farms, where the Grasslands past reporter, Scott Steffy, is stationed on work experience. The students purchased ice-cream, milk, and other snacks for their lunch, then toured the farm. Rocoma farms had one of the first dairy parlors in the county.

The first stop of the afternoon was at the Lloyd Hoover's farm. Lloyd, our president, has one of the finest veal calf projects in the chapter. It is unique in that he has converted a

burned out trailer to hold his calves.

We loaded the bus and went to the Groff farm. Both Ken and Rick are members of the Future farmers. Ken, a freshmen now, won the county Holstein calf. He has also been a recipient of the Grassland chain calf.

The third stop of the afternoon took us back to the Martin farm. Where Ray Martin, past chapter president, and his dad have a 50-50 partnership. The farm is very well organized and looks to be growing.

The chapter came back to the school at 2:40 in time for dismissal. The purpose of the tour was to enlighten other members so that they could begin a project of their own.

Dale Burkhart
 Chapter Reporter

Insecticides

I'm aware of some confusion regarding the use of insecticides such as Dieldrin, Heptachlor, Aldrin, and Toxaphene for soil insect control. Even though some of these materials are sold on the market, our Penn State Pesticide Committee will not permit us to recommend them because they are long-lasting insecticides; these materials are picked up and stored in the foliage; when the plants are consumed by livestock, the residues of these insecticides are found at unlawful tolerances in the fat tissues of animals and in the milk. Meat and milk with illegal residues can be condemned by state and federal inspectors. Growers using these materials are taking a big risk and could be the losers in the end.

Harter
Accepts
Position

Don Harter, who has been affiliated with the Lebanon County Extension for four years, has accepted a position as state leader of Agriculture and community development with the Idaho Extension Service.

Since his assignment here, Harter has been working in the area of public affairs in the eight county capital region.

Previously he had worked for the Rutgers University cooperative service in New Jersey and in the higher education system at the State University of New York.

Harter and his wife Doris are the parents of two children, Andrea, 6 and Lealie, 2.

The family has resided at 1840 Martin Drive in Lebanon.

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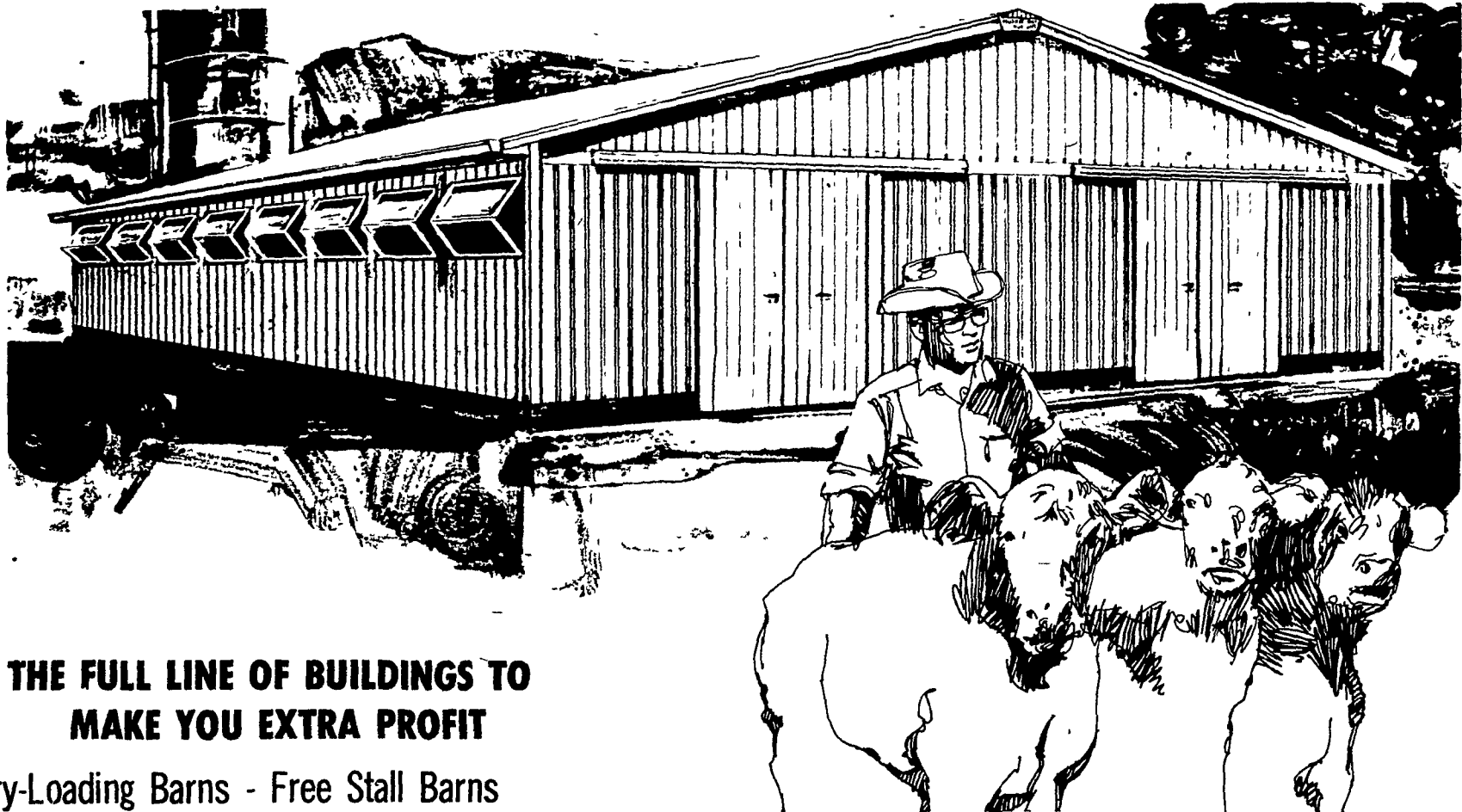
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