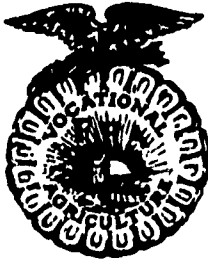


From Local Ag Teachers:



**Thoughts
in Passing**



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FFA Activities Week
This week, June 18-20 a number of FFA members from various FFA Chapters in the area and across the state will be heading for Penn State University for FFA Activities' Week, the summer Convention for the

Pennsylvania Association of FFA.

For most of the members these activities will be the highlight of their FFA year. The attending members have earned the right to represent their school and chapter during their school year.

The FFA Activities Week consists of many activities such as educational demonstrations, athletic

events and contests.

Contest and awards play an important part on Vo-Ag Education. Contest are a means to motivate students and develop their individual abilities. The contests have the effect of measuring the practical agricultural abilities of each student end are related to their school instruction. Also, the contests provide opportunities for learning facts, thinking, building, interest and attitudes in addition to developing skills, problems solving, and self confident.

There are many contests a student can enter throughout the year which should stimulate his interest on the local and district levels. Generally those students who do well on the local level go on to the state contest held during FFA Activities' Week. The top students in each contest on the state level will represent Pennsylvania at the national or regional level contest.

The contests that the FFA

members will compete in at Penn State this week are as follows: Agricultural Mechanics, Agricultural Salesmanship, Agronomy, Chapter Procedure, Dairy Judging, Dairy Foods, Floriculture, Forestry, Horse Judging, Interviews, Land Judging, Livestock Judging, Meats, Ornamental, Landscaping, Poultry Judging, Public Speaking, Small Gasoline Engine, and Tractor Driving.

Congratulations and good luck to all those FFA members who will compete this week at Penn State.

**Angus Show
Set July 20**

The Western Pennsylvania Junior Angus Show is set for 1:00 p.m. July 20 at the Mercer County 4-H Park, reports Louis "Mick" Colvin, regional manager for the American Angus Association.

The show will be open to all Angus exhibitors. There will be classes for both steers and registered breeding heifers. Although the show starts at 1:00 p.m. cattle are to be in the stalls by 10:00 a.m. that day.

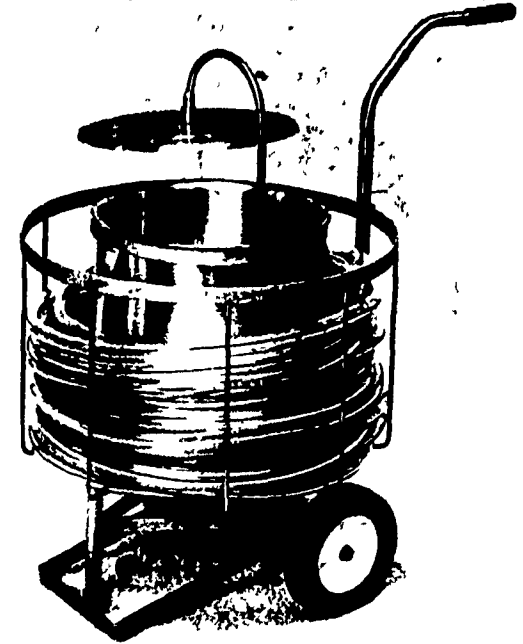
Also on the program will be a fitting and grooming contest and a cattle showmanship contest. For entry information youngsters should contact Dale Rains, Route 4, Mercer, Pennsylvania.

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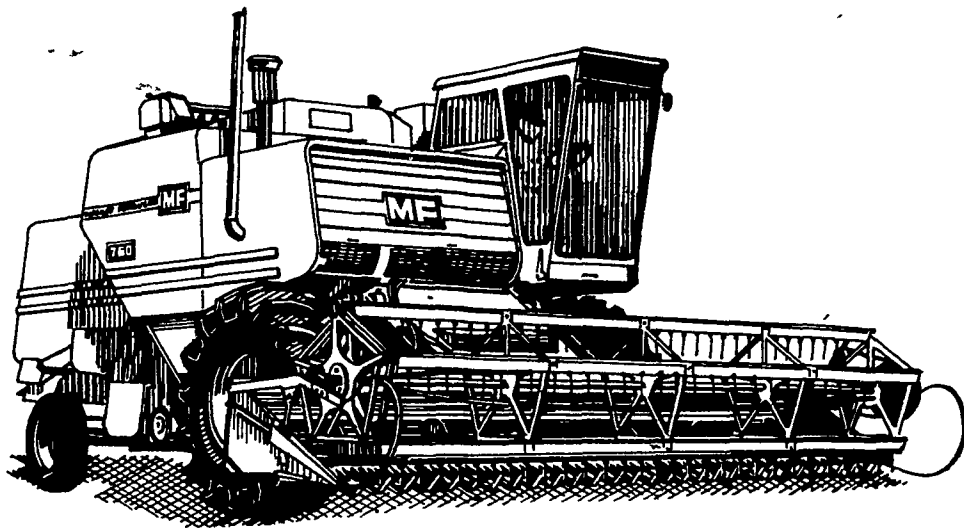
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