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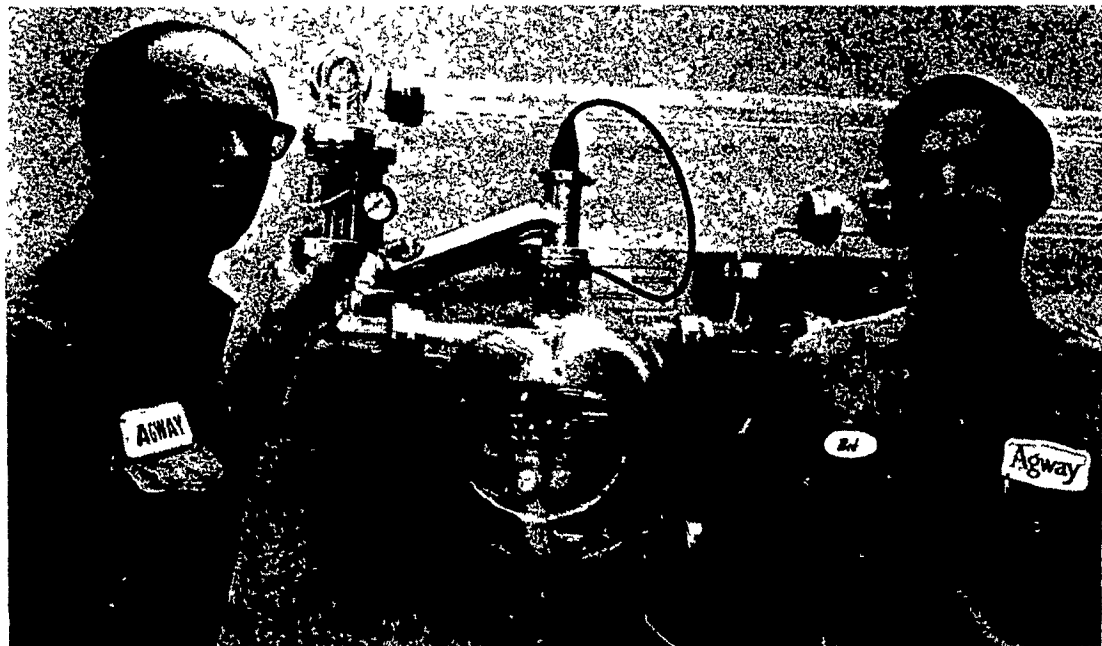


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LANCASTER FARMING, SATURDAY, JUNE 29, 1974-9

Youth Named Co-op Winners

Six outstanding boys and girls have been named winners in the Cooperative Business Education Program sponsored by the Lancaster Co-op Council and will represent this area at the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Summer Institute at Shippensburg State College, July 7-18.

Those chosen to attend the Institute are: Debra K. Crider, Jane F. McSparran, Lloyd E. Hoover, Donald R. Weaver, Donald M. Weiler first-year scholars; and Gordon B. Hoover agribusiness explorer who will return to the Institute as second-year scholar.

Winners were selected on the basis of their knowledge of the business enterprise system in America, the cooperative way of doing business, and on activities of the participants identifying them with school, community, church, and youth organizations.

These young leaders will be accompanied to Ship-

pensburg by Gerald H. Phillips, Teacher, who will act as chaperone and resource person for the delegation.

The Institute program is designed to teach youth more about the business enterprise system in the United States, to help them in planning their future by pointing out career possibilities in agribusiness, and provide opportunities for individual leadership development.

Approximately 250 young adults, representing the best of over 4,000 participants in the annual P.A.F.C. youth education program, will attend the four-day event.

The Institute is a joint effort of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, local Co-op Councils, and the College of Agriculture of The Pennsylvania State University.

A total of 51 local boys and girls took part in this year's cooperative program sponsored by the Lancaster Co-op Council.

Well Drained Soil Best For Grapes

Deep, well-drained soils can grow grapes producing high quality wines, according to seven years of experiments by horticulturists with The Pennsylvania State University.

The best yields, and high quality red wines, have been produced with Chelois, De Chaunac and Chancellor. Yields have ranged from 6.9 to 7.7 tons per acre over the past five years. High quality white wines, and best yields, have come from Vidal Blanc (Vidal 256) and Seyval Blanc. These grapes averaged 6.9 tons per acre during the past five years.

Reporting the finds is Dr. Carl W. Haeseler, associate professor of pomology at Penn State. Dr. Haeseler is pomologist with the Erie County Field Research Laboratory at North East, a division of Penn State's Agricultural Experiment Station, where the studies were begun in 1967. The experiments involve 32 varieties.

In addition to suitable soils, wine grapes require favorable weather in

relation to the last spring frost and the first fall frost, and air drainage that protects plants from extremes in cold weather. The major insect and disease problems in grape trials at North East have been aerial phylloxera, erimeum mite, botrytis, powdery mildew, and downy mildew.

Variety trials are also underway in the south-central and southeastern areas of the Commonwealth. From preliminary observations, Dr. Haeseler believes several wine-grape hybrids look promising for these areas. The first commercial crop should be taken from some of the new plots this season.

Perhaps the greatest challenge faced in growing wine grapes is to control bird damage, especially by robins, starlings, and grackles. Varieties very susceptible to birds are Marechal Foch, Cascade, Leon Millot, Aurora, and Baco Noir. Dr. Haeseler said all wine grape varieties are attractive to birds in some degree.

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