

# Twin Valley Inducts Greenhands

The Twin Valley Future Farmers recently accepted eleven new members into the chapter. New member, called Greenhands, had to memorize the National FFA Creed and recite it as well as participate in an informal initiation. The evening of the Greenhand Ceremony, a

creed contest was also held. All new Greenhands were eligible to participate in the contest, with the winner receiving an FFA jacket. The creed contest was judged by the Senior Future Farmers. Participants in the contest were David Barth and Clarence Jennelle with David Barth receiving first place in the contest. New members accepted were: David Barth, Clarence Jennelle, Keith Arters, Dave Corfee, Bill Devine, Paul Cerra, Ray Cylcewski, Ron Taylor, Tony Lipko, Barry Haller, and Randy Thompson.

In other recent FFA news, two Farm City Week activities were held for all the students at TVHS. FFA members organized a straw

stacking contest which was held at lunch time on the athletic fields at TVHS. Students had to stack 15 bales of straw on a wagon neatly and then unload them and neatly stack them on the ground. Two students competed as a team in this event. The winning team of Robert Deeds from section 11-5 and Melvin Houck from section 12-4 loaded and unloaded the bales in 1 minute and 35 seconds.

The following day at lunch students again in teams of two competed at two man sawing. So each team cut through about the same thickness, and telephone poles were used. The winning team was Paul Cerra of section 9-6 and Tony Lipko of section 9-6. Both contests

were well received and participated in by students and teachers. Other events planned were canceled because of the extreme cold weather.

FFA members recently enjoyed a hay ride at the farm of Chester and Howard Stoltzfus. Recreation committee chairman Mike Aikens planned the activity which 25 members and guests participated. Following the frigid hayride, members enjoyed equally frigid hotdogs.

Members would like to thank Darrel Stoltzfus for driving the tractor for the hayride and those administrators and faculty members who assisted with the Farm-City Week Activities.

## Farm Thoughts

A year-end reflection on the overall importance of agriculture in all our lives. Agriculture generates some 16 percent of the U.S. Gross National Product and 4 percent of the Canadian Gross Domestic Product. While the farm segment of the total population has decreased over the years, Sperry New Holland, a leading farm machinery manufacturer, projects agriculture and agribusiness are responsible for the employment of 16 million workers in the U.S. In Canada, more than 230,000 non-farm people have jobs directly related to agriculture and many thousands more work in industries making products used by agriculture.

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After touring Weaver's Food Company in New Holland, the group visited the farm of Robert Harnish in Conestoga where they saw his newly equipped broiler operation complete with Big Dutchman equipment, that included an automatic air inlet system.

The tour ended at Coffee Street Estates the farm of Donald C. Hershey near Millersville. Coffee Street

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The group, which was led by Mohammed Yousef from Pakistan, will be touring more poultry farms in the northeast region throughout the week.

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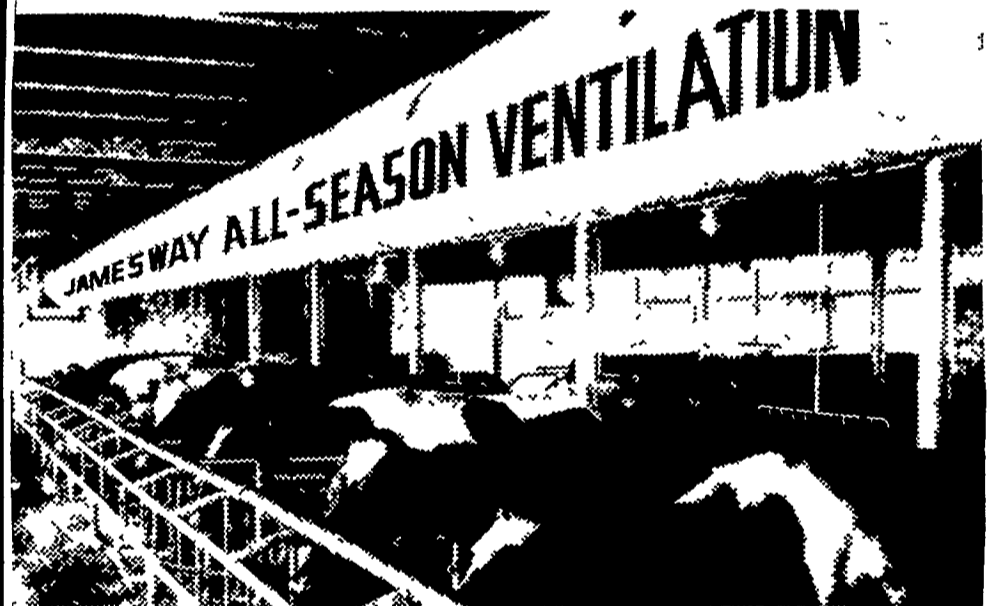
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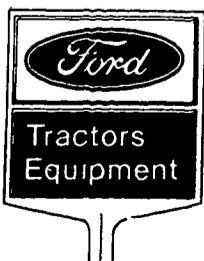
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