

From Local Ag Teachers:



Thoughts in Passing



FFA WEEK -
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One of the best examples of youth in action on the American scene today is the FFA, the national organization for students studying vocational agriculture in the public high schools. It is an organization run by student members under adult guidance.

The FFA was founded nationally in 1928 after several local ideas had become a reality. The idea was to make the instruction in vocational agriculture more interesting by making practical work experience, competitive livestock judging, and agricultural leadership development activities part of the instruction. Right from the beginning the FFA has stressed leadership,

cooperation, and citizenship - all vital to success in modern agriculture.

Today the FFA has a membership of over 450,000 with chapters in approximately 8,000 high schools throughout the nation. One of the requirements for membership in the FFA is that a student be enrolled in vocational agriculture. Students may retain their membership until they are 21. At the present time, there are approximately 900 FFA members in Lancaster County.

The activities of the FFA are specifically designed to be a part of the instructional program in vocational agriculture. Through active participation, members learn parliamentary procedure and public speaking abilities, that will enable them to take leadership roles in their

school and community.

Each local chapter elects its own officers once a year. The teacher of agriculture serves as the advisor for the local FFA chapter. The county organization selects its officers from the local chapters. Each local chapter elects three delegates as representatives to the county meetings. The county officers and delegates have several activities they are responsible for throughout the year, but the highlights of their years is the annual leadership training conference. Each year the leadership training conference is held at one of the local high schools and the county officers conduct training sessions for the newly elected local officers.

Advancement through the degrees in the organization from the Greenhand through the Chapter Farmer, Red Rose (County) Keystone

Farmer, and American Farmer or Agribusinessman is based on achievement in a farming program or agribusiness career and leadership abilities displayed by the member.

At many levels of achievement through the FFA, the student gets some monetary prize as well as the experience he has gained. Funds are provided by over 700 businesses, organizations, and individuals that sponsor these FFA programs through the National FFA Foundations, Inc. The Foundation provides nearly half a million dollars to make the incentive awards available to deserving FFA members in various programs.

This is the week for everyone to recognize our agricultural leaders of tomorrow - today's FFA members.

CHEESE TIP

Airtight and cold are two good pointers to remember when storing cheese. A heavy plastic wrap or container that fits the cheese closely is recommended to prevent cheese from drying out.

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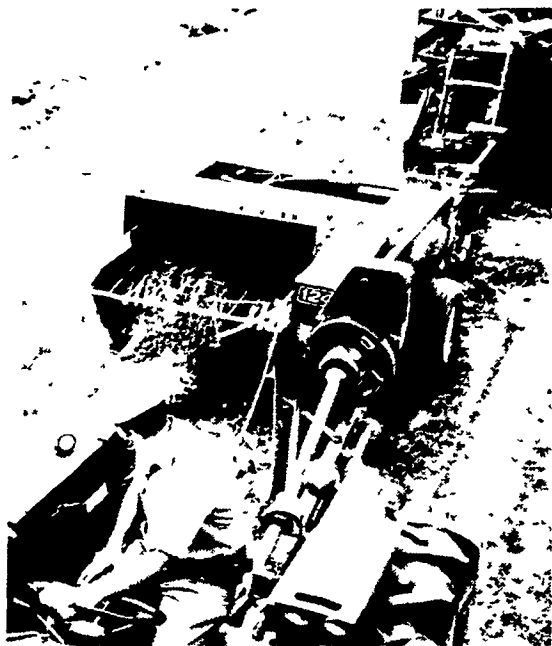
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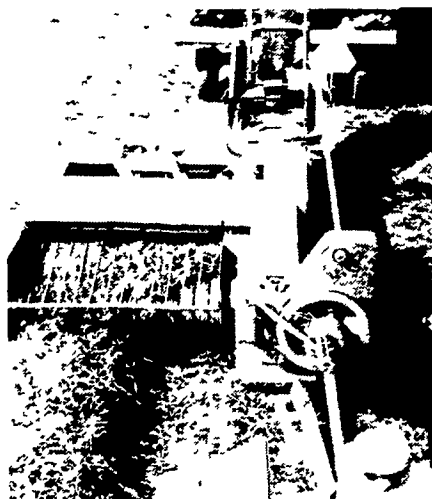
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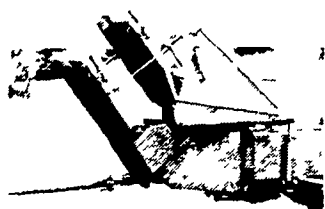
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