

Twin Valley FFA'ers To Attend Activities Days

June 17, 18, and 19 will be a big day for fifteen members of the Twin Valley Future Farmers of America. This will be the annual Activities Week and Summer Conference of the Pennsylvania FFA Association. These combined events held at Penn State feature our state FFA contests as well as the election of new state officers and conducting the business of the state association.

Eight members of the Twin Valley Chapter will be participating in six different contests. Darrell Stoltzfus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Stoltzfus of Elverson and Twin Valley FFA president, and Robert Deeds son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Deeds of Birdsboro, will participate in the livestock judging contest. They will be required to judge classes of market beef, breeding beef, market sheep, breeding sheep, market swine and breeding swine according to how closely they conform to the ideal. Kathie Hart, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Hart and Ron Scott, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elsworth Scott of Elverson will participate in the pleasure horse judging contest. This contest requires participants to judge both standing and working pleasure horses, take a written test on horse management and diseases and identify various articles of tack.

Gary McVaugh, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin McVaugh of Mohnton will enter the forestry contest. He will have to identify various different trees, give their diameter, the number of logs in each, compute the board feet of lumber in each tree and tell whether it should be cut or left grow. He must also tell what products could be made from the tree.

Ted Ford, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ford of Honey Brook will participate in the land judging contest. He will have to determine the most intensive agricultural use which can be made of three

different sites, as well as the conservation practices to use on each and the most limiting factors. Steve Kohl, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Zajac of Mohnton will have to sell various common agricultural articles to the judges in the salesmanship contest. He will also have to compute sales tax, fill out a sales slip. Bill Harris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Harris of Geigertown will enter the interview contest. Bill will have to write a letter requesting an interview, fill out an application form and respond to an interview.

Two of our musically inclined members will be members of the 80-member Pennsylvania FFA Band, under the direction of Dr. James Dunlop, director of the famed Penn State Blue Band. This band is composed of FFA members from across the commonwealth who apply by mail - thereby earning it the same nickname as the National FFA Band - "the mail-order band". The band practices and plays together only twice during the year - at the Farm Show and Mid-Winter Convention in Harrisburg and at the summer convention. The band provides musical entertainment before each convention session. Our two participants are Steve Bleacher, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Bleacher of Birdsboro, and Larry Stoltzfus, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Stoltzfus of Elverson. Steve is a second year member who plays the baritone horn; Larry, a third year member, plays

the French horn.

Three other musically inclined members will sing in the state FFA Chorus, which also provides entertainment at each convention session. Mike Aikens, son of Mr. and Mrs. Louis Aikens of Honey Brook and Gerald Norris, son of Mr. and Mrs. George Norris of Elverson and also Clarence Jennelle, son of Mrs. Margaret Jennelle of

Elverson, will lend their talents to the chorus. Mike Aikens, incidentally, has been nominated to the National FFA Chorus.

Two other FFA members will be participating in FFA Week. Past president Robert Stoltzfus will be a candidate for one of the 11 state offices. Perry Murray, state secretary, will assist with the actual convention proceedings and other state

association meetings.

Accompanying the delegation will be Mr. Wayne Lutz and Mr. Ronald Frederick, vo. ag. teachers at Twin Valley and Mrs. Renee Frederick. As in the case with all adults attending, our three will have specific duties to attend to. Mr. Lutz will serve on the tractor driving contest committee, Mr. Frederick will meet with the state FFA officers and delegates as a member of the State Advisory Committee and Mrs. Frederick will assist with the chaperoning of the girls

dorm.

Over 1700 FFA members from across Pennsylvania will participate in FFA Week this year. Eighteen separate contests will be held, with additional competition in athletic events such as softball, bowling, and on the rifle range. While at Penn State students are able to tour many of the research facilities as well as talk to various personnel in the College of Agriculture.

FFA Week affords students an opportunity to practice one line of the FFA Motto - DOING TO LEARN.

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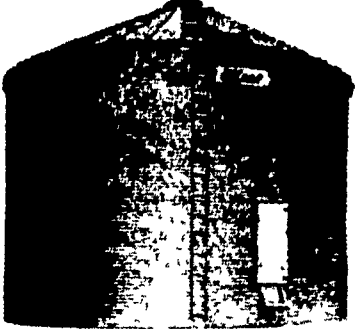
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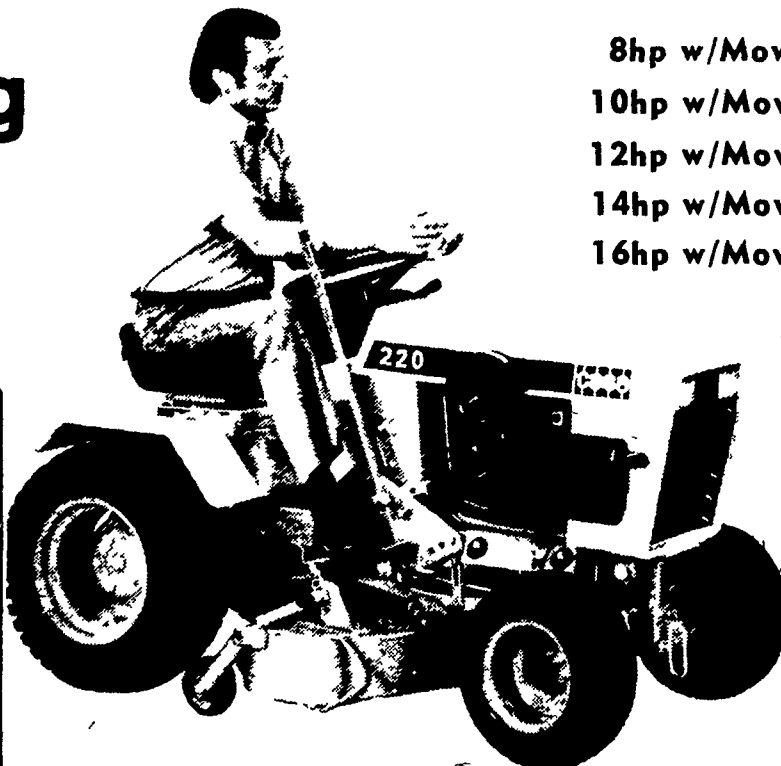
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