

Home Ec teams slated for talks

HARRISBURG - Thirteen home economics teams from Pennsylvania high schools and area vocational-technical schools have been selected to compete in the school demonstration contest held in conjunction with the 1976 State Farm Show, Jan 5-9

Prize money for the contest totals \$520, with \$85 going to the first place winner. All other teams will receive a cash award of at least \$25.

Three prizes totaling \$100 will be awarded by the Pennsylvania Electric

Association to the demonstrations showing the best application or use of electricity in the home.

A state committee selected the competing teams based on applications submitted by school home economics departments and FHA-HERO Chapters throughout Pennsylvania.

Miss Carolyn M. Kratz, senior program specialist in home economics, Penna. Department of Education, certified the teams today to the Farm Show Commission.

The home economics demonstration teams, representing 12 counties, will meet the following schedule:

Monday afternoon, Jan 5. - Mifflinburg High School, Union County, "Dried With Pride"; Northern Potter High School, Potter County, "Hobbie On The Scene"; Knoch High School, Butler County, "Set It - Forget It"; Allegheny-Clarion Valley High School, Clarion County, "Washday Blues Are Turned Into Push Button Convenience"; Linesville-Conneaut-Summit High School, Crawford County, "Through The Day The Blender Way"; Carbon County Area Vocational-Technical School, Carbon County, "Quantity Sandwich Making."

Tuesday morning, Jan 6. - Grove City High School, Mercer County, "From The Tree To The Pie"; Ford City High School, Armstrong County, "A Kilowatt Saved Is A Kilowatt Earned"; Moniteau High School, Butler County, "If You've Got The Time... We've Got The Bread"; Western Beaver High School, Beaver

County, "Conserving Electricity."

Wednesday afternoon, Jan. 7 - Middleburg High School, Snyder County, "What Is Your Condition As An Electrician"; Brockway Area High School, Jefferson County, "Meeting the Metrics"; Mohawk High School, Lawrence County, "Explore The World Of Microwave Cooking."

Puppet show slated

HARRISBURG — The Sunshine Players of Harrisburg Area Community College present a Christmas puppet show featuring local puppeteer, Rob Gardner on December 21 at 2:00 p.m. and 4:00 p.m. in the Rose Herman Lehrman Arts Center at H.A.C.C. The show is being sponsored by the H.A.C.C. Alumni Association

techniques will characterize the two short skits which Gardner, a H.A.C.C. graduate, scripted, staged, and also fashioned puppets for "Turkey Delight" will employ marionettes, and in "The Giving Tree" hand puppets will be used. Barbara Beatty, of Harrisburg, will be Gardner's assistant.

A self-taught professional, Gardner has designed and constructed over 50 marionettes and hand puppets, which he uses in both original and adapted shows. Gardner is currently assembling his six original written works for publication.

He is a member of the Puppeteers of America, the International Association of Puppeteers, and the Quaker Village Puppeteers.

Mr. Gardner is also the puppeteer - in - residence with the Harrisburg School District, the Children's Theatre Group at H.A.C.C., and the Central Pennsylvania Summer Theatre.

Admission to the performances is \$.75 for children; \$1.00 for adults. The Box Office opens at 1:15 p.m. and 3:15 p.m. There will be no advance ticket sales.

Gardner, a 21 year old professional puppeteer, will perform the skits, "Turkey Delight" and "The Giving Tree." The show is part of a tour Gardner is making to area community clubs, libraries, and theatres.

Some of Gardner's performances include presentations at the Harrisburg and Lebanon Valley Arts Festivals, the 1974 Puppet Festival at Tulane University in New Orleans, and appearances on local television.

This summer, he was funded by the Pennsylvania Department of Education to teach English, via original puppet shows, to Vietnamese refugees at Indiantown Gap. Different puppeteering

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USDA announces ACP grants

WASHINGTON — The U.S. Department of Agriculture announced a state allocation of funds totaling \$85 million for the 1976 Agricultural Conservation Program (ACP).

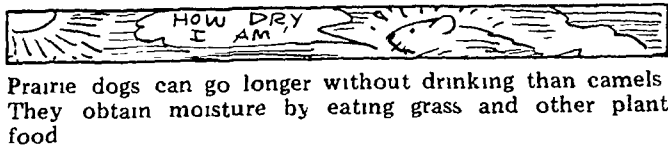
The allocation was determined by the Secretary of Agriculture according to

the conservation needs of the states.

Deducted from the \$85 million is \$900,000 to be allocated to states as needed to satisfy the law requirement that increases be made in payments to farmers who earn less than \$200 of cost-share assistance on approved practices

during the year; \$850,000 for technical assistance by the Forest Service; and \$250,000 for the Naval Stores Conservation Program.

State allocations for the mid-Atlantic states are as follows: Pennsylvania: \$1,959,000; Maryland: \$484,000; Delaware: \$112,000; New Jersey: \$265,000; New York: \$2,051,000; Virginia: \$1,347,000.



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