



Robert Hess, center, was named the Red Rose Star Farmer for 1976 earlier this week when six panelists studied applications from seven FFA students and Hess came up with the most first-place votes. Six of the seven were available to meet the judges for interviews. The son of Mr.

and Mrs. Gerald Hess, Lancaster R2, Hess is a junior at Penn Manor where August Birchler heads the FFA Department. Runner-up in the contest was Solanco's Vickie Warfel. The trophy was presented by Randy Ranck.

**FFA'ers
named
Star Farmer
Agri-
businessman**



James Shirk

Seventeen-year-old Jim Shirk, the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Shirk, Lititz R2, was named Red Rose Star Agribusinessman for 1976 at a contest held last Tuesday night at the Mount Joy Vo-Tech School. He was chosen over numerous other applicants from all over the County. A junior at Warwick, Shirk has been employed part-time for three years as a work experience program on the James Myer dairy farm, Lititz R2. He serves as treasurer of his FFA chapter, where Gerald Martin heads that department. Runner-up in the contest was Reuben Aufer of Ephrata.

Shirk receives degree

The Honorary Keystone Degree, the highest award bestowed by the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America, was recently given to Glenn A. Shirk, Chester County Agricultural Agent. The award was presented at the Pennsylvania FFA mid-winter convention held in Harrisburg.



Glenn Shirk

The award is given to those adults who have made significant contributions to the FFA program. Mr. Shirk has worked closely with the FFA and has helped advance vocational agriculture in Chester County for the past eleven years. He previously received honorary membership in the Oxford and Owen J. Roberts FFA Chapters.

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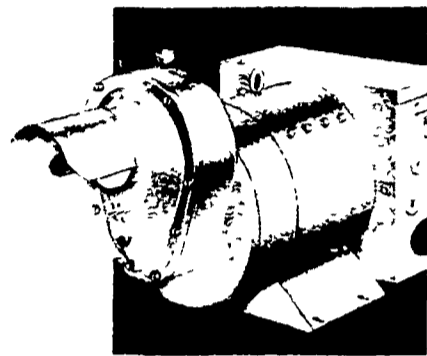
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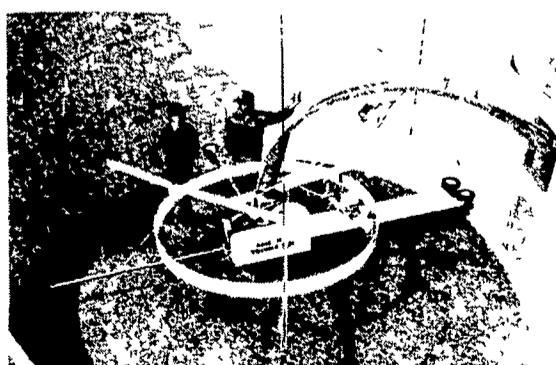
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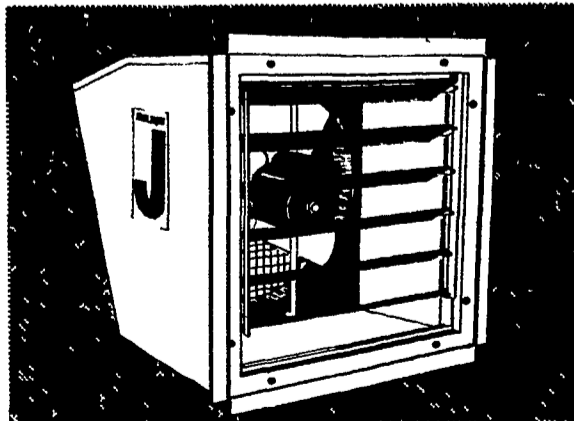
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