

## FFA Bicentennial Conference attended by area students

WASHINGTON, D.C. — A number of FFA students from all over Pennsylvania last month attended the National FFA Bicentennial Conference here. The week-long conference was held at the National FFA Center near the Nation's Capital and was designed to improve leadership skills, develop an understanding of the national heritage and prepare FFA members for more effective leadership roles in their chapter and community. The conference is also a forum for the exchange of FFA Chapter activity ideas among members from across the nation.

Besides the training sessions, the 1976 program included visits to Mount Vernon Plantation, the National Archives, Smithsonian Institute, Arlington National Cemetery and several other historic monuments and memorials in and around the Capital.

The young FFA'ers also visited with their respective congressmen and later participated in a Capitol Hill luncheon featuring a question and answer period with legislators, and Washington leaders in business and industry.



Solanco's Bruce Kreider receives a welcome handshake from National FFA President Bobby Tucker. Kreider, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Kreider, Quarryville, was in the Nation's capital to take part in the National FFA Bicentennial Conference.

## Take shrub cuttings now

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Shrub cutting has to be done at the right season, advises Donald B. Lacey, extension specialist in home horticulture at Cook College, Rutgers University.

Mid to late July is approximately the right time he advises. Make the cutting from this year's growth as it begins to harden for the summer.

A cutting taken too soft will rot. One that's too hard will not root.

Take a cutting four to six inches long and stick it into a rooting medium. This can be a half and half mixture of peat moss and coarse sand, or perlite, a white volcanic ash, in a large flower pot.

First dip the wood cuttings in a rooting hormone, (that you can buy at a garden store) and then place the end about an inch deep in your rooting medium.

Water the cuttings well, then cover the pot and cuttings with a plastic bag. A few garden labels or sticks will keep the bag from collapsing.

Place your pot of cuttings in the shade or indoors. You won't have to add much, if any, water for several weeks.

Plant your rooted cuttings in a cold frame the first winter and shade them next summer so they don't stand in the full shade.



Dennis Kulp and Larry Hershey from Manheim Central's FFA Chapter participated in the National FFA Bicentennial in Washington, D.C. last month. They were greeted by Mike Jackson, National FFA Secretary, right.



Lori Keller and Jeff Klahold, vo-ag students at Eastern High School in York County are greeted by National FFA Secretary, Mike Jackson. The two participated in the National FFA Bicentennial Conference last month.

## 4-H'ers take part in Co-op education program

Three Montgomery County 4-H'ers who were selected as winners of the Cooperative Business Program, left last week to take part in activities of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Summer Institute at Shippensburg State College.

Those attending are: Scott anticipated than in 1975. The area to be harvested, however, is expected to be smaller for the 1976 crop because of heavier than normal winterkill losses.

Young, Ambler; Diane Russell and Maribeth Jenkins, both of Willow Grove.

At the Institute, which ran from Sunday through Wednesday, delegates learned more about the American business enterprise system, took a look at certain career possibilities in agribusiness, and received instruction in leadership responsibilities.

The winners were named by officials of the Bucks-Montgomery co-op council on the basis of their par-

ticipation in school, community, church, and youth organizations, a written quiz, and activities in local cooperative council programs.

Climax of the four-day conference was the selection of 10 delegates to attend the American Institute of Cooperation's annual youth conference at Virginia Polytechnic Institute. There they joined with 900 other future leaders from the United States, Canada, and Puerto Rico to take part in activities at the national meeting.

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## Russian wheat crop up

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The U.S. Department of Agriculture winter wheat team reported recently that 1976 winter wheat yields in seven producing districts it visited in the Soviet Union are expected to be above last year's below average crop. However, a smaller area will be harvested than in 1975.

The 1976 winter grain crop got off to a poor start last fall because of very dry weather which adversely affected germination and development. However, good spring moisture improved prospects in the districts visited, and higher yields are