



Some of the top winners in the Young Farmers corn contest are (left to right with ag instructor and PYFA advisor at Kutztown): Ben Newcomer, ag instructor and PYFA advisor; Larry Kehf, first place winner in the corn quality contest and second

place in the corn yield event; Kenneth Schlegel, second place winner in corn quality and sixth in corn yield; Mark Seidel, fourth place in corn yield; and Paul Keller corn yield fifth place winner.

## Young farmers compare crop yields

KUTZTOWN, Pa. - For 18 members of the Berks County Chapter of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, the November 22 meeting held at the Kutztown Area High

School was a time of reckoning - an opportunity to see how this year's harvest of corn and silage stacked up beside that of fellow association members. Homer Martin of Stevens

R1, territorial manager for Stanford Seed Company, and John Mills, an agronomist with Northrup King who lives in Denver, Pa., judged the corn quality contest; and according to Mills, judging a corn contest is "like judging a baby contest - everyone's corn is beautiful."

Mills' brief assessment of each entry prior to the announcement of quality placement, however, indicated that a number of factors combined to determine the ratings. Uniformity of ears, tightness of kernels, tip development, and absence of mold were just some of quality factors cited in the judges' appraisal which placed the top five entries as

follows: Larry Kehf (Gold Acre 6968), first; 2. Kenneth Schlegel, Pioneer 3368, second; Kermit Schlegel (Doebler's 70X, third; 4. Elwood Ohlinger (Doebler's 800), fourth; and 5. Karl Rabenold (Muncy Chief SX 852) fifth.

Results of the corn yield and silage contests were also announced at the Monday night meeting in Kutztown and the top ratings were as follows:

### CORN YIELD

1. Kermit Schlegel, 2. Larry Kehf, 3. Mark Seidel, 4. Paul Keller, and 5. Kenneth Schlegel.

### SILAGE

1. Lester Miller, 2. Steve Burkholder, 3. William Herbert, 4. Elwood Ohlinger, and 5. Lloyd Dreibelbis.

## Disaster information to be distributed

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The National Weather Service and the Agriculture Department's Extension Service have signed an agreement to mutually distribute information regarding preparation for natural disasters. This information will be disseminated to the public in rural and small town America.

and for the Extension Service to provide channels of communication and distribution to State Extension Services which will make the information available to the rural public.

Herbert S. Lieb, chief of disaster preparedness for the National Weather Service, said the agreement "forges another link in the chain of communication to the U.S. public about ways to cope with hurricanes, tornadoes, flash floods and other natural disasters."

The agreement calls for cooperation in the design, development, and support of educational programs and materials on natural-disaster preparedness programs of mutual interest,

Both agencies are to assign a senior staff member to serve in a liaison capacity.

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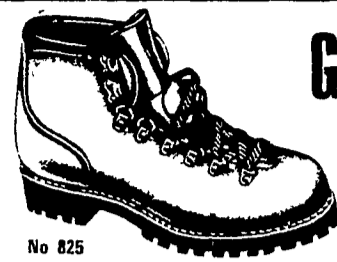
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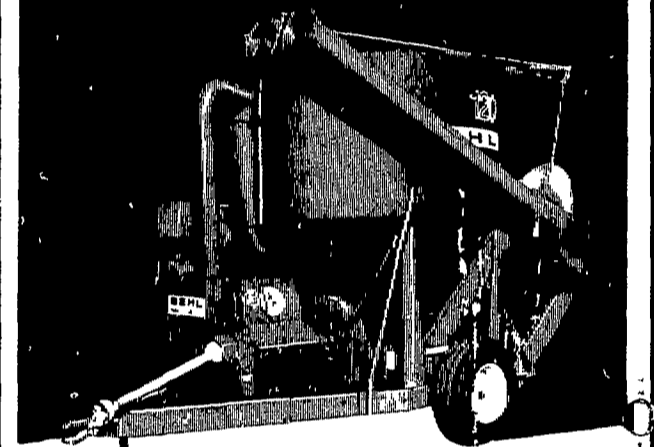
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