

Penn State senior to receive top FFA degree

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RED LION - "FFA means father farms alone," quipped Bruce William Miller

Miller has been selected a 1977 recipient of the American Farmer degree, the highest award to be presented by the Future Farmers of America. This honor will be bestowed to all recipients on November 10 in Kansas City, Mo

The Red Lion R1 young man credits his parents, Mr and Mrs. Dale Miller, with making it possible for him to attain this national honor.

"They often did the farming without us boys while we took part in FFA activities," explained Miller. An older brother, Alan, won the top degree a few years ago; and a younger brother, Dale, is currently the FFA regional state vice-president.

A 1974 graduate of Red Lion Area High School, Miller has acquired an impressive string of awards, beginning during his first year in FFA. He was named the star chapter greenhand, star chapter farmer, star White Rose farmer and received his Keystone Farmer degree in 1975. In addition to holding chapter offices, Miller also served for one year as president of the York County FFA organization.



Bruce William Miller

Projects carried through Miller's high school FFA years include steers, swine, broilers and tobacco, as well as assisting his parents on the 100-acre home farm. He competed in York Fair exhibits, with entries in steer, swine, corn and vegetable classes.

Now a senior in food science and ag education at Penn State, Miller is receiving the FFA national degree in agri-business fields. The past four Summers, food industries have provided him with employment where he could acquire a broader knowledge of his food science college major.

"I made popsicles the

Summers I worked at Green's Dairy in York," noted Miller. And then, this past Summer at Biar's Ice Cream in Philadelphia, I worked in the ice cream mixing department."

"I sampled a lot at both places," he added with a chuckle

Still actively involved in Future Farmer work, Miller is vice-president of the collegian FFA, treasurer of the food science club, serves as a student government representative and has won a spot on the forensics team

As the final venture of his

college education, Miller will student teach during the Spring of 1978 in the vo-ag department at Solanco High School.

The American Farmer winner has high praise for the background he has acquired through participating in FFA programs.

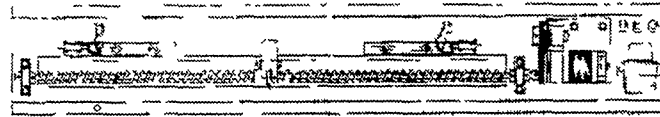
"Working with the Future Farmers has helped me develop a sense of responsibility," he believes. Leadership qualities are improved and you learn to work with other people."

"I'm glad I've had the chance to be a part of it," he concluded.



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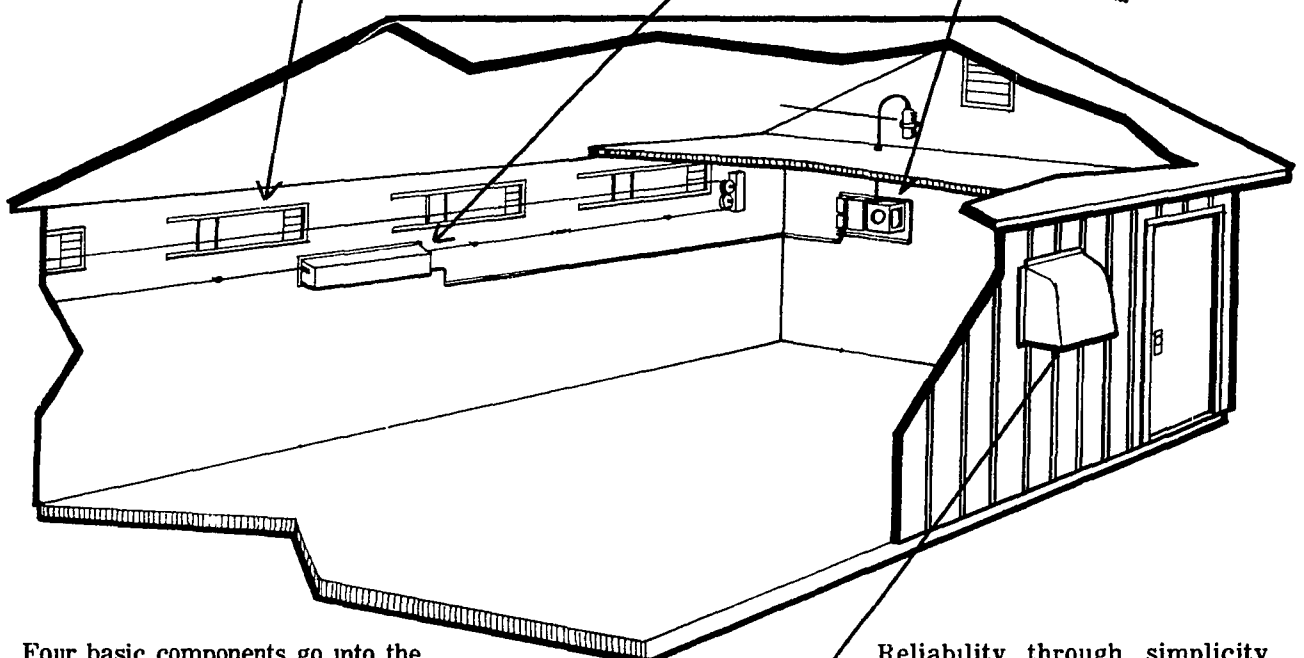
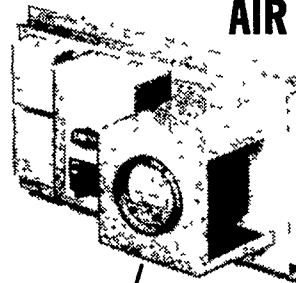
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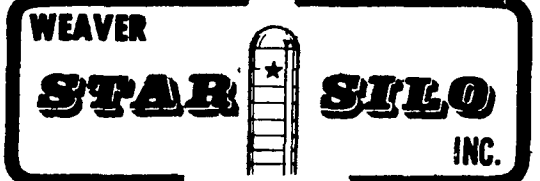


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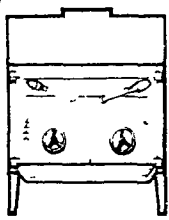
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