

Am. Farm Bureau annual meeting set for Jan. 8-12



Jared K. Tyson, right, Adams County Extension agent, state winner of a Career Guidance Award presented by the National Association of County Agricultural Agents and the Sperry-New Holland Company, receives plaque from Michael Balas, of the Sperry-New Holland public relations department. Tyson was cited for his career exploration in the area of mass communications for Adams County 4-H members.

PARK RIDGE, Ill. — Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland, Congressman John Rhodes of Arizona, and Congresswoman Mrs. Haven Smith of Nebraska have accepted invitations to appear on the program of the American Farm Bureau Federation's annual meeting. The meeting is scheduled in Houston, January 8 through 12, 1978. Secretary Bergland and Congressman Rhodes will address the General Sessions of the Federation on Monday and Tuesday respectively. Mrs. Smith will address the American Farm Bureau Women's conference on Monday afternoon, January 9.

The meeting will open on Sunday with a vesper ser-

vice scheduled for 4 p.m. with Dr. John Stevens, president of Abilene Christian University bringing the message. The A Capella Chorus of the university will provide music for the vespers.

Also scheduled for Sunday afternoon is the Discussion Meet sponsored by the AFBF Young Farmers and Ranchers committee with the finals coming at 8 p.m. As part of the discussion finals there will be a recognition for the retiring members of the committee. Awards will be made also to three outstanding young farm couples selected from approximately 25 state nominees.

Monday morning's general session will feature

a welcome to Texas by Governor Dolph Briscoe, AFBF President Allan Grant's annual address and Secretary Bergland's address. Music for the morning session will be by the Murk Family of Wheaton, Illinois.

Monday afternoon will be devoted to a series of special interest conferences among these being: Farm Bureau Women, Beef Cattle, Cotton, Horticultural Crops, Organization, Poultry, and Wheat and Feed Grain.

Also Monday afternoon at 4:30 will be an open session of the Resolutions Committee.

On Tuesday morning Congressman John Rhodes of Arizona will address the

convention and AFBF Chief Administrator and Secretary Richard Owens will make his annual report to the members. On the same program, awards for Distinguished Service to American Agriculture will be presented.

Tuesday afternoon will again be devoted to special interest conferences including: Dairy, Insurance Programs, Local Affairs Programs, Marketing, Natural and Environmental Resources, Rice, Soybean, Swine, and Safemark Programs.

One of the highlights of the annual meeting will be the Tuesday evening Recognition and Awards Program at which states which have made outstanding progress in several areas such as marketing, local affairs and membership will be given special recognition. Entertainment will be provided by Dale Evans, Roy Rogers, Jr. and the Sons of the Pioneers. Singer Debbie Robert and the Buddy Brock Band will also be featured in the two hour program of awards and entertainment.

The recognition and awards program will be followed by a dance with music by the Buddy Brock Band.

Thursday will mark the start of the business session of the convention with the seating of the delegates from the state Farm Bureaus. Adoption of organization policies by the voting delegates is slated to be completed by noon of Thursday. During this business session, officers will be elected for two years and elections will be held for Board of Directors vacancies.

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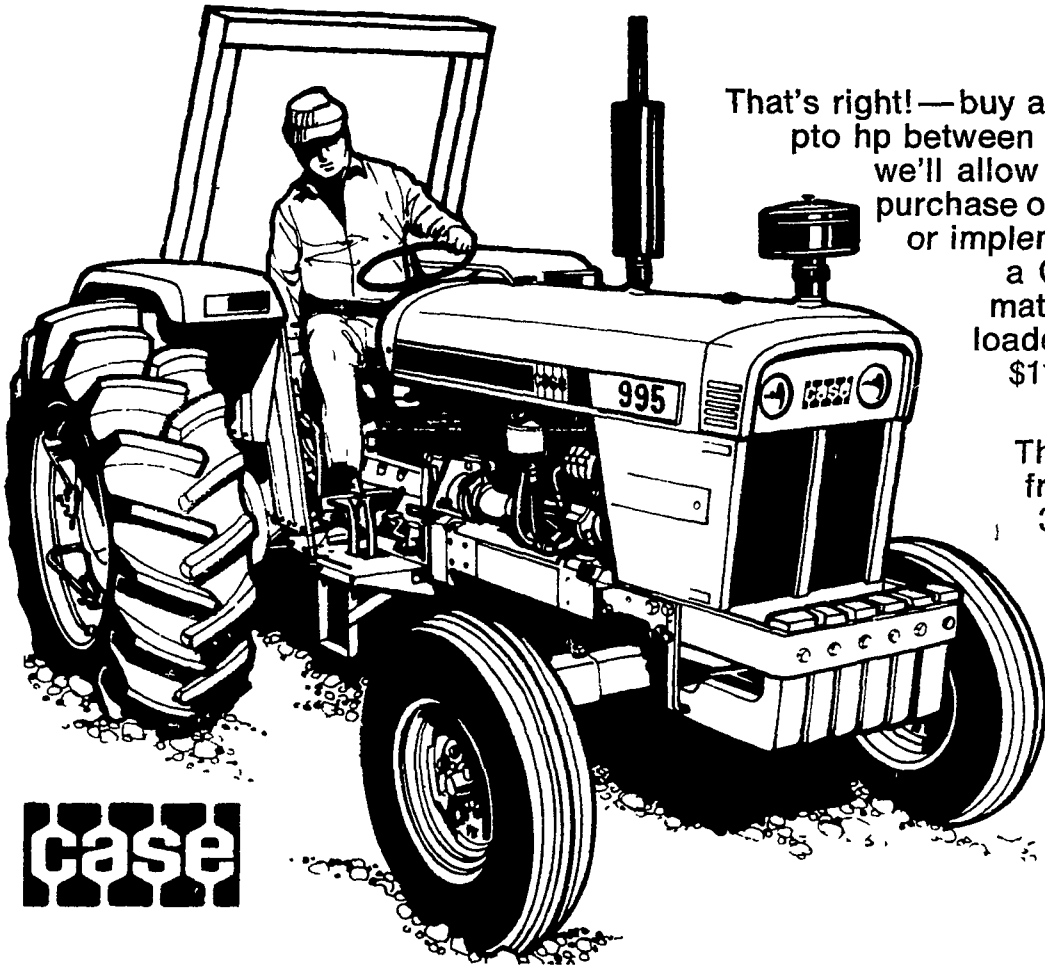
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