



The officers of the NORLEBCO Future Farmers of America chapter include (left to right standing), Tom Donmoyer, treasurer; Todd Geesaman, reporter; Ray Bickel, advisor; Randy Behney,

student advisor; and Michael Brajkovich, chaplain. Seated are (left to right) Ernie Meily, sentinel; Mark Tyrpin, vice president; and Tom Seaman, secretary.



NORLEBCO FFA members dig out pots of Easter flowers which were buried for rooting and storage purposes in November. These will now be marketed through the FFA as a money-making project.

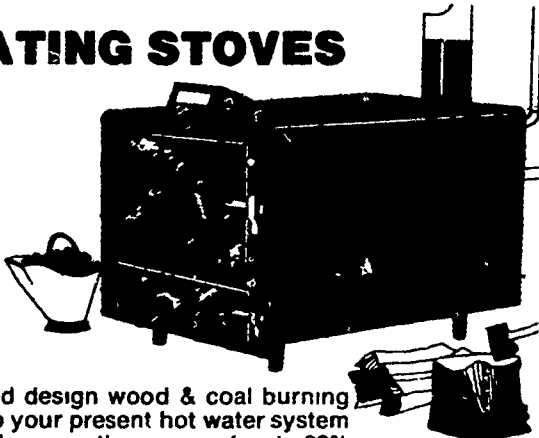
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(Continued from Page 110) teaching vo-ag at NORLEBCO for 22 years, says that "it keeps you hopping" to do all the activities and fill out all the forms required to win the awards. The National Chapter award, alone, is comprised of 14 pages of questions requiring analysis and descriptions.

And, while they have taken safety honors every year they have entered competition, the chapter only became contestants in the National Safety Contest four years ago because it requires so much time to fill out the application.

you filled out all the forms for all the contests, you'd never get your teaching done," exclaims the subtly humorous ag teacher in exaggeration.

He, nevertheless, goes through the process each and every year to give the

boys a sense of satisfaction for what they've accomplished. And, what they've accomplished is usually a tremendous amount.

Just this week, they dug up 700 hyacinths and 500 tulip bulbs which they potted and buried under 12 inches of sawdust last November for rooting and storage purposes. These bulbs will now be taken care of in the chapter's greenhouse and sold for Easter flowers as a money-making project.

The chapter members were also busy this week preparing for their two-period-long assembly which they put on in the junior high school this Thursday.

"This is something we do during FFA week," explains Bickel. "We put it on for the junior high partially because they are the ones we want to interest in FFA."

For the assembly, three classes put together a demonstration apiece. The freshmen chose hunter safety as a topic; the

sophomores, motorcycle safety; and the 11th graders, pond safety. Each of these demonstrations was then given to the Young Farmer group from the area and a winner chosen. This year that winner was the freshman class. According to Bickel, they were awarded two things - \$15 from the Young Farmers and the opportunity to present their demonstration on regional television later in the year.

The second and third place demonstrations also earned money from the Young Farmers. Second place earned \$10 and the third, \$5.

Along with the assembly for FFA week, the FFA'ers also created a window exhibit outside of the auditorium. They make exhibits at this time of year during FFA week and during the week of their annual banquet.

Right now Bickel is also concentrating on teaching each officer and member of

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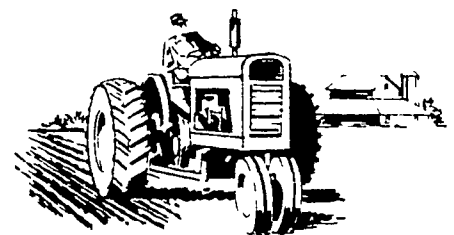
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