

York 4-H'ers are nationally outstanding

YORK — York County's most distinguished 4-H'ers were introduced to a gathering of farmers from the area last week when the local Agricultural and Home Economics and Extension Service held its 60th annual meeting and banquet. It was held at Avalong's Restaurant on March 31.

York County is the home of one of the most successful youth programs in the country, proof of which is seen each year when boys and girls from the region compete in national and state events.

Recently, when 45 Pennsylvania 4-H'ers were chosen to represent the Keystone State at a Chicago youth conference, eight out of the 45 were from York County.

They were Beverly Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William H. Brown, Delta; Karen Hemminger, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Hemminger, Glen Rock; Paul Myers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Myers, Thomasville; Sue Schneider, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Schneider, Dillsburg; Megan Shaub, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Shaub, Shrewsbury; Gary Thoman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dennis McWilliams, Seven Valleys; Gary Welsh, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Welsh, East Berlin; and Joann Zumbrum, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Zumbrum, Hanover. All eight were state winners in achievement contests held at University Park last

Summer. Their victories came in the following categories:

Beverly Brown, agriculture; Karen Hemminger, citizenship; Paul Myers, health; Sue Schneider, public speaking; Megan Shaub, gardening; Gary Thoman, field crops; Gary Welsh, automotive; and Joann Zumbrum, home environment.

The introductions of honored young agriculturalists continued with the members of the meats judging team, which won a first place in the state and nation. Team members were Laurie Dobrosky, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dobrosky, Glen Rock; Brenda Werner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Dale Werner, Hanover; Kathy Sunday, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Sunday, York R1; and David Wise, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Dennis, Brodbeck.

Also called to be recognized before the group of about 150 people were Lisa Dobrosky and Linda Brown. Both were winners in the 4-H Demonstration contests held last Summer. Lisa is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tony Dobrosky. Linda's parents are Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Brown of Loganville.

A poem, entitled "Don't Quit" and printed as part of the program for last week's dinner might well fit the York County 4-H'ers. It was evident that a good many of them hadn't quit until they reached the very top.

Research is key to soybean future

HUDSON, Iowa — Soybean farmers depend on federally funded research programs to remain efficient, competitive producers, an American Soybean Association leader testified in Washington last month. Florida soybean farmer Frank Ray told members of House and Senate Appropriations subcommittees expanded soybean research holds unlimited possibilities for the U.S. farmer, as long as programs receive adequate funds.

Ray called for "aggressive and innovative research programs to improve the economic situation of the U.S. farmer." The Carter Administration is calling its fiscal year 1979 proposal for USDA a "lean budget." Ray pointed out the Administration's plan to start several new short-term research programs while cutting back established long term projects was not very efficient.

"Even though agricultural

research funding is only a small part of the total USDA budget," he said, "returns to consumers, the U.S. balance of trade, and our economy in general are in the billions of dollars. The government should fund a worthy investment."

"We raise 65 per cent of the world's soybeans," he said. "Our crop is vital to world demand for high quality protein."

"Soybean farmers don't like to see the proposed cutback for regional research centers and land-grant universities," Ray said, referring to a 20 per cent reduction in funds for the Northern Regional Research Center in Peoria, Illinois, and \$11 million cut from Hatch Act funding of landgrant programs.

American soybean farmers want continued study in other areas under the wide umbrella of agriculture research, he said.

"Consumers and farmers both stand to lose if \$9.5 million is taken from marketing and processing research," Ray said. Middleman costs of processing, marketing, distribution and transportation already take up over two-thirds of the consumers food bill. Industry can't be expected to pick up the tab if government cuts back research which ultimately helps the consumer, he said.

Industrial uses of soy oil in place of expensive petroleum for lubricants, coatings, silicones, and specialty rubber and plastic products need a federally-

funded research effort, Ray said. Just when government needs to lay the groundwork for industry to further develop these uses of soy oil, the proposed budget cuts out all funds for such research, he added.

Ray said the future of soybean production still requires study into nematode control, varieties resistant to soybean pests, new low energy cultural practices, and experimentation with genetic stock.

The Administration's proposed budget for fiscal year 1979 was released late in January. Final version of the Agriculture Appropriations bill is not expected to come before the Senate or the House before late April or early May.

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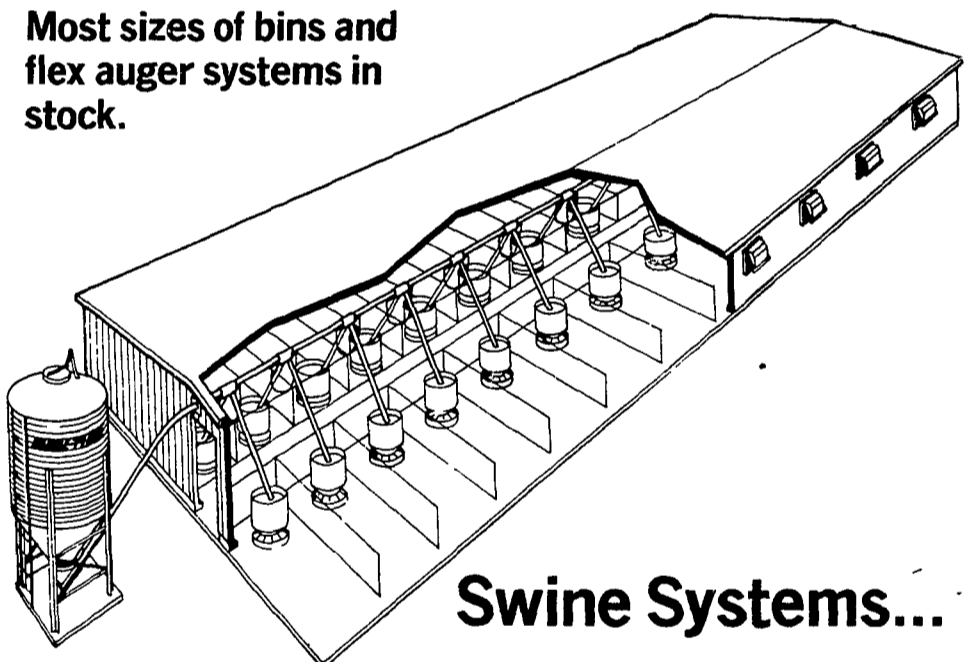
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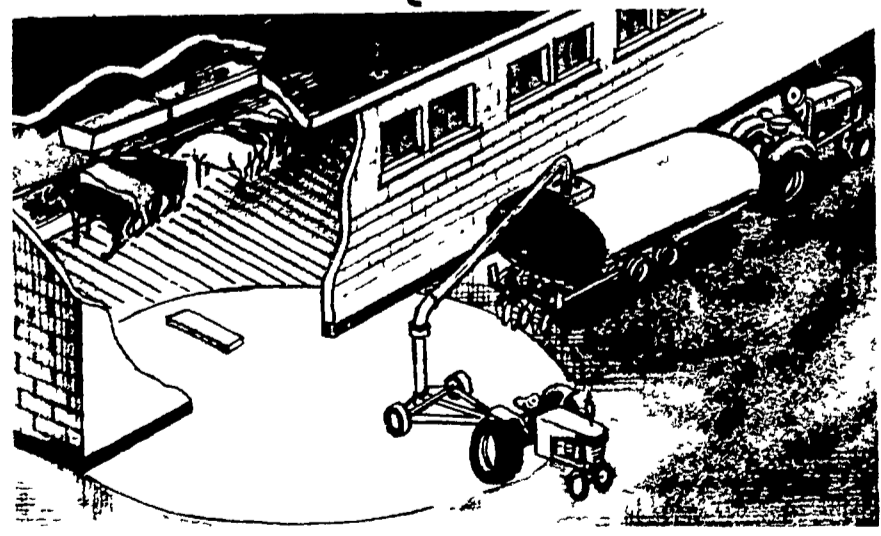
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