

Randy Ranck chosen for American Farmer Degree

QUARRYVILLE — Randy Ranck has been nominated to receive the American Farmer Degree, which is the highest degree to be presented by the National FFA Association. The nomination was approved at a recent meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors in Alexandria, Va.



Randy Ranck

One of the over 800 members of FFA to be nominated for the American Farmer Degree, Ranck will travel to Kansas City, Mo. to receive the degree in a special ceremony that will be held on November 9, pending a final vote of approval of the 122 student delegates representing over half a million FFA members.

At the convention, each American Farmer Degree recipient will be presented a gold key and a certificate by

the National FFA organization.

The American Farmer Degree is only presented to approximately one member in 700 of the over 500,000 member organization. It is only presented by the National FFA Organization to members who have demonstrated exceptional agricultural and leadership achievements.

Randall L. Ranck, Quarryville, is the son of Lester and Mary Ranck and a member of the Solanco FFA Chapter.

Randy has been an active member of the FFA for six years serving in 1976-77 as the state president of the Pennsylvania Association.

Prior to that he served as treasurer of Lancaster County and chapter vice president and secretary.

He participated in many activities connected with his supervised occupational experience program in agriculture production. This included raising and showing beef cattle, hogs, and various field crops.

Randy was involved in the Solanco chapter's public speaking, parliamentary procedure, land, and livestock judging teams.

As a student he participated in Farmer Cooperative educational institutes which lead him to Texas A and M University for the American Institute of

Cooperatives during 1977. He then was selected as State Co-chairman of Summer Institute for the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives for 1978.

Randy is an active member of the Mechanic Grove Mennonite church. He is presently working with his father on the 130 acre farm in Southern Lancaster County.

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For more information, contact Bush Hog, Dept. NR, Specialty Chemical Labs., P.O. Box 438, 152 Sinsbury Road, Avon, Conn. 06001.

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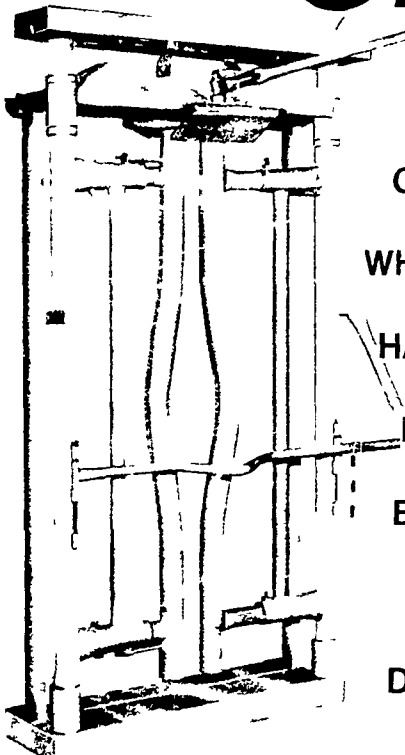
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