

# Gerhart to be awarded American Farmer Degree

NEW PROVIDENCE — David Gerhart of New Providence has been nominated to receive the American Farmer Degree, highest degree presented by the National FFA Organization. David was nominated for the degree by the Pennsylvania FFA Association. The nomination was approved at a recent meeting of the National FFA Board of Directors in Alexandria, Virginia. One of 807 FFA members nominated for the American Farmer Degree David will receive the degree in a special ceremony on Thursday, November 9, pending a final vote of approval of 122 student delegates representing over a million FFA members.

Travel awards will be presented to American

Farmer Degree recipients to offset their travel expenses to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. The cash awards are sponsored through the National FFA Foundation by JI Case Co. of Racine, Wisconsin; Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., of Des Moines, Iowa; The Federal Land Bank Systems of the United States; Amoco Oil Co., of Chicago, Illinois, and The Chevrolet Motor Division, General Motors Corporation, of Detroit, Michigan. At the convention each American Farmer Degree recipient will be presented a gold key and certificate by the National FFA Organization.

The American Farmer Degree is much sought after because it is presented to approximately one member in 700 of the 507,108 member organization. It is presented

only by the National FFA Organization to members who have demonstrated exceptional agricultural and leadership achievements.

David is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gerhart of New Providence and is currently farming in partnership with his father.

He earned the American Farmer Degree on the basis of his supervised farming program.

David's farming program began when he was a freshman in vo-ag with two dairy calves and one acre of corn. His efforts throughout high school and after graduation enabled him to enter into a partnership with his father on their dairy farm.

David was active in FFA activities at Solanco including various committee work and FFA contests.



David Gerhart

David's high school vocational agriculture instructor's and FFA advisor's are Ronald Althoff, Arba Henry, and Mark Gould.

To qualify for the American Farmer Degree, FFA members must have advanced through a system of degrees unique to the FFA organization. FFA members begin as Greenhands and after one year of membership may be advanced by the local chapter to the degree of "Chapter Farmer". The third degree, that of "State's Farmer," is presented by the State FFA

Association to two per cent of the States FFA membership in any one year. Only students who have earned the State Farmer Degree are eligible for the American Farmer Degree.

The National FFA Convention is an annual event of the Future Farmers of America and is carried out in cooperation with the U.S. Office of Education, of the Department of Health, Education, and Welfare. This year over 20,000 FFA members, vocational agriculture teachers, parents, and guests are

expected to take part in the National FFA Convention.

In addition to the American Farmer Degree, many other FFA awards are presented during the convention. Contests are held in dairy, livestock, poultry, meats, milk quality and dairy foods, agricultural mechanics, horticulture, farm business management, and public speaking. Several guest speakers of national prominence address the convention audience and entertainment is interspersed with the business. The convention is the largest annual youth convention in the nation.

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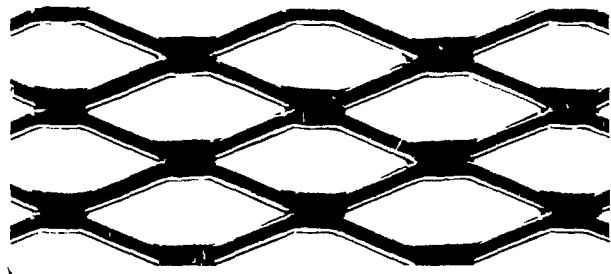
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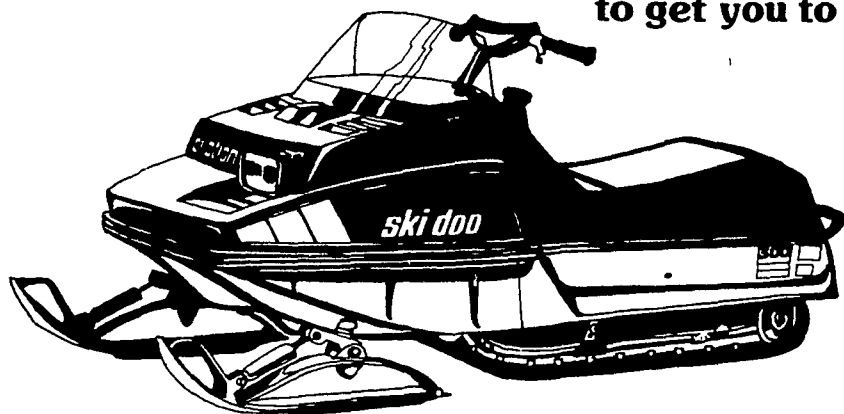
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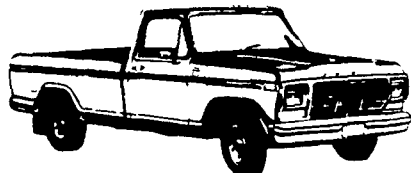
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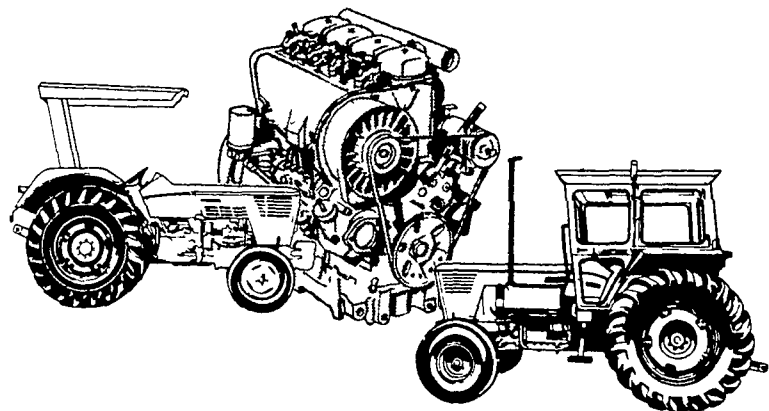
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