

FFA contests

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held in the Safeway, Inc., cold storage meat warehouse. The 33 teams that will compete in the Meats Contest will evaluate carcasses, and wholesale and retail cuts of beef, veal, pork and lamb. The teams will be scored on their ability to select the highest quality meats as well as their ability to identify the various retail cuts of meat.

The Poultry Contest is being sponsored by Victor F. Weaver, Inc., of New Holland, Pennsylvania, and the General Fund of the National FFA Foundation,

Inc. Poultry Contest teams will evaluate two production classes of four production hens each and a class of production pullets. Members of 36 participating teams will be allowed to hold the birds and observe them for 12 minutes. In addition to evaluating live birds, the competition will include grading and evaluating a class of 10 ready to cook broiler-fryers, a class of ready to cook turkeys, and two classes of 24 white shell market eggs. Here again the teams will base their scores on U.S. Department of Agriculture standards. Ralston Purina Company

of St. Louis, Missouri, will sponsor the Livestock Contest in which 43 livestock judging teams will observe classes of breeding and market livestock (beef, swine, and sheep). Like the dairy cattle judges, they will have 12 minutes to observe each class of animals, 12 minutes to prepare reasons and no more than two minutes to give their oral evaluation of the livestock.

The Agricultural Mechanics Contest is sponsored by the Firestone Tire & Rubber Company of Akron, Ohio. Events in the contest will test 41 teams on both knowledge and skill of participants in solving mechanical problems and performing mechanical skills normally associated

with agricultural mechanics such as trouble shooting, electrical wiring and welding. Participants will compete as individuals with team scores determined by adding individual scores. This year contestants are required to perform in the areas of carpentry and concrete skills, tractor power and soil conservation practices.

Winning teams and high individuals will be announced at recognition breakfasts on Friday morning. At that time the teams and individual participants are presented medals and trophies. The winners will be introduced to the convention audience during the Friday morning session of the convention.

Service citations to be given

KANSAS CITY, Mo. - Distinguished Service Citations will be presented by the Future Farmers of America to three organizations that have made significant contributions in service to agriculture and the FFA. The presentations are being made during the FFA's Golden Anniversary Celebration at the 1978 National Convention to be held in Kansas City, Missouri, November 7-10.

The American Red Cross Greater Kansas City Chapter for over 35 years has cooperated with the National FFA Staff and State Associations in setting up a "First Aid Station" on the first day of the National Convention and operating it with volunteers every day of the convention. The group has served scores of FFA members, taking care of accidents, illness and helping when medical needs existed.

Citations will be presented to representatives of the organizations being honored during the Wednesday evening convention program. Organizations recognized at the 1978 convention are:

The American Association for Vocational-Instructional Materials has given outstanding service to the vocational agriculture program in many ways. AAVIM has produced, published and distributed several million copies of instructional materials for both pre-service and in-service classes in vocational agriculture. The AAVIM has assisted several states in organizing and operating curriculum development centers for vocational agriculture. AAVIM personnel have participated in numerous contests acting as judges and officials and have served on many committees and workshops for vocational agriculture, and the FFA.

The Midcontinental Farmers Association has sponsored numerous state and national FFA activities. The MFA has hosted National FFA Officers on tour, provided support to the National FFA Alumni Association, and has supplied many judges for National FFA Contests. The MFA has also sponsored special events promoting vocational agriculture and the FFA. The Midcontinental Farmers Association is a National FFA Foundation Sponsor.



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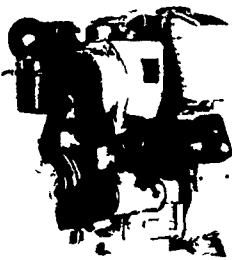
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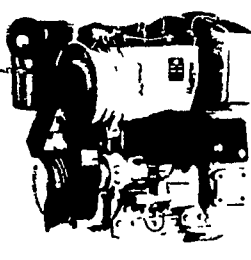
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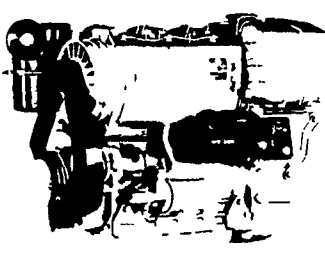
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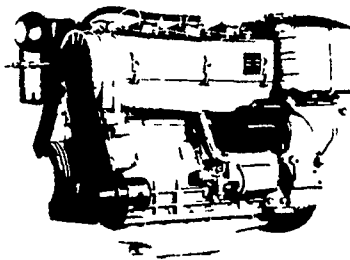
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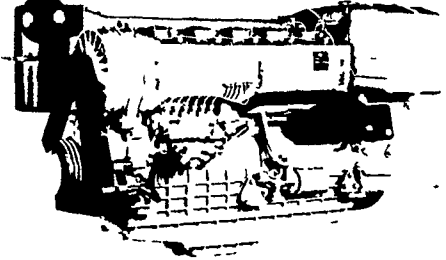
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