

# FFA band, chorus features musical talent

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Musically talented FFA members from across the nation will help liven the festivities at this year's Golden Anniversary National Convention November 7-10 in Kansas City, Mo. Three Pennsylvanians will be in the band. As members of the 112-piece National FFA Band they represent every State FFA Association. Band Director Roger Heath expects a polished performance again this year even though band members have never played together

as a unit prior to the two days of practice that precede the three day National FFA Convention in the Municipal Auditorium.

In Kansas City the bandsmen are known as the "FFA Mail Order Band" because they are recruited by application forms mailed to the director from FFA members all across the nation.

The band, sponsored by the Carnation Company of Los Angeles, Calif. assembles in Kansas City two days before the Con-

vention opens to practice the marches, show tunes, movie themes and popular music that will entertain FFA members and guests. Under the direction of Heath, the band has gained a reputation for hard practice and fast moving, polished performances.

Pennsylvanians who are participating in the band performances include: Don and Doug Moon of Mercer, and Bonnie Horning of Schnecksville. Miss Horning is a twirler while the Moon brothers play the trumpet. The trumpet is also the instrument for Maria

Machalla of Freehold, N.J., another band member.

Adding variety and spirit to the National FFA Convention program are goals of the National FFA Chorus made up of 123 talented Future Farmers from across the nation. The young musicians will meet and begin singing together for the first time two days before the start of the FFA's Golden Anniversary Celebration. Two Pennsylvania boys, Leon Moll of Bowers and Ken Wanner of Narvon are a part of the singing group.

Throughout the three-day convention program, the FFA Chorus will provide musical entertainment for the more than 20,000 FFA members and guests expected to attend the event. Young men and women participating in the Chorus this year were selected from more than 375 applicants from 42 States.

Participants are recommended for the National FFA Chorus by their State FFA Association and their high school vocational agriculture instructor and choir director. They are selected on the basis of these recommendations and on their previous experience and achievements, according to chorus director, Marvin Myers, retired member of the Purdue University Musical Organization at West Lafayette, Ind. Myers has directed the FFA Chorus for the past 11 years, and was presented the FFA Honorary American Farmer Degree in recognition of his dedicated service to the FFA.

Marylanders who are participating in the FFA

Chorus are Steve Brady of Gaithersburg, Gerry Cornett of Parkton, Robert Levering Jr. of Taneytown, and Diane Perdue of White Hall.

New Jersey will be represented - by Mark Marsters of Lebanon and Delaware by Karen Reed of Townsend.

## Safety hints given on preparing turkey

WASHINGTON, D.C. - "Roast turkey - the favorite Thanksgiving entree - is a perishable food" reminds nutritionist Evelyn Spindler of the U.S. Department of Agriculture. "Practice these four important points so you can enjoy your Thanksgiving dinner safely."

Always thaw frozen turkey in the refrigerator. Or - if you must thaw it more quickly - put it in a waterproof plastic bag, seal it

tightly and defrost it in cold water. Never thaw commercially frozen stuffed poultry before baking. Put it directly into the oven.

Cook turkey thoroughly to an internal temperature of 180-190° F. Never partially cook it for final cooking later. Bacteria can survive in partially cooked poultry.

Cook stuffing completely. It's safest to cook it separately from the turkey because stuffing inside a warm turkey is a breeding place for bacteria. If you're preparing stuffing for a large group, cook it separately and insert a meat thermometer into the stuffing until the temperature reaches at least 165°F. Never stuff a turkey the night before cooking it.

Refrigerate leftover turkey immediately. Remove the meat from the bones to make it easier to store. If you cut it into small pieces, even cubes, the turkey will freeze fast and defrost fast for future use.

"In addition to Thanksgiving Day's turkey and stuffing, people should always guard against food poisoning," said Spindler.

"You can avoid foodborne illness by keeping perishable foods such as cream pies, cooked meats, seafoods and dishes made with eggs, fish, meat and poultry below 40°F. Don't let food stand at room temperature.

"Bacteria grow best in lukewarm foods. Don't give them a chance. Make sure seafood, poultry and cooked meats are kept hot, above 140°F," she said.

Food borne illness can cause diarrhea, vomiting, stomach cramps, and other unpleasant symptoms which can last for several hours or even days. Food that is improperly handled, prepared or served is usually the cause.

"Don't let food problems mar your holiday. Keep food safe to eat by preparing and serving meals safely," said Spindler.

## Hunting calendar

HARRISBURG - The Pennsylvania Game Commission posts the following hunting calendar:

- November 5 - General Trapping Season Opens, 7 A.M.
- November 9 - Dove, Rail, Gallinule Season Closes
- November 11- Turkey Season Closes, except in northcentral Pennsylvania.
- November 11- Quail Season Closes
- November 18 - Turkey Season Closes, northcentral Pennsylvania
- November 23 - Mink & Muskrat Trapping Season Opens
- November 25 - Small Game Season Closes
- November 26 - Crow Hunting Closes
- November 27 - Antlered Deer Season Opens

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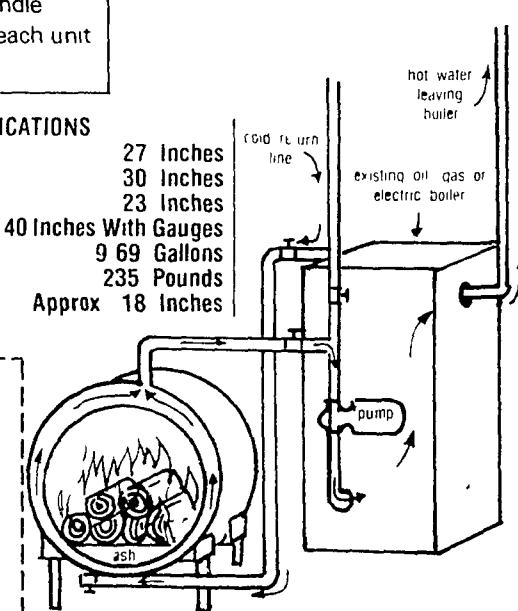
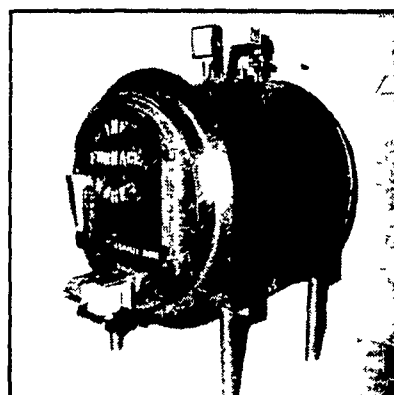
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