

Pennsylvania has eight national 4-H winners

CHICAGO, Ill. - Eight Pennsylvania 4-H'ers claimed \$8,000 in scholarships at the 57th National 4-H Congress here this week. Each was named a winner in programs arranged by the National 4-H Council and supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Selected for their accomplishments in 4-H projects and activities, leadership development and growth in personal, community and civic responsibilities, 258 winners nationwide shared \$242,800 in educational grants.

Pennsylvania's national winners, the amounts of their grants, the program in which they won honors, and the donors of awards were: Scott Giel, 18, Gibsonia, \$1,000, automotive, The Firestone Tire & Rubber Co.; Tommy E. Welsh, 18, East Berlin R1, \$1,000, dairy, Insurance Company of North American; Brooke M. Palmer, 17, Shrewsbury, \$1,000, food preservation, Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corp.; L. Thomas Perry, 16, Stroudsburg, \$1,000, gardening, Ortho Division, Chevron Chemical Co.; Judy A. Long, 18, Carlisle, \$1,000, horse, National 4-H Council; Bonnie G. Wire, 18, Spring Grove R4, \$1,000,

photography, Eastman Kodak Company; Denise A. McConaughy, 18, Smicksburg R1, \$1,000, swine, National 4-H Council; David D. Sammons, 18, New Castle, \$1,000, veterinary science, The Upjohn Company.

During their five-day visit to Chicago, the 4-H'ers divided their time between sightseeing and getting acquainted with the other 1,650 delegates from across the country.

Designed to provide a platform for recognizing outstanding young people, National 4-H Congress also gave delegates a healthy balance of educational, inspirational and entertaining activities.

Themed "4-H - Freedom To Be," this year's Congress program emphasized the major national concern of energy. In addition to seminars featuring top energy experts, the program gave delegates information on energy sources and alternate sources. The 4-H'ers were also involved in energy sources and alternate sources. The 4-H'ers were also involved in discussions about the impact of energy on lifestyles, economics, jobs and careers.

Noted for its variety of entertainment for delegates,

the Congress program included performances by Maynard Ferguson and his orchestra, sponsored by International Paper Company; and the Purdue Collegiate Singers, by American Income Life Insurance Company. Delegates dined as guests of General Motors at a luncheon featuring the Spurrilows and Miss America, and they were entertained by Liz Damon's Orient Express at the International Harvester Company luncheon. The Firestone Tire & Rubber Company sponsored a breakfast, head-tabled by 50 top leaders of government and business.

Both Standard Brands Incorporated and Ford Motor Company hosted parties for the delegates. They were treated to a performance of the Broadway musical, "Oklahoma", presented by fellow 4-H members from Ft. Wayne, Ind. The presentation was sponsored by Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corp. First National Bank of Chicago hosted a special evening at the Field Museum of Natural History for the delegates.

The National 4-H Fashion Revue, staged by Simplicity Pattern Co. Inc., included 52

winners who modeled their own ensembles. Pennsylvania was represented by Kathleen Martin of Enon Valley.

National 4-H Congress closed Thursday evening, Nov. 30, with the naming of six Presidential Award winners, a banquet, and a farewell party co-sponsored by Production Credit Association and National 4-H Council.



SCOTT GIEL
Allegheny County

An 18-year old Pennsylvania youth, who restored a 1965 Mustang fastback for use as a racing car, Scott Giel, Gibsonia, received a \$1,000 scholarship at the 57th National 4-H Congress.

Giel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas V. Giel Sr., is studying automotive

technology at Shelbyville, Tenn., Vocational Technical School. He plans a career as a mechanic, possibly in auto racing.

The Allegheny County youth purchased the 1965 auto for \$1,000 in the fall of 1977. The vehicle had a special racing engine and drive train already in it, but the car has been severely abused, he said.

"As I worked on it, I made special modifications so I could re-do it for street use at the end of the racing season," he said. The 4-H'er worked throughout last Winter to take the car apart. He sanded all the parts, cleaned them up, repainted each part using rustproof paint on body parts, and put it all back together again. He then installed roll bars inside the shell and re-installed the seats and mechanical systems.

"This was a tremendous challenge for me and when the motor turned over, the feeling of excitement seemed to be impossible."

The youth learned how to properly prime and paint the body. He has raced the car a few times and said he plans to put in a different engine and sell his racing engine.

The nine-year 4-H'er earlier had made a go-cart, using a motorcycle engine.

He later converted it into a tractor-snowplow to clear the family driveway of snow.



TOMMY WELSH
York County

Tommy Welsh, 18, East Berlin R1, received a \$1,000 scholarship at the 57th National 4-H Congress.

Welsh is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James E. Welsh, Jr. He has been a 4-H member for seven years.

A consistent award winner, in the past year the youth has been named Keystone and state dairy winner and received four blue awards, two red, three master fitter ribbons and three master showman ribbons at county and district events.

"One of my goals has been to enlarge our herd with

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higher producing animals," says Welsh, a recent high school graduate who is currently working full time on his father's dairy farm. "I have learned that it costs just as much to raise a poor herd replacement as it does to raise a good one," he said.

In his own herd, the young winner has 14 Holsteins, four Brown Swiss and two Ayrshires. He has been experimenting with calf hutches, a relatively new idea which he says has proved very worthwhile in his own operation. He started out by building two hutches and now has 16.

Welsh has prepared a 4-H demonstration on the use of hutches, which he has given to many clubs both within and outside of York County. With the demonstration he won an award two years ago.

He plans to go to college and major in animal science before settling down with his own farming operation.

BROOKE PALMER
York County

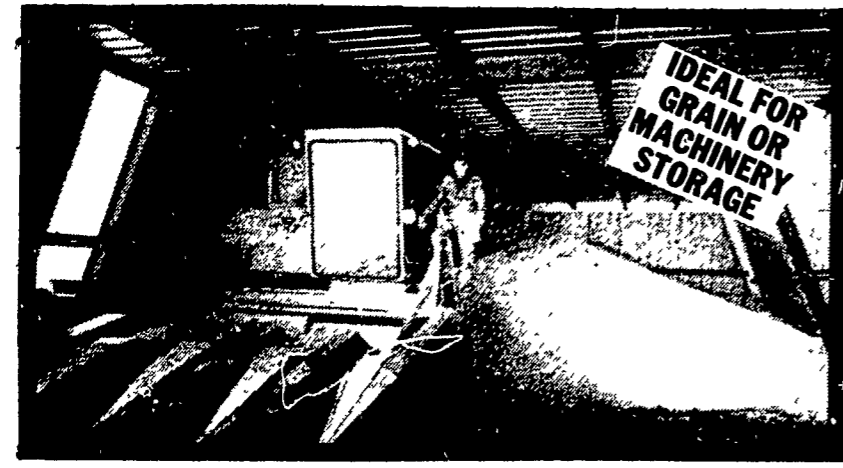
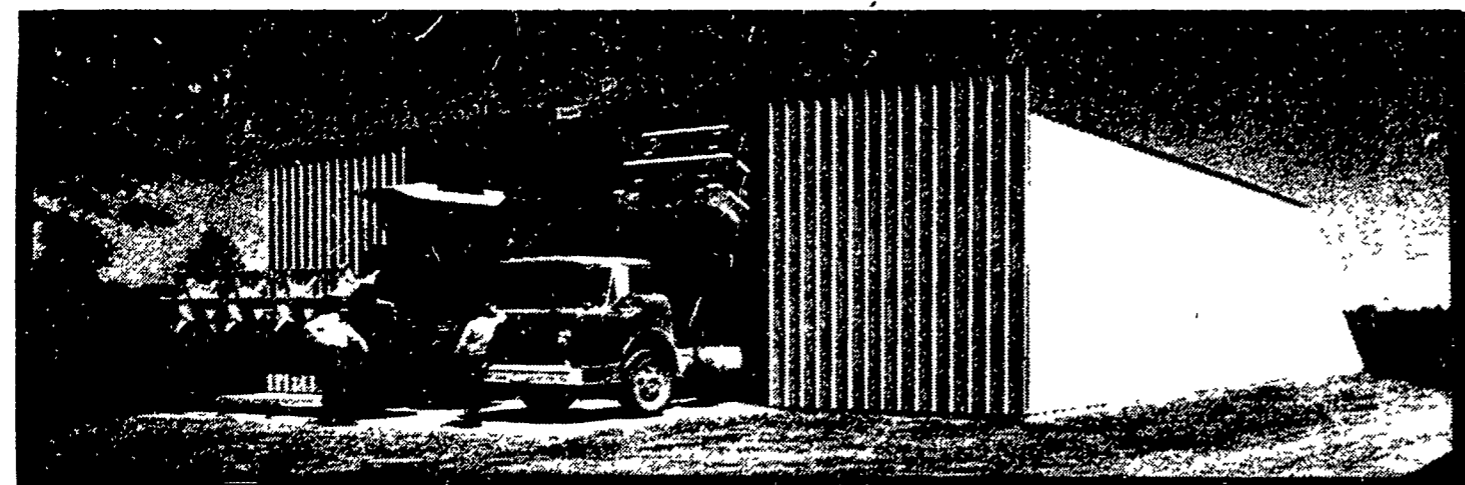
A 17-year old Pennsylvania girl, who put together a seven-page booklet on drying foods, Brooke Palmer, Shrewsbury, received a \$1,000 scholarship during the 57th National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

Mr. and Mrs. Glenn E. Palmer, is a high school

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