

Lancaster Co. 4-H'er wins scholarship

LANCASTER, Pa. - A freshman at Pennsylvania State University has been named winner of a \$400 4-H Agricultural Careers scholarship.

Philip Risser, Leola R1, was among 15 young people who received scholarships from DeKalb AgResearch, Inc. Young people from 20 states are eligible for the scholarships.

The awards were announced during the 57th National 4-H Congress in Chicago Nov. 26 to 30. Winners were selected by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Risser, son of Mr. and Mrs. Allen K. Risser, plans a career in agricultural engineering. He is a nine-year 4-H'er.



Philip Risser

The Lancaster County youth has been experimenting with no-till corn seeded in crownvetch. "A

trip to Penn State's research plot and now executing these methods on our farm took much time and effort, but if they work it will be worth it," the youth said.

Another challenging 4-H project was trying to increase the yield and profitability each successive year of sweetcorn. "I worked to accomplish this by using fertilizer, weed and insect spray and better hybrids," he said. "This project was especially important because it introduced me to real farming at an early age."

Since the age of seven, Risser has been responsible for raising some or all of the family's dairy heifers. "This taught me to be responsible,

for there is no better way to learn to be responsible than to be given responsibility," he said.

"In addition to teaching me responsibility, I have gained the practical knowledge of how to raise calves - which methods work and which ones do not," Risser added.

The youth also helped plan and then build a new heifer facility, which he said gave him the opportunity to research modern methods of raising heifers.

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Meeting scheduled

WEST CHESTER - A short business meeting will be held including the election of officers for the County Extension Board of Directors on December 8, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Suzanne D. Iseminger, Chester County's International 4-H Youth Exchange representative will

share her experiences of living in Belgium. she will show slides of her recent four months' stay.

The meeting will take place in the Central Chester County Vocational Technical School cafeteria, 1635 E. Lincoln Highway, Coatesville. Those who plan to attend must pre-register by December 4.

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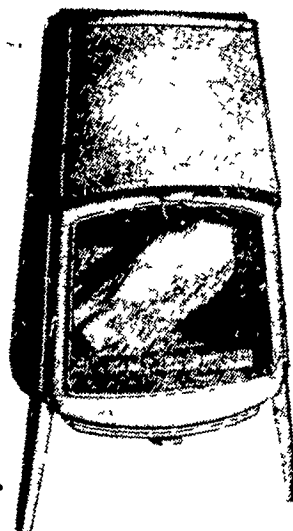
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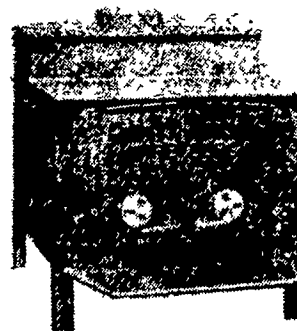
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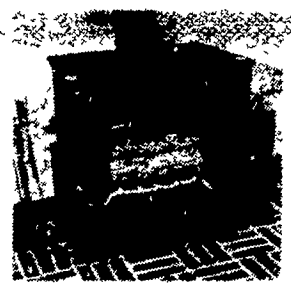
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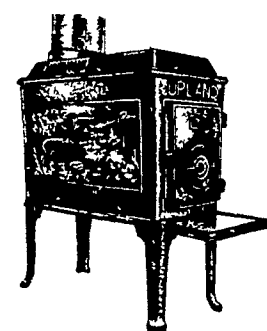
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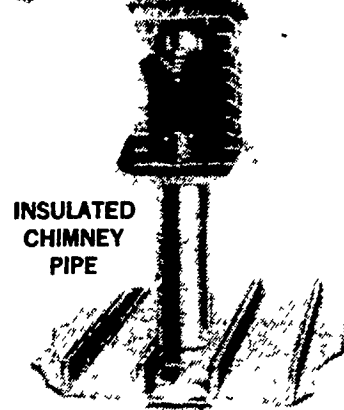
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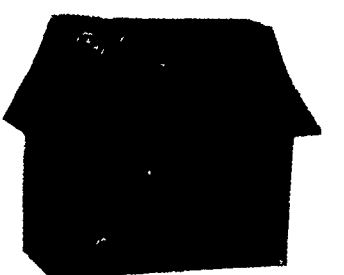
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