

# Red Lion FFA salutes members at banquet

RED LION — Parents and guests of the Red Lion Area FFA honored chapter members at the 19th annual banquet held April 11. Dinner was served in the high school cafeteria by the Future Homemakers of America.

Following the meal a program was highlighted by state FFA President John Trapasso and South Central Region Vice President Dolores Schrum congratulating FFA members for accomplishments throughout the past year.

Awards for accomplishments in state FFA contests were given to Bob Dehoff-gold plaque in agronomy, Cathy Arnold—a gold pin in dairy judging, Tom Innerst and Sue Herbst—a silver pin and bronze plaque respectively in land judging, Brenda Walter—a gold pin in livestock judging, Ken Sechrist and Leroy Bowles-gold plaques for poultry judging and Tammie Waltemire in chorus.

Cathy Arnold, Tom Taylor, Patty Greek, Mike Innerst, Melvin Marks, Melinda Innerst and Leroy Bowles received medals for maintaining good production records for their projects.

Five members received recognition for having received the Keystone Farmer Degree in January. These included: Sue Herbst, Sherry Holtzinger, Barb Snyder, Brenda Walter, and Tom Innerst.

One out of every 666 FFA members is eligible for the top FFA degree, The American Farmer Degree. Wayne Bankert and Harry Harrison, both graduates of Red Lion Area High School, received this coveted award. Ken Sechrist was recognized for receiving a silver emblem in national competition in the Poultry Judging Contest.

Awards for outstanding performances were given to: Dave Warner-Ag Sales and Service, Mike Innerst-Ag Mechanics, Leroy Bowles-Beef Production, Barb

Snyder-Corn Production, Cathy Arnold-Dairy Production, Kent Smith-Fish and Wildlife, Jim Innerst-Forest Management, Brenda Walter-Livestock Production, Melvin Marks-Placement in Ag Production, Sherry Holtzinger-Poultry Production, Ken Sechrist-Public Speaking, Mark Ebaugh-Sheep Production, Jeff Grove-Soil and Water Management, and Greg Innerst-Swine Production.

The Star Greenhand Award which goes to the outstanding freshman was awarded to Beth Holtzinger. Patty Greek was selected as Star Chapter Farmer. Chapter Scholarship awards were given to students on the honor roll two out of three marking periods. These members include: Sue Garner, Patty Greek, Sue Herbst, Sherry Holtzinger, Tom Innerst, Paul Seitz, Barb Snyder, Tom Taylor, Brenda Walter, Cathy Arnold, Abbee Johnson, Dave Warner, Forrest Grove,

Beth Holtzinger, and Tom Muller.

A trophy was given to Jeff Grove for placing first in the Chapter Quiz contest. This contest involved expression of knowledge about the FFA organization.

Past officer pins were distributed to the following for their leadership in the FFA for the past year: Vice President-Tom Innerst, Secretary-Brenda Walter, Treasurer-Leroy Bowles, Reporter-Tammie Waltemire, Chaplain-Greg Perry,

and Parliamentarian-Bob Dehoff.

John Fletcher, a sophomore, received the Michael Spangler Memorial Award for his participation in FFA activities, other school activities, and scholarship.

The DeKalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award was given to Barb Snyder. The basis of selection for this award involves scholarship, leadership, and farming program.

Each year the chapter

continues the gilt rings giving deserving FFA members gilts to aid in establishment of their swine operations. Those selected were: Greg Innerst-Berkshire, Jeff Grove-Chester White, Beth Holtzinger-Duroc, Chris Reachard-Hampshire, Bill Smetzer-Spotted Swine and Mike Robinson-Yorkshire. These members will breed their gilts when they reach breeding age and give the pick of the litter to another FFA member next year.

## Talmadge says Forest Service shift would endanger public lands

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Senator Herman E. Talmadge, chairman of the Senate Committee on Agriculture, Nutrition, and Forestry, has warned that public lands could be opened to exploitation under the proposal to create a new

Federal Department of Natural Resources.

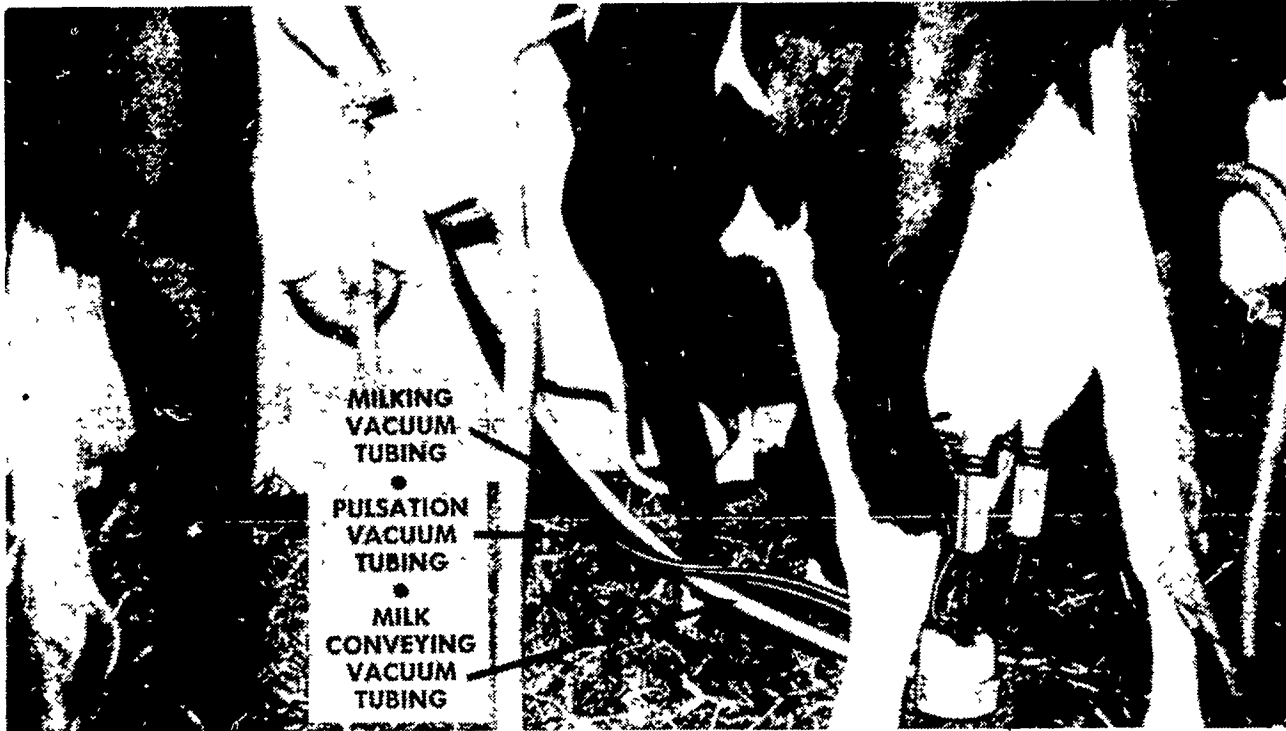
Talmadge, a leading congressional opponent of the Carter Administration's plan to shift the U.S. Forest Service to the proposed new Department, charged that the reorganization move would undermine morale in the Forest Service. The Forest Service has been a part of the U.S. Department of Agriculture for over half a century.

In a Senate floor statement, Talmadge said he had learned that the proposed organization of the new Department of Natural Resources would place the regional offices of the Forest Service under the authority of a political appointee. He

said the plan had been circulated by the President's Reorganization Project, the group that proposed the new Department of Natural Resources, by expanding the existing Department of the Interior.

"It is, therefore, clear that the proposed reorganization would seriously undermine the professionalism and effectiveness of the Forest Service and open the door to the possible exploitation of the National Forests," Talmadge said.

Talmadge said the latest effort to shift the U.S. Forest Service from Agriculture to Interior "is no more than warmed-over hash — a idea whose time will never come."



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