

Blue Ridge Council hosts agri-business tour

ALLENTOWN - The Blue Ridge Council of the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives hosted thirteen Lehigh and Northampton County 4-H and FFA members on an agri-business tour in Berks County, on May 2.

In the morning, Daniel Unger, president of Red Cheek, Inc., Fleetwood, welcomed the group to his cooperative's apple juice processing plant. In the Red Creek board room, Unger; Dale Hostetter, manager of Agway, Inc., Chapmans; and Sterling Ritter, field representative for the Berks-Lehigh Farm Credit Associations (Fogelsville) presented information about their respective cooperatives. After lunch at the Moselem Springs Restaurant, the students and their PAFC hosts visited the Stockmeister Mushroom Farm, Inc., a division of the Campbell Soup Company at Evansville.

During lunch, Hostetter, chairman of the Blue Ridge Council, announced the names of the following students whom the council will send to the PAFC Annual Summer Institute at Shippensburg State College, July 8 through 11:

They include: Second-year delegates: Nina Hanwerk, Kempton R1; David Smith, New Tripoli R2; and First-



Participating in the Blue Ridge Council of Pa. Association of Farmer Cooperatives agri-business tour were, in the back, from left to right, Nina Handwerk, Dave Smith, and Lois Heyer. In front are Todd Cary, Jim Tretter, and Susan Johnson.

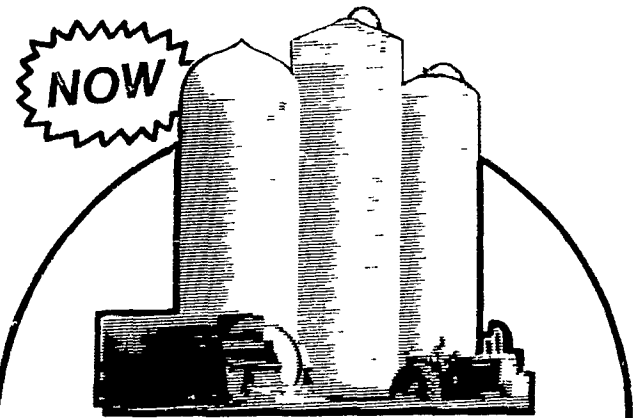
year delegates: Todd Cary, New Tripoli R1; Lois Heyer, Kutztown R2; Susan Johnson, Orefield R2; and Jim Tretter, Whitehall.

The state-wide institute will offer training in leadership and business organization. Institute delegates were selected on the basis of scores on a written examination of their

knowledge of cooperatives and records of their club school and community activities

Other students who participated in the Berks County tour were Norman Bachman, Jr. New Tripoli R1; Dana Capozzella, New Tripoli R1, Judy Holmes, Allentown; Ronald Hottenstein, New Tripoli R1; Dave Mezell, Easton R2; Floyd Oslin, Bangor, and Nancy Oslin, Bangor.

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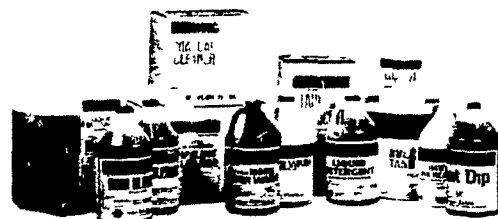
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