

FFA contests

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Extemporaneous Public Speaking

Nine FFA'ers entered this contest, won by Maxine Messner of Garden Spot High School. Second was Kathleen Jones of the W.B. Saul Chapter, Philadelphia; third was Glyn Boone from Westmoreland County, and fourth was Roy Shirk from Cedar Crest High School.

Conservation Public Speaking

Robert Marchesani from Philadelphia was the victor in this contest. Runner-up in the field of eight was David Smith from Lehigh County.

Public Speaking

Donald Burns from Bellwood-Antis captured first place in this contest. Next in the field of 12 was David Hecht from Philadelphia and third was Clayton Shenk of Lampeter Strasburg High School, Lancaster County.

Chapter Procedures

Mifflinburg Area High School had the winning team, composed of Michael Sanders, John Punako, Tina Wallace, Jeff Benfer, Kenneth Beiler, Greg Shuck, Bruce Reiner, and Andy Wagner.

Also receiving "gold" team recognition were officers from the Northern Lebanon FFA Chapter. Members were Scott Ritchie, Dean Patches, Tom Seaman, Tom Donmoyer, Mark Brehm, Randy Behney, Paul Gible, and Earnest Meily.

The team from Middleburg High School placed third, and Octorara High School was fourth. Sixty-four students were entered in the contest.

Agricultural Salesmanship

Receiving "gold" medals in this contest were Raymond Perchinski, Montoursville; Howard Griest, Twin Valley; Ted Dutrow, Penns Valley; and Mitch Morgan, Lackawanna AVTS. A silver medal was won by 5th-place finisher Glenn Wenger of ELCO, Myerstown. There were 39 students in this contest.

Floriculture

Gerry Beeson from the Western Montgomery County Vo-Tech School claimed first place in this contest. Following her, in order, were Anies Charles and Chris Miller, both from Lehigh County; Tracy Ross and Lori Drager, both from Mount Joy AVTS; and Barb Hess and Mark Wehrly, both from the York County Vo-Tech School. Eighth place was won by Cathy Best from Mount Joy. Sixty-seven students competed.

Small Gasoline Engines

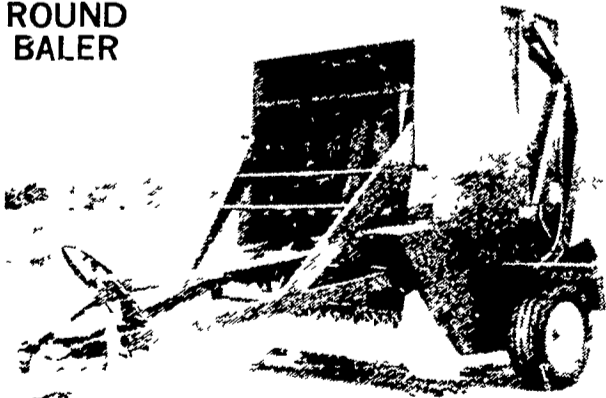
Gold medal winners were Jeff Lentz from Derry Area High School, Darryl Kane from Fairfield High School, Jeff Carns from Clearfield High School, Gerald Gabel from Newport High School, and Scott Hileman from Holdaysburg High School.



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Beef act called significant legislation

DALLAS, Texas - The amended Beef Research and Information Act "is a significant piece of legislation to the cattle and beef industry and consequently to our entire nation's economy," the general manager of Livestock Marketing Association said here recently at a public hearing on the proposed order to implement the Act.

In supporting the proposed

order, C.T. 'Tad' Sanders told the hearing that it reflects "the deliberate and sincere effort of the cattle and beef industry's leadership to outline a method and means to effectively carry out" the intents and purposes of the Act.

Sanders pointed to the "legislative findings and declaration of policy" in the Act itself as evidence of the

compelling need for research and information."

It was declared to be the policy of the Congress and the purpose of the Act "that it is essential and in the public interest...to authorize and enable the establishment of an orderly procedure for the development and the financing of research, consumer information, producer information and promotion designed to strengthen the cattle and beef industry's position in the marketplace."

Sanders said the goals of the Act "are of such critical importance as to compel our best individual, positive efforts to insure their success."

He said that LMA complimented "all elements" of the cattle and beef industry "who have worked so hard and diligently producing this proposed order," and also the industry's Beferendum Advisory Group, "which has acted with conscientious deliberation in resolving

many industry views to the point they have which are incorporated in the order."

Sanders also pointed to the size of the cattle industry as evidence of the need "for an effective research and information effort." In 1978, 114.1 million head of cattle were merchandised and sold for a total of \$35.5 billion, he said.

His figures came from LMA's annual study of the "Volume and Value of Livestock Transactions."

"I cannot think of any other industry of comparable size daring to ignore the value and importance of such (a proposed order) to its own detriment, decline and eventual destruction," he said.

LMA is a Kansas City-based organization furnishing business services to over 1,300 livestock markets, dealers, and brokers in the U.S. and Canada. Sanders' testimony came during a hearing conducted by the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

AFBF says trucks may help ease fuel shortage

WASHINGTON, D.C. - The American Farm Bureau Federation has proposed immediate action to ease the increasingly critical diesel fuel situation.

Allan Grant, federation president, urged immediate action to increase the efficiency of fuel consumption by trucks, saying, this requires regulatory reform of trucking, a uniform 80,000 pound maximum weight on the Interstate Highway system and a uniform maximum truck-trailer length of 65 feet.

Three years ago, Congress authorized states to increase Interstate Highway weight limits to 80,000 pounds. The interstate system will accommodate vehicle combination lengths up to 65 feet, including two trailers.

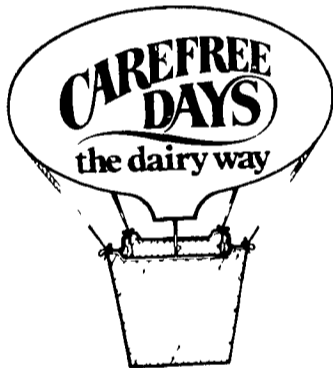
"Seven states up and down the Mississippi River and two states in the East block the movement of 80,000 pounds maximum weight trucks across the country, and this means using more fuel per pound of freight," Grant said.

Grant called on the Carter administration to issue an immediate order to provide for the uniform maximum weight and length and on Congress to pass legislation giving the Secretary of Transportation authority to

set such uniform maximum weights and lengths on a permanent basis.

A Department of Energy study shows these steps could save a quarter-billion gallons of fuel annually, Grant said, pointing out that this amounts to a savings of one-third in fuel consumption on the Interstate system.

"It is time for the president and Congress to come up with reasonable and workable programs," Grant said. "It does little good to assure necessary fuel for on-farm use unless we also are assured fuel for the transportation of production inputs to farms and ranches and for movement of the harvested crops to market."



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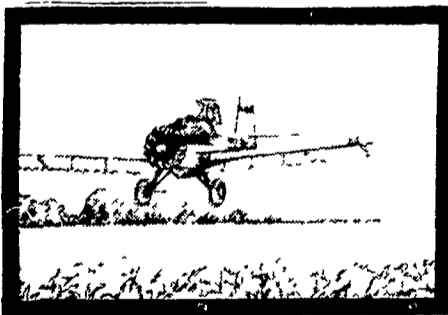
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