

Young farmer spokesman calls food America's wealth



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TOLEDO, Ohio — "Americans enjoy a bountiful supply of high quality food not only because of our rich land and climate, but also because of the latest advancements in agricultural research," said Doyle Waybright, Pennsylvania's Young Farmer Spokesman for Agriculture.

"Through research, experimentation and the desire to increase efficiency and productivity of farming, agribusinesses can provide the farmer with the resources necessary to economically produce high quality food and fiber," the Pennsylvania spokesman said.

Waybright, of Gettysburg, reminded his audience at the National Young Farmer Educational Institute, that farmers need modern tools to provide the world with the necessary supply of food.

"Fertilizers help farmers increase crop yield two fold. Supplementing the soil with these necessary plant nutrients not only increases the soil but also raises the nutritional value of the crop, improves the soil and helps reduce erosion."

Waybright points out that "pesticides have become increasingly important ... with the use of them you

insure a very successful crop and without them there can be a complete loss."

Waybright said the USDA estimates without pesticides 70 percent of the crops would not be grown successfully. If all farmers were to raise only 'organic' food, many of our fruits and vegetables would disappear from the market place.

The spokesman contest in which Waybright participated was developed to help consumers better understand the American Farmer and is sponsored by Elanco Product Company. The Spokesman contest was held during the National Young Farmer Educational Institute in Toledo.

Waybright said feed additives such as antibiotics, minerals and vitamins, "enable farmers to raise livestock in a healthy condition with the most rapid and efficient gains. Antibiotics used at sub-

therapeutic levels help control diseases that could lessen animal product output."

Waybright calls food, America's Wealth.

He reminded his audience that even the super powers of the world depend on

American agriculture to help feed their people.

A 1971 graduate of Gettysburg High School, Waybright manages a 600 cow dairy herd. He is the 1980 president of his local Young Farmer chapter.

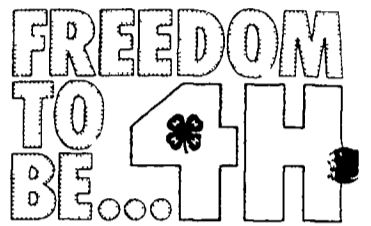
Sifting stitchers make funnel cakes

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — At the last meeting of the Sifting Stitchers 4-H Club, members made funnel cakes for the October-Fest at the Delaware Township School.

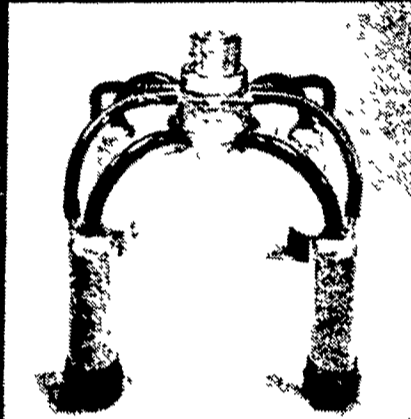
Members took part in helping to clean up the stream around the Delaware Township covered bridge.

The club participated in the Holiday Workshop on November 30, baked goods were made and sold.

The club members are planning a Christmas Tea at their next meeting, reported Heather Willever, club reporter.



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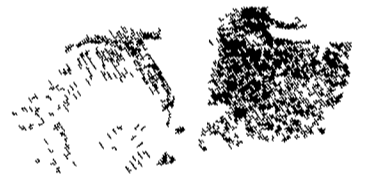
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