

## Mail order FFA band presents 42nd concert

HARRISBURG — In this era of folk, rock and other varieties of music, a "mail order band" is expected to steal the musical show this week during the 64th Pennsylvania Farm Show.

This year marked the 42nd consecutive appearances of the FFA Band at the Tuesday evening show in the large arena.

The FFA Band was formed in 1938 by Henry S. Brunner, a teacher of

vocational agriculture at Oley High School in Berks County. Brunner continued to direct the band for the next ten years.

With his increased workload as Head of the Department of Agriculture Education at the Pennsylvania State University and Director of the National FFA Band, he turned his duties as director of the State FFA Band over to James W. Dunlop, former

director of the famous Penn State Blue Band in 1948. Dunlop directed the FFA Band for the next 27 years, until his untimely death in 1975.

Ned Deihl, director of the Penns State Blue Band, became director in 1976. Deihl is in his fifth year of dedicated service to helping farm youth develop and

present the two concerts on Tuesday evening in the Large Arena and Wednesday afternoon in the Forum of the State FFA Convention.

This year's band is composed of 44 boys and 25 girls, representing 25 counties and 38 FFA chapters in the commonwealth.

Harvey A. Smith, Penn-

sylvania Department of Education, is the chairperson and described the band as "mail order" from the manner in which it is organized each year.

Each applicant lists typical selections which they have played in their respective high school band. Some of the selections are "Festival Overture," "Russian Christmas

Music," Reid and Troike from Lieutenant Kije Suite."

Once the members of the FFA Band arrive in Harrisburg they follow a tight schedule of practice and discipline before a concert is ready to be performed.

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Mr. Paul Hoffman of Neffs, representing the Montgomery County 4-H Roast Beef Supper, purchased three steers belonging to county 4-H'ers at the recent Eastern Pennsylvania 4-H Beef Show & Sale in Allentown.

Handling the animals are (left to right): Jim Roth, Collegeville; Angela Bernotas, Schwenksville and Doug Rumberger of Collegeville. The Roast Beef Supper will be held January 26 from 3-8 P.M. at the North Mont. County Vo-Tech School near Lansdale and is open to the Public. For more information contact the 4-H Office at 277-0574.




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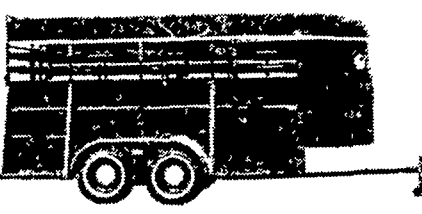
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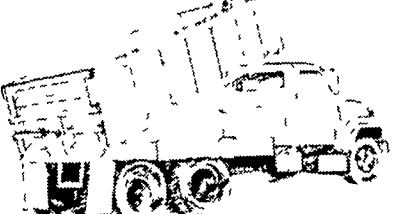
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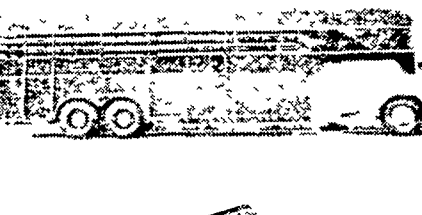
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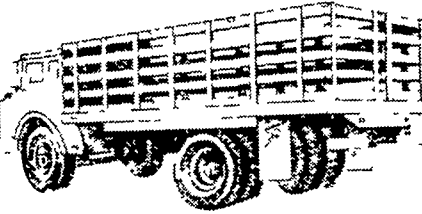
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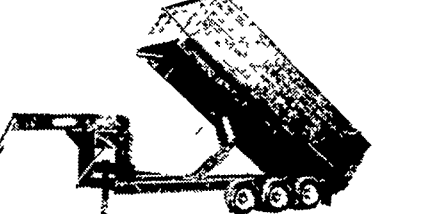
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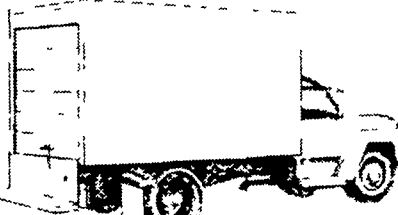


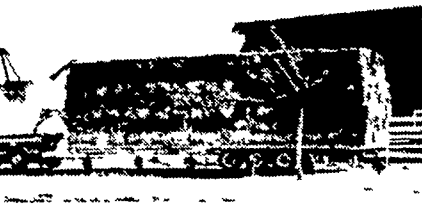
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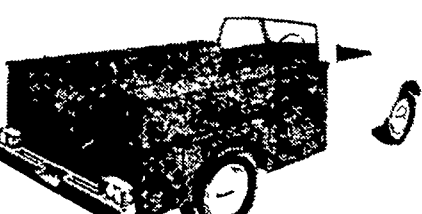



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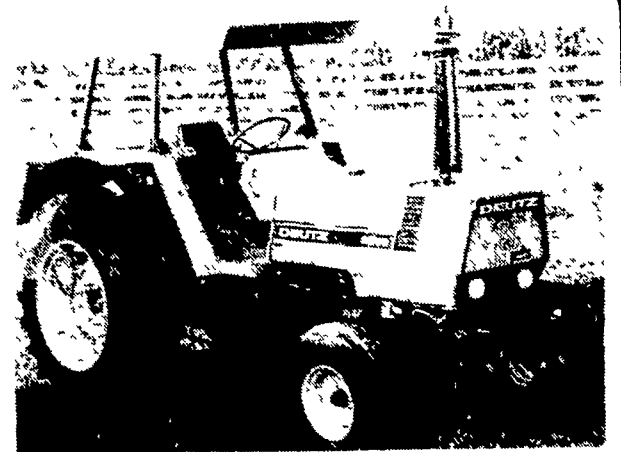






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