

## Larry Shrawder attends FFA State Presidents' Conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Larry Shrawder, President of the Pennsylvania Association of the Future Farmers of America was one of 100 State FFA Officers who met Thursday morning with President Jimmy Carter.

The meeting at the White House was a highlight of a week-long State FFA Presidents' Conference in the Nation's Capitol. The conference, sponsored by General Motors Corporation, through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., is designed to help new state officers lead more effectively by expanding their knowledge of the FFA and the Nation.

Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lee Shrawder of Kempton, Pa. He was elected President of the Pennsylvania FFA Association at the 1980 State Summer Convention at Penn State.

A breakfast with Congressmen preceded the White House visit. More than 100 Senators and Representatives or their assistants, attended to visit with the State Presidents about national issues.

Speaking at the breakfast, Secretary of the Department of Education Shirley M. Hufstader said, "It is always a pleasure to address the future-minded because, after all, the present becomes the future each and every day."

She said farming is "no longer the kind of 'independence' that it once



Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland on the left greets Larry Shrawder, President of the Pennsylvania FFA Association during the recent Future Farmers of America State Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C., sponsored by General Motors Corporation. The week-long conference is designed to give state officers a better knowledge of the FFA and national agricultural issues. Larry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. Lee Shrawder of Kempton.

was Every single one of us in every city in America absolutely depends upon the products of agriculture for our very survival."

Robert D. Lund, Vice President of General Motors and former Chairman of the National FFA Foundation Sponsoring Committee, spoke at the breakfast and said he had a name for the

product FFA members exhibit—"gumption."

"Despite the turmoil, despite the short term ups and downs that we face every day, I'm confident you ladies and you young gentlemen will find a way to conquer the challenges that are facing you because you're not only among the best and the brightest of young America, but more importantly I'm confident. If you apply those leadership abilities which you have in such abundance and you continue to accept the challenges of the times with the gumption that got you this far, then certainly the best years are still ahead."

Secretary of Agriculture Bob Bergland held a question and answer session

with the state officers Soviet grain embargo, crop health and energy for Tuesday They discussed the prices supports, livestock agriculture



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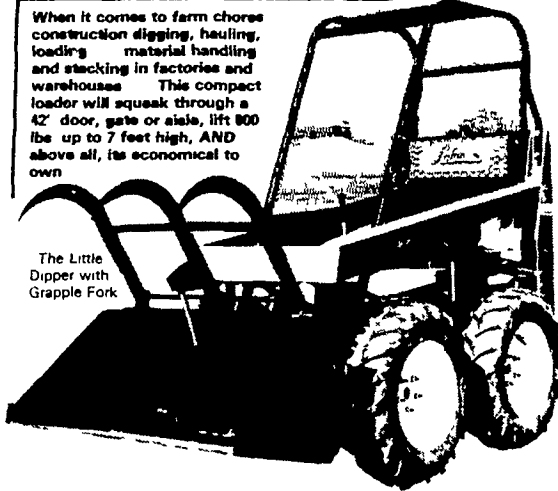
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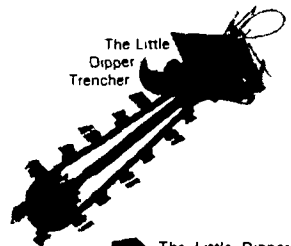
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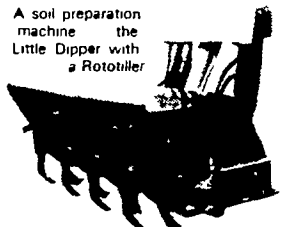
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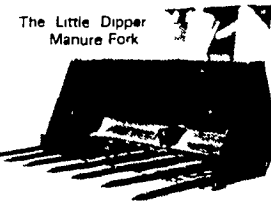
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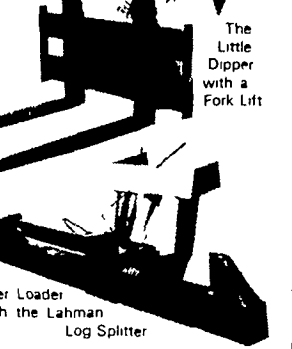
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