## Chapters receive BOAC awards

KANSAS CITY — Building Our American Communities Awards will be presented to 166 of America's over 8,000 chapters during the Thursday morning session of the FFA's 1980 National Convention. The BOAC program

is sponsored by R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., Winston-Salem, North Carolina, as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, and honors chapter efforts to make their communities better places to

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Fifty-one chapters with the most comprehensive community action programs will be presented National Gold Emblem Awards, the top award in the BOAC program. One hundred and fifteen FFA chapters will receive National Silver and Bronze Awards for their efforts in community development. During the Convention one of the fiftyone National Gold Emblem chapters will be selected to receive the National Citation for the best community improvement program in the nation.

The four regional winners were selected from among the fifty-one National Gold Emblem Chapters by a committee that met in Alexandria, Virginia, under the supervision of the National FFA Organization and in September a committee composed of Washington based government, educational and agriculture leaders, met to select the National Winner. winner will be announced at the National FFA Convention.

BOAC is an effort by the FFA to involve its members in activities to improve job opportunities and living conditions in their commumties. Through instruction in the vocational agriculture classroom and practical experience in FFA community action projects, the FFA is seeking to further develop practical skills through community development action.

To program is also designed to develop leadership ability of FFA members by encouraging them to take an active role in the community. In the classroom, FFA members learn the community development process, survey community needs and wants, identify high priority projects and seek to cooperate with other community groups and individuals.

Assisting in the effort are R.J. Revnolds Industries. of Winston-Salem. Inc., North Carolina, and the

Farmers Home Adminstration (FmHA) of the U.S. Department of Agriculture.

The FmHA is providing technical assistance in the form of aiding in the development of classroom materials on rural development.

Through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc., is providing awards and additional funds to develop program materials.

Several awards are available to chapters that participate. Each chapter named for a national award must earn awards at lower levels of competition to make them eligible for the national award.

At the state level, chapter BOAC programs are ranked Gold, Silver, or Bronze according to the merit of the activities carried out. State awards are presented at the State FFA Conventions. One of the state Gold Emblem Chapters is named as the state winner and receives the Governor's BOAC Citation. These chapters then compete for the four regional awards and the National Citation.

Some state winners are: PENNSYLVANIA

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Fredericksburg BRONZE EMBLEM
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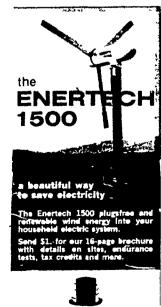
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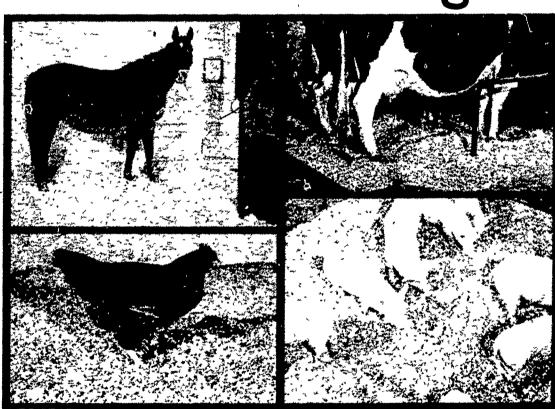
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