

Speaking contest marks 50th year

KANSAS City — The National FFA Public Speaking Contest will round out 50 years of developing communication skills in young men and women when the National Contest finals are held at the National FFA Convention, November 12-14. The first National Contest,

held in 1930, broadcast over the CBS Radio Network, was won by Edward Drace of Keytesville, Missouri. This year, Drace will return to Kansas City and join over 20,000 FFA members and guests to hear four finalists compete in Prepared Public Speaking finals on Wed-

nesday. The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, begun in 1979, in which contestants draw a topic and have only 30 minutes to prepare their speech, will be held on Wednesday afternoon.

Since 1930, thousands of FFA members have stepped up to the podium to express their views on timely agricultural subjects. In the thirties, topics that dealt with "farm tax equalization" and "the debenture clause" were presented at local, state and national competition. In contrast, 1979 National Winner Lynette Marshall spoke on the nitrate ban and its effects on the meat industry.

The Extemporaneous Speaking Contest seeks to encourage FFA members to become well-versed in a variety of agricultural topics and have the ability "to think on one's feet".

The winner of both National Contests will receive \$300. Other awards

are \$275 for second, \$250 for third and \$225 for fourth place. Awards for the Extemporaneous Contest are sponsored by the American

Farm Bureau Federation, while the Prepared Speaking Contest is sponsored through the National FFA Foundation General Fund.

Scoring for both contests will be done on the basis of speech delivery, content and answers to questions.

Sheep management school begins

DALLASTOWN — York County's sheep and wool producers held their first session of a management school Tuesday evening at the 4-H Center. Speaker for the evening was William Lee of East Berlin, who related his impressions of the Pipestone Sheep Conference.

Two additional evening sessions are planned at the Center. On November 6 at 7:30 p.m., Lawrence Hutchinson and John Baylor of Penn State will give presentations on health care and sheep pastures.

Dr. Clair Engle, also of the University, is scheduled for a ewe and lamb care workshop and question and

answer session on November 25.

The Sheep and Wool Producers Association opened their yearly program of meetings on October 11 with a field day at the Greg Lau home, Dallastown R1. Lau spoke on the family's purebred Oxford flock and Steve Ebersole demonstrated crotching-out shearing techniques as well as other aspects of winter flock management.

Long range plans for the wool producers organization include a May field day and sale. Further information on the Sheep and Wool Producers Association is available through Tony Dobrosky, York County extension livestock agent.

National lime use increases

FAIRFAX, Va. — The National Limestone Institute's survey of Aglime use by state in 1979 shows that the tonnage increased by more than a quarter of a million tons above 1978 usage.

The 30,979,219 tons used in 1979 is the fourth highest in the Nation's history and is the eighth time that application of this important mineral product has exceeded 30 million tons. The peak was reached in 1976 at 38.1 million and the only others higher than 1979 were 31.4 million in 1977 and 31.3 million tons in 1975.

In 1978, 30.7 million tons were applied, so 1979 marks the fifth consecutive year that over 30 million tons were used.

Pennsylvania's 1980 use was up 10,000 tons, but still seen as two million tons short of needs.

During the previous decade, the tonnage varied from a low of 22.1 million tons in 1973 to a high of 30.5 million tons in 1968. The drop in 1973 was due to Secretary of Agriculture Earl Butz withholding the funds appropriated by the Congress for the Agricultural Conservation Program. The only time the tonnage has dropped below 20 million tons since 1944 was in 1954 when funds for the ACP were cut from \$250 million to \$195 million and new restrictions were included in the U.S.D.A. regulations to restrict payments for Aglime applications.

It is interesting to note that in 1947 the Conservation Program accounted for 29.3 million out of the 30.3 million tons applied that year.

The diminishing influence of the program on Aglime usage and the fact that over 30 million tons have been used each year of the last five years is an indication that farmers are realizing the essentiality of using aglime returns and reduce rates of application of high cost fertilizers.

However, the nation's State Agricultural Colleges, the Extension Service, Industry and others who work with farmers must bear in mind that farmers are still using less than one-third the needed application of aglime each year.

State to run apple recipe contest

HARRISBURG — With apple pickin' at its best, cooks and chefs are whip-

ping up their favorite apple recipes. Now you can share your recipes and win cash prizes, too.

The 1980 Pennsylvania Apple Recipe Contest will be held February 3, 1981 at the Hershey Convention Center in Hershey. First prize is \$200; second prize, \$150; third prize, \$100; fourth prize, \$75; and \$50 to the six runners-up.

Pennsylvania apple cider, apple juice, or applesauce must be an ingredient in each recipe. The recipe must be easy to prepare and economical. Judging will be based on simplicity as well as appeal, taste and appearance.

Pennsylvania residents

should submit their name, address, phone number, recipe name and recipe to: Apple Products Recipes Contest, Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board, Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture, 2301 North Cameron Street, Harrisburg, PA 17110.

The recipe should include all ingredients, the quantity of each ingredient and step-by-step mixing and cooking instructions. Entries must be postmarked no later than December 31, 1980. Only one recipe will be accepted from each contestant.

Ten finalists, selected from the submitted entries will appear at the Hershey Convention Center on February 3, 1981 with their

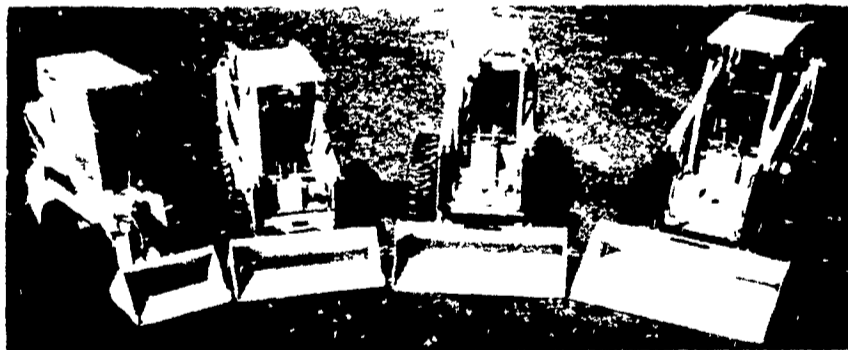
completed, prepared recipes for final judging. The judging will be held during the annual meeting of the State Horticultural Association.

The top 10 finalists will be reimbursed for roundtrip mileage, and will be treated to a complimentary luncheon.

All recipes become the property of the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board for such publicity and other purposes as desired.

The 1980 Pennsylvania Apple Recipe Contest is sponsored by the Pennsylvania Apple Marketing Board in cooperation with the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

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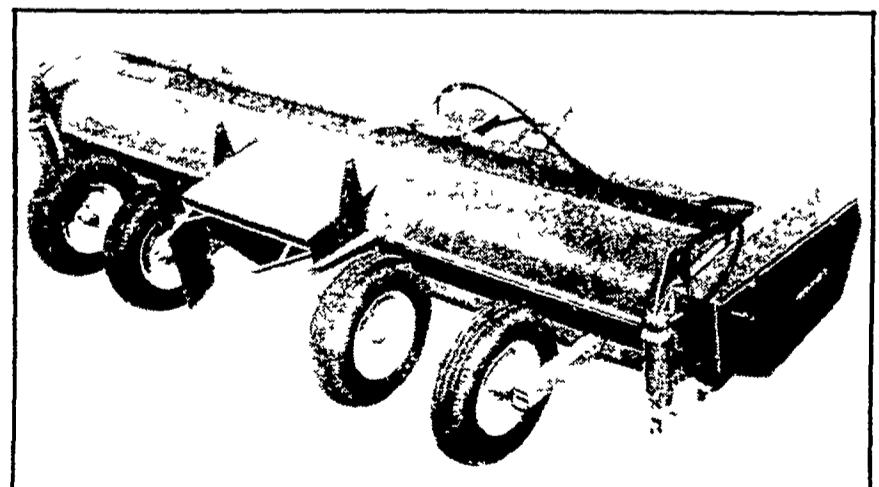
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