

## FFA tradition

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chapter presidency or the Keystone Degree, the program continually provides something to work toward

"And when you move out of the program, you do the same

"You set new goals and you work toward them."

Brother Larry cites the leadership qualities which can be developed through FFA activities

"From chapter activities through specialized events as the Washington Conference, there are plenty of opportunities to develop leadership through the program," he said.

The goal setting and leadership development obviously have helped all of the Wengers as they have moved into various assignments in the family businesses, which include one of the most extensive used farm equipment and parts outlets in the country.

Besides the brothers, three sisters, Nancy, Carol and also work in the business

The family supports the FFA program in several ways

In addition to financial support of the National FFA Foundation, the family aids the county program, such as supplying the medals for the project book contest for the past 20 years

Thus while one phase of the Wengers' FFA involvement is coming to an end, their association with the program will continue

Besides their support, there are the goals of Dave and then Glenn to achieve their American Degrees.

And then too, there very likely eventually will be a third generation of participation and involvement

But the Wengers will need to wait a few years for that until the kindergarten-age sons of Lloyd and Larry become eligible



Glenn, left, and Larry Wenger, behind parts counter of farm equipment business in Myerstown, are representatives of area family deeply involved in FFA.

## Soil fertility program to be held Tuesday

EAST EARL — The Eastern Lancaster County Adult Farmer Programs will sponsor a meeting on manure and soil fertility problems on Tuesday evening, February 24, 1981, at 7:30 p.m. at the Union Grove School

Featured speaker will be Ray Shipp, extension agronomist from Penn State. He will discuss fertility problems associated with excessive nutrient buildup from too much manure and/or fertilizer and how such problems can be identified and overcome

He will also discuss new liming recommendations based on Penn

State's new soil testing procedures. Use of micro-nutrients will be examined

Adult Farmer instructors Robert Anderson and Donald Robinson recently completed a study that shows the average amount of manure applied per acre in Lancaster County is 16.8 tons.

The total nutrients per acre available from all the manure produced in the county divided by the crop acres in the county gives an average nutrient application before any commercial fertilizer is added of 146 pounds of nitrogen, 138 pounds of

phosphorus, and 151 pounds of potassium

This is the county average—some smaller farms with high livestock and poultry concentrations may be even higher. Serious micro-nutrient imbalances can occur from such situations.

Many farmers with an excess of manure are looking for markets for their manure and a fair pricing procedure. The marketing of manure will also be discussed at the meeting

All interested persons are invited. The Union Grove school is located near Terre Hill on route 625, 2 miles north of Route 23. For additional information contact Donald Robinson or Robert Anderson at 215/445-5041

## Potato stocks slip slightly

HARRISBURG — Total stocks of potatoes stored in Pennsylvania on February 1, 1981 were 1,700,000 hundredweight, 28 percent less than a year ago, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service

Current stocks are 41 percent of this year's production of 4,180,000 cwt compared with 39 percent on hand a year ago

U.S. potato stocks on February 1 were estimated at 118 million cwt in the 15 major fall states, 20 percent below last year and 27 percent below February 1, 1979. In the 11 major states, 77 percent of total stocks on hand were Russets, 20 percent Whites, and three percent Reds

Disappearance to February 1, 1981 in the 15 major fall states totaled 135 million cwt, one percent below the same period a year ago. Total disappearance to date includes 17.9 million cwt. of potatoes that were dumped during grading, fed to livestock on potato farms, discarded without grading, and loss due to shrinkage

Disappearance during the month of January totaled 25.5 million cwt compared with 28.1 million cwt last year

The quantity of potatoes processed by February 1, 1981 in the seven major states totaled 50.3 cwt, four percent below the same period a year ago

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