

200 gather for vo-ag teacher institute

UNIVERSITY PARK — More than 200 teachers, educators, spouses and guests attended the three-day Professional-Technical Educational Institute for vocational agricultural teachers at Penn State last week. The institute was sponsored by the Bureau of Vocational Education, the Pennsylvania Department of Education

in cooperation with the Department of Agricultural Education, the Pennsylvania State University and the Pennsylvania Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association.

The honorable Samuel E. Hayes Jr., majority leader, the House of Representatives, opened the In-

stitute by addressing the assembly

"Vocational agriculture started as agriculture production, which includes tilling of the soil, agricultural mechanics, animal science, and horticulture. This is what vocational agriculture is all about," stated Rep. Hayes, as he challenged the agriculture teachers and fielded questions from the audience.

Teachers participated in workshops to sharpen their skills and be updated on changing methods and techniques in chainsaws, sheep judging and carcass evaluation, dairy judging, diesel tractor maintenance, agronomic crops, horticulture and dairy foods. University staff and commercial company representatives joined in running the sessions.

The annual Pennsylvania Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association's award banquet was highlighted by the following presentations:

Outstanding young teacher; George Hamilton; Honorary Life Membership in the PVATA to Elvin Hess and William Clendenon, who retired after teaching

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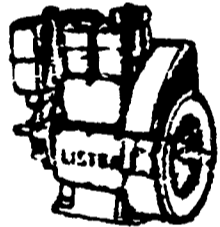
Gene M. Love, right, Associate Dean of the College of Agriculture at Penn State, is presented special appreciation award by Bruce Lemmon, of Cumberland Valley, president of PVATA. Love was honored for "outstanding service to the teachers of vocational agricultural in Pennsylvania."



William Clendenon, left, and Elvin Hess, veteran vo-ag teachers who retired, received Honorary Life Memberships in the Pennsylvania Vocational Agricultural Teachers Associations.

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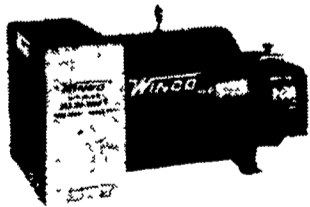
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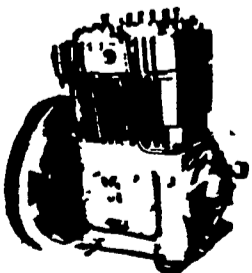
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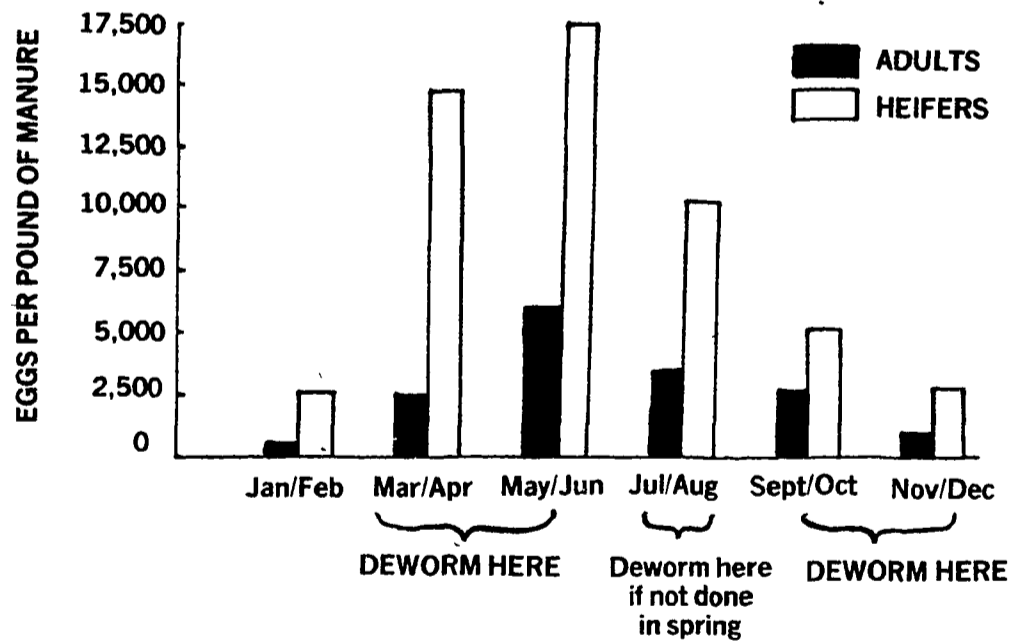
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