

FFA state officers see Reagan at talks

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Two area Future Farmers of America, who are currently serving as state officers, were among state officers from throughout the country who received a surprise visit from President Reagan on Thursday, July 30

The two local state officers were Doug Hershberger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hershberger, of Quarryville, Lancaster County, who is president of the Pennsylvania FFA Association; and Glenn T. Wenger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl T. Wenger, of Myer-

stown, Lebanon County, who is state vice-president. President Reagan greeted the group of officers after Vice President George Bush spoke to the FFA leaders in special ceremonies in the White House Rose Garden.

You're going to have greater opportunities, you're going to see more, you're going to know more, you're going to be able to live longer and be healthier. There isn't anything we can't do if we set our minds to it," Reagan said.

Vice President Bush told the FFA members, "I think your spirit, your dedication to free enterprise, your values and your belief in God and in country are the best antidote that we have to an excessive cynicism that this country has endured over the past few years."

In welcoming the group, Secretary of Education Terrel Bell

said the FFA helps solve the nation's biggest educational problem—motivation.

The White House meeting was a highlight of the week-long FFA State Presidents' Conference. The conference, sponsored by General Motors Corporation through the National FFA Foundation, Inc., helps state officers lead more effectively by understanding the FFA and America's free enterprise system.

The FFA officers hosted a Congressional Breakfast to thank Senators and Representatives for

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U.S. Secretary of Agriculture John Block and the Pennsylvania Association of Future Farmers of America, during the FFA State Morris greet Doug Hershberger, President of Presidents' Conference in Washington, D.C.

David Wenger

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Approximately 85 percent of the Wenger business involves the selling of used tractors and farm machinery and is one of the largest used equipment dealerships in the East.

"In order to maintain an impressive inventory of saleable items, we must attend many farm sales and dealer auctions on a regular basis," Wenger said.

"This was always my father's job in the business."

In 1979, due to health reasons, his father decided to train someone in the company as his replacement, and Wenger was named to the position. Since January, 1980, he has served as the major equipment buyer for the firm.

Gerald Strickler, Wenger's vo-ag instructor at Elco High School, feels that Wenger is a very conscientious person who is forever trying to do his best to satisfy his

already large and growing list of customers.

"He is rapidly acquiring the ability of being able to spot a piece of quality equipment at the various sales in his travels," Strickler said.

"He needs this skill if he is to bring in a return for the family business, while at the same time being able to satisfy his customers."

About 80 percent of the time, Wenger travels to areas of the southern or midwestern sections of the country in a moment's notice for an important equipment auction. He constantly utilizes air travel to get from sale to sale.

Wenger's future occupational goals involve the continuous purchasing of new and used equipment for the family business.

Wenger has been active in the Elco FFA chapter and served as chapter secretary and president

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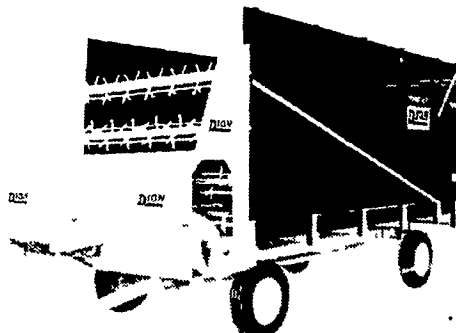
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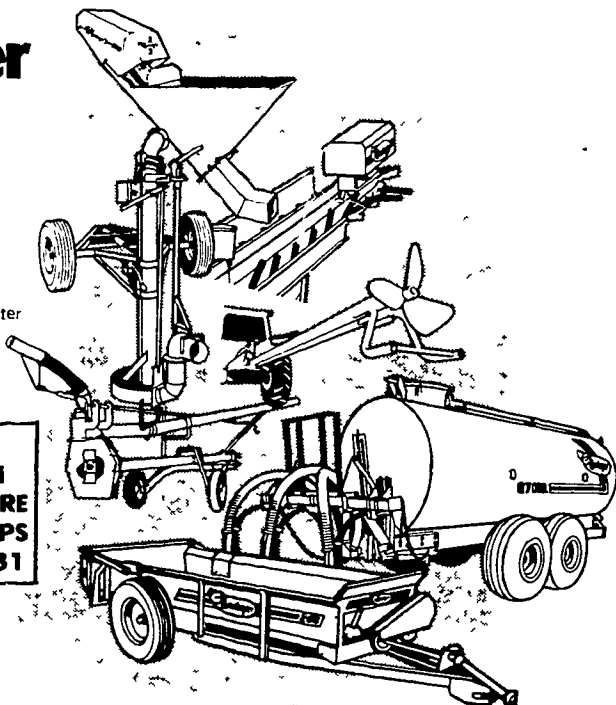
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