

Reporter gives views on first national convention

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On Tuesday, Nov. 10, we saw both Abraham Lincoln's home and that of Mark Twain. It was really interesting to be able to see the homes of two such famous Americans all on the same day.

From there, we drove to Kingston, Mo. and stayed overnight at the farm of John Campbell, who graduated in the vo-ag program at New Holland in 1964. He moved to Missouri in 1972.

The boys slept in the farm's machine shed and the girls in the van.

John grows corn, soybeans and milo for cash crops. We saw the large-grain bins on the farm for storage until the market is best for selling.

The land looked about the same as northern Pennsylvania with a lot of terraces and the fields are large and contoured.

We finally arrived at the Convention Center about 2 in the afternoon and registered.

Our first event was touring the National Agriculture Show and

seeing the many displays by seed companies, milk companies and breeding associations.

On Wednesday evening, we attended the Vesper Service, which had as its topic "Signs of Lite."

Thursday morning, November 12, we returned to the Convention Center very early in order to get good seats for the speech by Col. David Roeder.

After his talk, freedom had a new meaning for me.

Our chapter then headed for the Truman Library. We saw such things as two of his cars and many posters, buttons and stickers from his presidential campaign.

On Thursday evening, we were all impressed with the "Stars Over America" pageant, in which the Star Farmer and Star Agribusinessman are honored from the ranks of the American Farmers.

We all watched for the Eastern Regional Star Agribusinessman David Wenger, of Myerstown, who



Mark Weber, second from left in front row, sits with fellow members of Grassland Chapter, Garden Spot High School, New Holland at one of general sessions of the 54th

Annual National FFA Convention in Kansas City. Mark serves as reporter for the Grassland Chapter.

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lives the closest to us back home.

On Friday, Nov. 13, the speech by Dr. Peale was the most impressive. That evening we didn't attend the convention session, but everyone from our chapter went out for something to eat.

After John Nabor's speech on Saturday morning, we attended the rodeo and returned to the convention center for the planned activities.

Another speech I recall was that of Mark Herndon, who was retiring as FFA president. He told us how his family supported him during

his travels and his public speaking engagements.

Then, we moved on to David Kulp's home, an uncle of one of our chapter members. We stayed there overnight.

After one final visit to the archway in St. Louis, we headed back home, returning Monday evening, Nov. 16.

It was a trip I won't forget. But particularly those six words:

"Never, never, never, never give up."

I'll keep them in mind always as I continue in FFA and in farming.

FFA holds trap shoot

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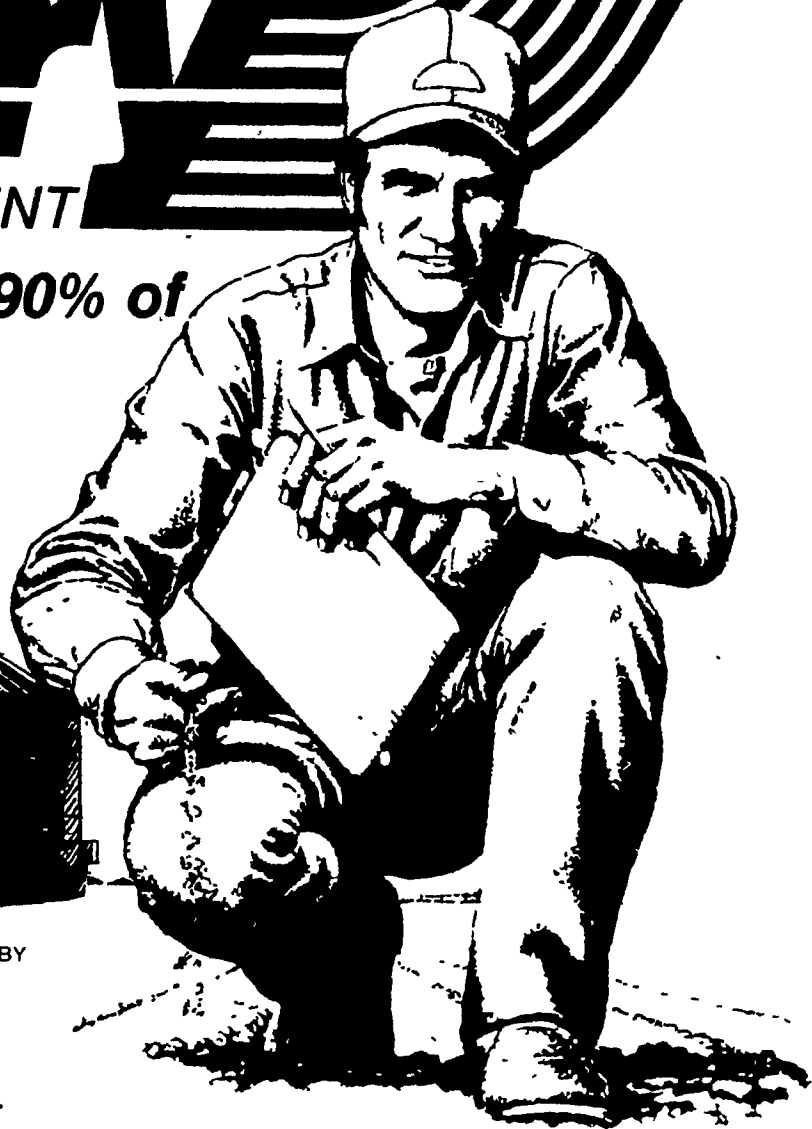


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