



Diane Waltermire

Diane Waltermire earns 4-H award

UNIVERSITY PARK — Diane Waltermire, 16, of R1, Rockwood, was named state food preservation contest winner recently in the 1982 4-H Awards Program.

She will receive an expense-paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago.

Support of the food preservation project is provided by Kerr Glass Manufacturing Corporation.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. Ben Waltermire, Diane will be a senior this fall at Rockwood Area

High School. She has been a 4-H member for 9 years.

A member of the Laurel Hill 4-H Club, High Ridge 4-H Club, and Somerset County 4-H Council, she has served as vice president, recreation leader, news reporter, and junior leader in clothing, foods, and food preservation projects.

Diane has completed 4-H projects in dairy foods, indoor gardening, leadership, livestock, veterinary science, vegetable

gardening, and food preservation.

Locally, she participated in poster contests, public speaking competition, county fairs, and fashion revues.

Diane also took part in regional fashion revues, regional and state demonstrations, and state judging teams.

Commenting on the values of the educational youth program, the Somerset County winner said: "4-H has helped me learn how to make decisions and how to keep commitments."

China-U.S. soybean

symposium

WASHINGTON, D.C.

— An 11-member Chinese delegation will present technical papers and exchange information on soybean cultivation with U.S. soybean experts at a symposium sponsored by the U.S. Department of Agriculture at the University of Illinois, Urbana-Champaign, next week.

The symposium is designed to develop a better understanding of soybean genetics, breeding, biology, crop production and processing in both countries, according to Joan S. Wallace, administrator of USDA's Office of International Cooperation and Development.

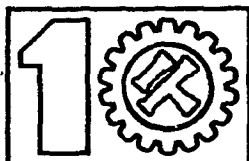
"One of the major objectives," she said, "will be to develop mutually-beneficial, cooperative scientific programs between U.S. and Chinese soybean scientists."

A follow-up symposium is scheduled to take place in China in 1983 with the Chinese as hosts, Wallace said.

China is the native home of the soybean and has an abundance of virtually untapped germplasm pools that can be used to improve soybean productivity and resistance to disease, Wallace said. Farmers in the United States planted some 68 million acres of soybeans in 1981 which produced about 2.03 billion bushels. About one-half of the production was exported to foreign countries, Wallace said.

We expect farm and agribusiness leaders from throughout the midwest to take part in the symposium. Several Chinese soybean specialists currently studying in the United States will also participate.

The Chinese delegation will arrive in the United States today. The Chinese scientists will participate in 10 days of workshops following the symposium, attend the American Soybean Association meeting in Minneapolis Aug. 6-9, and make selected visits to private agricultural businesses, research facilities and farms prior to departure from New York Aug. 12.



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