Lower Dauphin delegates



Members of the Lower Dauphin Chapter delegation to the National FFA Convention include, front row from the left, Brian Hoerner, Dean Zeager, Cindy Baker and Dawn Smith; back row from the left, Richard Savidge, chaperone, Ed Barrick, Rodney Stuber, Tim Bennett and Lee Savidge, advisor.

Forage meeting on Dec. 9

NEWARK, Del. — Forage production is starting to gain the respect it deserves. "There's an art to producing good quality forage, and the same is true for storing and using it to best ad-vantage," says University of Delaware extension agent Dean Belt. "Forages offer so many variations in a livestock producer's program. And with new varieties coming out, plus some of the good ones from the past, today's forage programs can be more flexible than ever."

To provide more information on forages for farmers, the advisory board of the proposed Maryland-Delaware Forage Council will hold a winter forage meeting Friday, Dec. 9, at the Hartly Fire Hall in Hartly, Del. The event is being planned in cooperation with Delaware State College, the universities of Delaware and Maryland, and area agribusiness firms.

Exhibits will open at 9 a.m. The educational program will start at 10 and end at 2:30 p.m. The fire hall will sell a buffet lunch at noon. Advance reservations can be made for \$6 through county extension

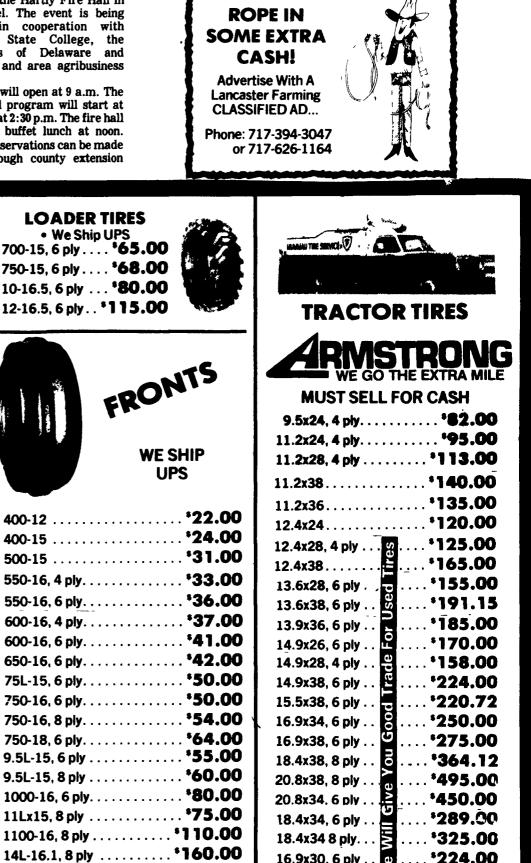
agents in both states. Registration at the door will cost \$7. Topics to be covered will in-

clude: nitrate poisoning, safe forage handling, big bale silage, and producing and marketing high quality hay.

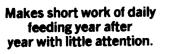
According to Belt, another purpose of the meeting is to discuss formal organization of a Maryland-Delaware forage council. "Dr. Edward Jones from Delaware State College and Dr. Lester Vough from the University of Maryland have been particularly active in stimulating interest in the forage area," he says. "They have pulled together interested farmers agribusiness

people and other university staff to help develop plans for the organization. Such a council could go far in developing programs to help farmers. The group has already put together two fine summer field day programs."

Belt says the Hartly meeting should provide valuable information for anyone who produces forage. Reservations can be placed through local county extension offices, or by writing: Dean Belt, Room 034 Townsend Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19717-1303. Make checks payable to the Maryland-Delaware Forage Council.







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