

Grassland FFA to mark 25th year

NEW HOLLAND — On Friday, March 9, the 25th annual Parent-Member Banquet of the Grassland FFA Chapter will be held in the Blue Ball and New Holland Fire Halls with a program immediately following in the auditorium of the Garden Spot High School. A special commemorative program is being planned to mark this event.

All former members of the Grassland FFA, which was organized in September of 1959, when the new Garden Spot High School was opened in New Holland, are invited to attend. Over the past twenty-five years the chapter has

grown from the first group of seventeen charter members in the ninth and tenth grade to more than 700 that are involved today in the many related Garden Spot Vocational Agricultural programs.

Grassland FFA members should contact Clifford Day or Dr. Robert D. Herr at the Garden Spot High School for more information and to purchase tickets. Other interested members of the community are also invited to attend this event. Tickets are \$6.00 and they must be purchased by Feb. 21, to reserve space at the banquets. The public is invited to the program in the auditorium of the Garden Spot

High School which will get under way at 8:45 PM.



Banquet set at Twin Valley

ELVERSON — On March 2 the Twin Valley chapter of the FFA will hold its 19th annual parent member banquet at the Twin Valley High School.

Each year all the chapter members and their parents gather to honor each member with special awards for their accomplishments throughout the past year. Among awards to be given are different foundation awards ranging from sheep production, to electrification, to flower arranging. The Keystone Farmers will receive a trophy. Two members

will also be honored as Star chapter Greenhand and Star chapter Farmer.

Special certificates and honorary membership will be given to those people in the community who have helped throughout the past few years. American Farmer Tom Kirk will receive a special plaque.

In attendance will be Carolyn Witmer, State FFA President, and Ron Martin, State FFA Vice-President. Harvey Smith, area consultant, will also be in attendance.

FFA creed winners

ELVERSON — Recently, the Twin Valley FFA held its creed speaking contest. The contest is open to first year members in 9th and 10th grade only. The contestants must recite the FFA creed by memory using correct emphasis on certain words.

The winners will move on to the county contest, in which contestants must again recite the creed before 3 judges. They are judged on appearance, ability to answer oral questions, and the way they say the creed. The oral questions are based on the content of the creed.

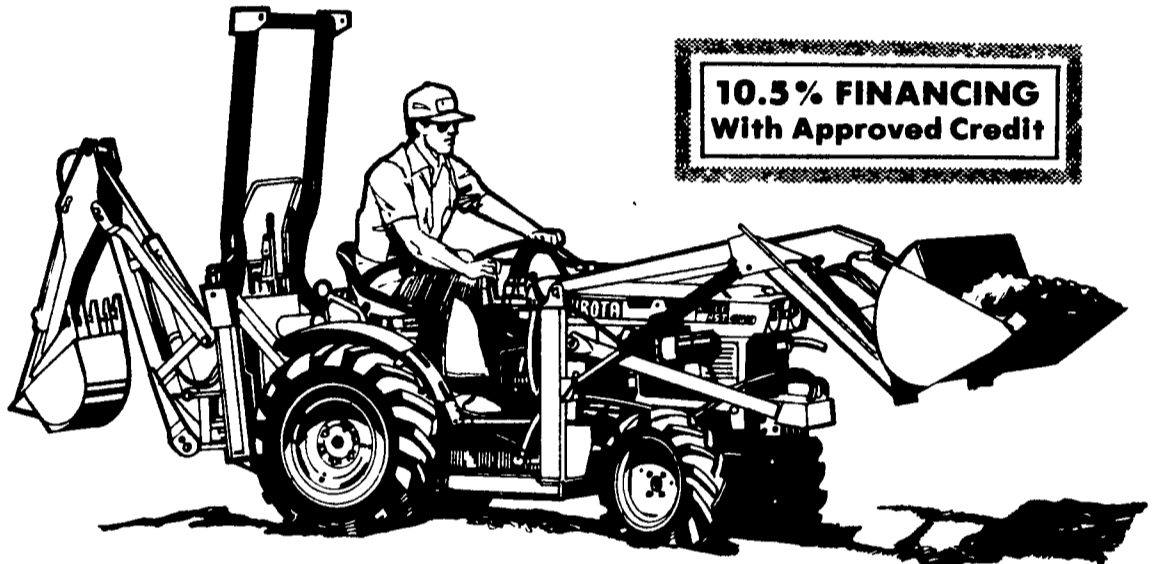
Members from Twin Valley placing in the contest are Lori Ortiz, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Winn, Elverson, first and will receive an FFA jacket. Lori will not be able to go on to county because she is in 11th grade. Sam Petersheim, of Elverson, placed second. Ann Kline daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Kline, of Birdsboro, placed third. Both will move on to the county contest.

Twin Valley plans FFA Week

ELVERSON — The Twin Valley FFA Chapter, along with over 8,300 other FFA chapters across the nation, will celebrate National FFA Week, Feb. 18-25. During this week the Twin Valley FFA is planning to conduct many activities in recognition of this years theme, "Keeping America On The Grow." Agriculture Education and FFA place an emphasis on learning by doing.

This year, the Twin Valley chapter is planning to do radio programs for WCOJ, which lets people know the different opportunities that Vocational Agriculture and the FFA offers. Members are also going to be holding an open house. That will give the public a chance to see first hand how the FFA works and some of their accomplishments.

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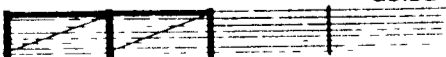
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