

Vo-Tech ag council meets

ALEXANDRIA, Va. — Professionals from agricultural industry and vocational/technical education have joined forces to provide national leadership and direction for the total vocational instructional program at secondary and postsecondary schools across America.

The National Council for Vocational and Technical Education in Agriculture held their first meeting April 9-11 to adopt bylaws, elect officers and an executive committee, discuss funding and identify priorities for action in vocational and technical education.

During the two-day meeting held at the Farmland Training School in Kansas City, Missouri, the council moved to set priorities for action in: integrating new technology into vocational and technical agricultural curriculums; collecting data on the manpower demands for agribusiness occupations and developing a

national commission on vocational and technical education in agriculture.

The council is the end product of nearly two years of work by the Ad-Hoc Steering Committee for National Leadership, sponsored as a special project of the National FFA Foundation by Farmland Industries, Inc. Financial support for the council will come from Farmland Industries, Inc., the National FFA Foundation and member organizations.

The council made up of representatives from the U.S. Department of Education; American Vocational Association (AVA); National Vocational Agriculture Teachers' Association (NVATA); National Young Farmer Education Association (NYFEA); National Association of Supervisors of Agricultural Education (NASAE); American Association of Teacher Educators in Agriculture (AATEA); the

related Vocational Student Organizations; the National FFA Foundation and FFA Alumni, has brought together the entire vocational and technical agricultural education profession along with agribusiness and industry to explore ways of improving educational instruction by investigating the needs of agriculture and the competencies it demands of its work force.

LEBANON — On April 17, Cedar Crest FFA members traveled to the Berks county Intermediate Unit where they participated in the Area Soil Conservation Speech Contest, Parliamentary Procedure and Creed Contests.

The Soil Conservation speaking contest consists of a six to eight minute memorized speech dealing with soil conservation. Darin Nissley and Brian Boyer par-

ticipated in this contest finishing 5th and 6th respectively.

The Creed Contest involves reciting the FFA creed. Lorinda Zuck finished second for Cedar Crest.

The Parliamentary Procedure Contest consists of eight members who demonstrate parliamentary procedure in an FFA meeting. The Cedar Crest team finished in first place.

FFA teams compete for honors

ANNVILLE — Teams from Lebanon, Berks and Schuylkill Counties participated in area FFA contests on April 17.

In a hard-fought Parliamentary

Procedure contest, the Little Dutchmen Team placed second. Other participating teams were Cedar Crest, first, Twin Valley, third; and Conrad Weiser, fourth.

The Little Dutchmen chapter also participated in three speaking contests. Troy Moyer placed fifth in the Extemporaneous Speaking Contest, and Dale Balmer placed fifth in the Public Speaking Contest.

In the FFA Creed Speaking Contest, Sue Elliott placed first. Sue, along with the Parliamentary Procedure, continued onto the Regional contest on May 3.



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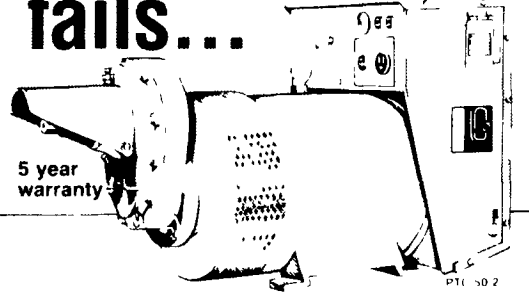
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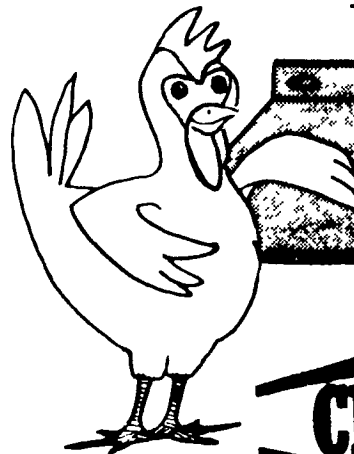
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