

BUSINESS NEWS...

Fire Damages N. Carolina Hog Equipment Company

NEWTON GROVE, N.C. — Hog Slat, Inc., a North Carolina-based producer and distributor of hog production equipment was recently hit by a major fire June 21, 1986. The company's concrete plant and offices suffered extensive damage although Hog Slat's steel plant close by was unaffected by the blaze.

"Any fire is a severe blow to a company," said Gary Duncan, marketing manager for Hog Slat, and Hog Slat will be no exception. The concrete production plant and our company's main offices suffered in excess of \$700,000 in damages. Fortunately, personnel at the site at the time of the blaze saved a major portion of the company's records. We're just grateful that no one was seriously injured in the blaze. We also plan to be back into full production of our concrete products in 30 days or

less."

Duncan also said that the blaze knocked out the company's toll-free Watts line and urged any Hog Slat customers with questions or those with products ordered from the company to call Hog Slat's regular North Carolina number which is still in service.

Hog Slat, Inc. has recently opened a manufacturing and distribution facility in Plains, Kansas for their concrete slat products. Some shipment and production from this new plant will help the firm serve their customers with minimum delay or inconvenience.

Those with questions about Hog Slat's ordering and delivery schedule for the next 30 days can write or call: Hog Slat, Inc., PO Box 308, Newton Grove, NC 28366, or call (919) 594-0219 for further information.

White Oak Mills Names Two to Management Positions

ELIZABETHTOWN — Responding to continuing growth in the sales of feeds for hog operations, White Oak Mills president John Wagner has announced two management changes.

John H. Chapman, 43, Elizabethtown R5, was named research and development director for swine programs. He continues as assistant director of sales and service.

Barry Geib, 23, Manheim R4, was appointed to sales and service representative for White Oak's farrowing operations customers.

Chapman, a South Dakota native, is a graduate of the Navy's nuclear submarine program, and spent 10 years on active duty. Following his naval service, he spent five years as a systems engineer for a Maryland defense contractor. Then, for more than seven years, he was a partner in a 270-sow farrow-to-finish swine operation.

While he was in the Navy, Chapman attended Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., where he majored in business administration. He and his wife, Claudette, have two grown children, Elizabeth, 21, and Christina, 19.

Barry L. Geib is a 1981 graduate



John Chapman



Barry Geib

of Manheim Central High School, where he was very active in vo-ag and Future Farmers of America (FFA) programs.

During his school career, Geib showed five beef and one hog champions at the annual Manheim Community Fair. He won the Pennsylvania FFA extemporaneous speaking title in 1981, and was state FFA treasurer from 1982-83. Nationally, he won the eastern regional FFA

proficiency award in sales and service in 1982, and was awarded the American Farmer Degree in 1984.

Currently he is region two vice-president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, and has served as president, secretary and public relations officer of the Manheim Young Farmers chapter.

Geib and his wife, Dawn, are members of Chiques Church of the Brethren.

Farm Credit Sponsors National 4-H Conference Participants

While the world sat and waited for news of the ordered bombing raids on Libya in May of this year, 442 teens from throughout the United States, Canada, Puerto Rico and American Samoa met in Washington, D.C. The purpose of this meeting had nothing to do with Qadhafi, however, but focused on the importance of growth: growth for themselves; growth for the new friends they met; and, ultimately, growth for their group — 4-H.

"The tone of this meeting was a very serious one," said David Antram, 18, representing Pennsylvania's Somerset County at the Washington Conference. "We had a good time while we were there, but we were also there to work." And work they did.

The conference ran from April 12 through 18, with a 33-page book the fruits of the week's labor. The book resulted from the work of more than 15 groups of the 4-H'ers and

dealt with such topics as the National 4-H Ambassador Program, Lifelong 4-H, Opportunities for Leadership, Opportunities for Youth, Youth Dilemmas of the Agriculture Crisis, and others. Working on a single topic, each group consisted of approximately 30 young people and an adult consultant. The assigned topic was discussed, recommendations made and conclusions drafted. It was this work that appeared in printed form at the end of the week.

"The Washington trip was a way for the leaders to get feedback from 4-H'ers for suggestions to improve 4-H locally, statewide and nationally," Antram continued. "It is a means that the United States Department of Agriculture and other groups get to read and consider our recommendations. In this way, the leaders actually get to hear from the little people."

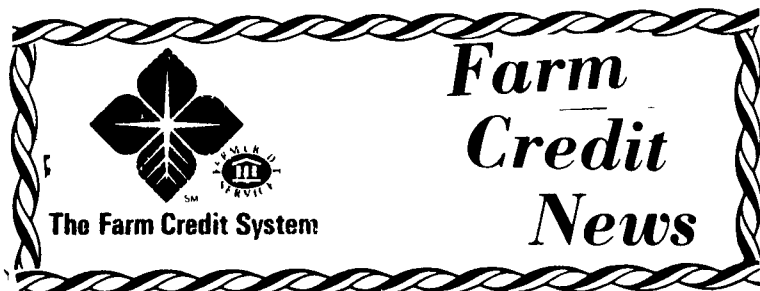
Seven 4-H members represented Pennsylvania in the week-long conference held at the 4-H center on Connecticut Avenue. In addition to the seven youth consultants, two adult chaperones accompanied the group.

The Washington trip was made possible by funds donated by a joint effort of Pennsylvania Farm Credit Service, the Farm Credit Banks of Baltimore, the Pennsylvania Friends of 4-H and the County Extension Service.

The Pennsylvania Farm Credit Service also is involved through their support and encouragement with the statewide 4-H in other activities. Two personal involvements in 4-H include: Carol Mercner from the West Chester office of Southeast Farm Credit serves on the board of directors of the Friends of 4-H, and Laurie Thomas from Butler Farm Credit helped with the judging of the 4-H record keeping contest that was held in April. The results of this contest in turn help in the selection of the 4-H representatives chosen for the annual National 4-H Congress scheduled for December in Chicago.

Some of the seven Pennsylvania representatives at the Washington Conference have attended the National Congress. Along with Antram, Brett Reyburn from Center County was selected in 1984. The 1985 National Congress representatives were Margee Wolfe from Westmoreland County and Ann Grumbine from Lebanon County. All four of these youths were selected for the Washington Conference this year. The other three Pennsylvania 4-H'ers attending the conference in the Nation's Capital were Pam Ross from Indiana County; Kirk Fisher from Berks County and Wendy LaMont from Bradford County. Additionally, the two adult participants at the Washington Conference were Joanne Logan from the Westmoreland region and Barbara Shaffer from Somerset County.

All of the selected teens have years of experience in 4-H and possess good leadership qualities as well as a good 4-H background. Antram started in 4-H at the age of



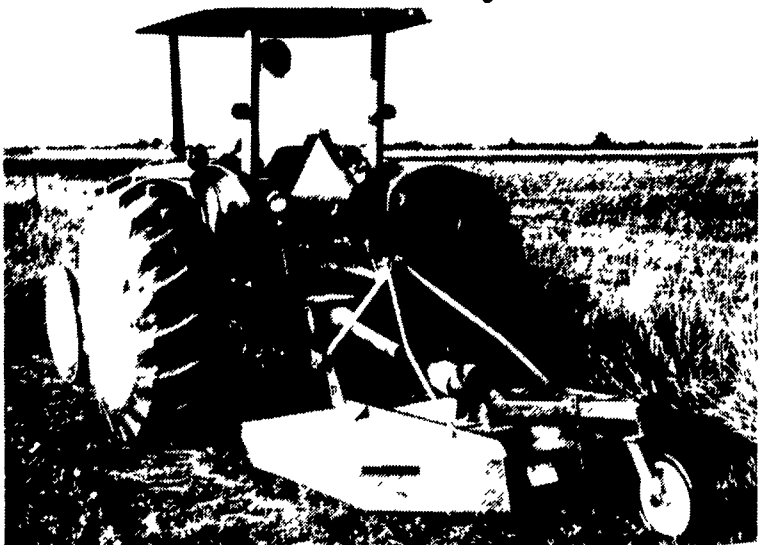
nine showing his own sheep. What started for him as a 4-H project has now grown into a flock of approximately 40 registered Suffolk Sheep. This flock is included with his parents' sheep on a 150-acre, 200-head farm in Somerset. Antram's parents, Robert and Roberta, also are employed off the farm as Mr. Antram works for the County Extension Service while Mrs. Antram is a high school English teacher. Additionally, David's grandparents, Charles and Gertrude Antram, live and work on the farm.

Even though the more than 400 4-H youths worked on their group meetings during the week, these representatives also had a chance to enjoy the Washington sights. Keeping to a busy schedule, the 4-

H'ers were able to visit places such as the Washington Zoo, Arlington National Cemetery and the Smithsonian while still accomplishing the tasks required of compiling the book by the week's end.

Additionally, the Pennsylvania 4-H delegation was able to visit Capital Hill and conducted meetings with their congressional representatives. Unfortunately, due to the military action in Libya, they were unable to talk directly with their two senators. However, they did meet with the aides to the senators and were able to discuss issues concerning 4-H and pending legislation. Of particular concern were, the affects of Gramm-Rudman on possible cutbacks to the 4-H programs.

Deere's Economy Cutters



John Deere has extended the company's rotary cutter line with the introduction of two economy models, the 4-foot 403 and the 5-foot 503 for light cutting applications.



New Loader from Schwartz

Schwartz's new Model 92Q loader fits 2WD tractors in the 35 to 75 h.p. range. Loader features a wrap-around bumper to protect the tractor grill, zinc plated oil lines, plumbing kit to tractor remote outlets and is quickly attached or detached. The loader has lift capacity of 2,000 lbs., lift height of 108 inches and breakout force of 3,500 lbs. For information contact Hamilton Equipment, Inc., 567 S. Reading Rd., Ephrata, PA 17522. Phone: 717-733-7951.