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common Pennsylvania mammals, birds, fish, reptiles, amphibians; bird calls; tracks; wildlife signs; and foods. Finally, they are shown three different habitats and are asked to identify those species which would live there.

The seven FFA contests with over 250 students were planned and coordinated by vocational agriculture teachers from the three county areas.

In pleasure horse judging contestants take a written test on basic knowledge of horse management, identify tack items, and judged three classes of horses. Other Twin Valley students in pleasure horse judging were 2nd Kim Brossman, 6th Lisa Hopps, 8th Mary Beth

Hassler, 13th Joel Welsh and Kris Keturakis, Lisa Kimball, and Bob Amey.

In the agronomy contest, contestants must identify common Pennsylvania weeds, insects, and diseases; place classes of hay; take a general knowledge test; make recommendations using the Pennsylvania agronomy guide; and complete forms for forage and soil tests. Other members of the Twin Valley team were Dwight Stoltzfus who placed fourth, Rich Sloaner in the 10th place and Jeff Ortlip.

In the Dairy foods contest each student takes a written test on dairy production and milk marketing; solves dairy marketing problems; identifies off flavors in milk and

scored milk samples; identifies cheeses, identifies defects in milkers; scores California mastitis tests; and differentiates between real and imitation dairy products. Other Twin Valley dairy foods contestants were Jill Burkhart 3rd, Missy Fanning 7th, Sue Burkhart and Cari Slonacker.

In the livestock judging contest students placed 6 classes of livestock-market hogs, unbred gilts, bred gilts, market lambs, and 2 classes of bred ewes. Other Twin Valley livestock judges were Bunny Hicks, Kevin McVaugh, Wade Kirkner, and Chris Good. The TVHS livestock team placed 5th out of 10 teams.

In Agricultural mechanics Dan Nonnemaker finished a strong 6th. In this contest each person took a written test on mechanics; includ-

ing problem solving. Then each contestant had to perform a series of mechanical skills, observing safety precautions throughout.

In dairy judging students placed a class of dairy pedigrees, took a written test on dairy management, and placed 6 classes of dairy cattle. Members of the greenhand team were Brian Putt, John Shantz, Keith McGowan, Karen Huack, and Leroy Hoffman. This greenhand team placed 5th.

In meats identification and judg-

ing Twin Valley contestants were Sue Crawford 5th, Eric Marshall 9th, and Shawn Edds. These students identified 2 classes, of 25 cuts, of meat according to species, wholesale cuts, and finally retail name. They placed a class of 4 retail cuts, and a class each of beef, lamb, and pork carcasses. This Twin Valley team placed 4th.

These contests are all examples of ways vocational agriculture students are challenged to apply their classroom learning to real life situations.



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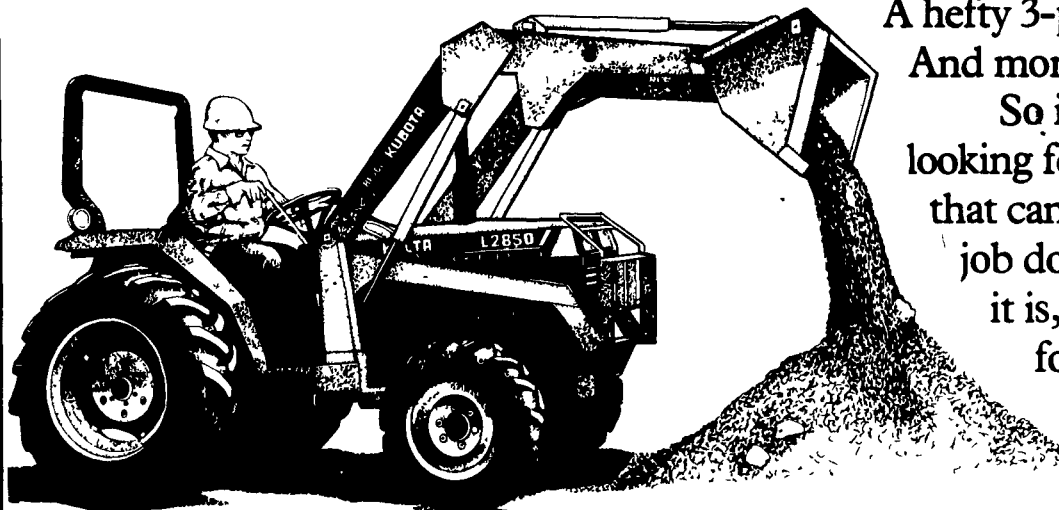
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