Erie FFA Studies

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tion on \tilde{T} uesday night. Pavkov said he danced in the contest as part of the Campus 4-H at Penn State, and thought it was a worthwhile activity for his students. "It is a little different emphasis. We are building life skills, and they can enjoy square dancing forever."

Costumes for the dance were purchased with money raised in the citrus sale, and a professional was used to help them prepare for the event. "They are very enthusiastic," Pavkov said of his students.

While in central Pennsylvania,

Turfgrass And Grounds

Maintenance

School

Landscapers, grounds keepers, golf course superintendents and garden center personnel should consider attending the up-coming Turfgrass and Grounds Maintenance School sponsored by Penn State Cooperative Extension. The training is scheduled for Feb. 16 and 17 at the Luzerne County Community College.

This year's event will involve Extension specialists from Penn State University and industry representatives as speakers. The school also offers commercial exhibits on display for participants. Agricultural Agent Bill Pencek comments, "This year's topics offer an array of up to date subject matter for anyone involved in the turfgrass or ornamental horticulture profession. There will also be Pesticide Applicator update points awarded."

For more information and a copy of the program and registration form contact Bill Pencek at The Lackawanna County Extension office 963-4761.



the two chapters stay at the Hershey Motor Lodge. Both chapters contribute funds to help pay the cost of the trip, but students also must pay part of the expenses. Besides a citrus sale, the chapter also sells cider and raffle tickets for an FFA beef purchased by their local bank.

To select students, Pavkov chooses those who are receiving the Keystone Farmer degree and those who are members of the square dance team. He fills out the roster with students who have demonstrated a commitment to the group and have shown a willingness to work. He said, "They must meet academic requirements, and they must promise to do all the work they miss. They must be a worker and be part of the group.

Kerry Duncan, one of two advisors for the Fort LeBoef group says they have been making the four day trip quite a few years, and they feel it is an educational experience for the students. "They get to see the Farm Show, which is the best of Pennsylvania agriculture, and they go to the FFA meeting. We think it gives the younger members incentive to see those who have achieved."

In addition, both groups toured the Capitol Building and visited the William Penn Museum while in Harrisburg. For those FFA groups, a trip to the Farm Show is much more than animals and farm equipment.



These representatives of the Fort LeBoef FFA Chapter visited Lancaster as part of their four day trip to central Pennsylvania from Erie County.

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