



HAPPENINGS

New Jersey State Officers

Officers of the New Jersey Association recently attended a National FFA Leadership Conference for State Officers. The conference was being held at New Brunswick, N.J. This is one of nine national conferences being held across the nation.

The FFA conference is designed to improve leadership and communication skills, develop understanding of state FFA officer responsibilities and prepare state officers for more effective leadership roles in their State FFA Association. The conference also provides a forum for the exchange of

ideas between officers from several states.

A highlight of the meeting is the opportunity to work with the national FFA officers who are conducting the conferences. In addition to training sessions, the 1988 program includes a public speaking workshop, a banquet program and many other leadership activities all designed to improve the communication skills of state FFA officers.

The National FFA Leadership Conference for State Officers is sponsored by Merck and Company, Inc. as a special project of the National FFA Foundation, Inc.

Tulpehocken Chapter

John Bicksler, son of Ella Bicksler of Bernville, was one of 379 Youth Scholars who attended the National Institute of Cooperation in Rochester, New York. John Bicksler was sponsored by Young Farmers & Blue Mountain Council.

More than 1,510 adults, young farmers, and youth, from 46 states and four foreign countries, attended the Institute, which is sponsored by the American Institute of Cooperation, Washington, D.C.

The National Institute is the largest annual educational event devoted to cooperatives. This year more than 85 program activities and nearly 100 speakers focused on the theme "Designing for Opportunity." In 1989 the National Institute will be held July 24-27, in Indianapolis.

The American Institute of Cooperation, an affiliate of the National Council of Farmer Cooperatives, is the national education organization for farmer cooperatives. Organized in 1925, AIC's purpose is to develop increased understanding of cooperatives.

Bicksler was one of the students from the Tulpehocken FFA Chapter of Bernville. Chosen to attend



John Bicksler

the 1988 Washington Leadership Conference. Also chosen was Lester Bashore.

Visits to Arlington Cemetery, Jefferson and Lincoln Memorials and Mt. Vernon plus other historical sights were included in the conference.

Highlights of the week was a visit to the Capitol Building.

The Tulpehocken FFA advisors are Lisa Shirey and Barry Kellner.



The New Jersey Association was greeted in New Brunswick by National FFA president, Kelli Evans, far right, from Nebraska and National FFA vice president, Bill Hollis, second from left, from Illinois. The New Jersey officers were attending the National Leadership Conference for state officers. Pictured are, from left, front row: Nancy J. Schnetzer, executive secretary; Dan Berg, state vice president; Bob Faber, state secretary; Tracy Sodalbers, Northwest Regional vice president; Michael Iannitelli, state president. Back row, Hollis; John Lowe Jr., Northeast Regional vice president; Andy Ackley, Southern Region vice president; Russel Kenny, Central Region vice president; and Evans.

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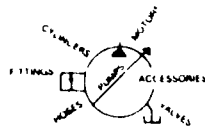
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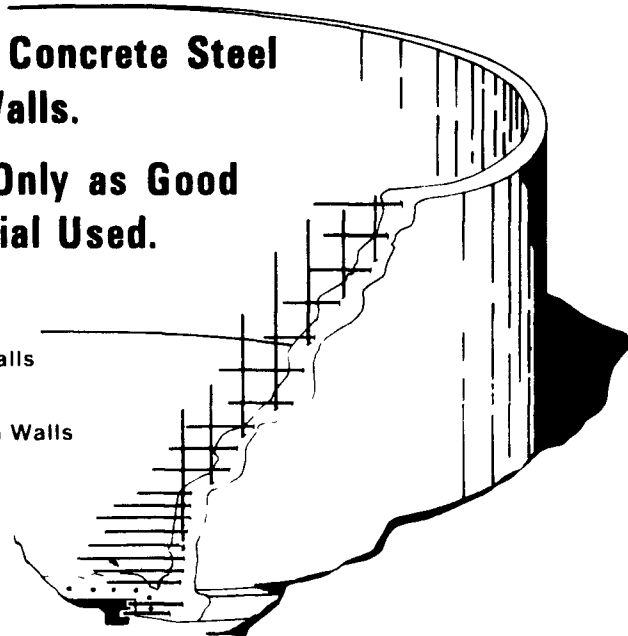
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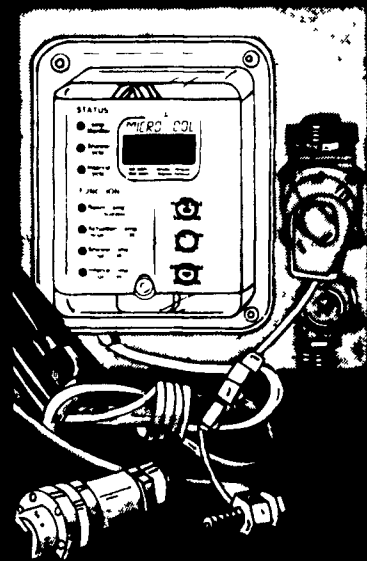
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