Weber Looks Forward To First Reunion For FFA Officers

Editor's Note: The Pennsylvania FFA Foundation, assisted by eighteen former FFA state officers, has begun an ambitious search for former state officers their addresses, what they are doing now, and recording their remembrances as a state officer and their thoughts today about the FFA and what it meant to them to be a state officer.

This article is in part the result of those searches. It is hoped that the Lancaster Farming's readers will be stimulated to aid in this search to find all the state FFA officers elected since 1931. If you know of a former state officer living in your area please either call Mary Jo Cancelmo, Foundation Executive Director (215) 648-0674 or write to the Foundation at Calder Square, P.O. Box 10493, State College, PA 16805.

Glen Weber is looking forward to the first state officer's reunion for several reasons, it will be his state officer's team 25th anniversary. The other members of his team were. "As we went our separate ways after serving the '66-'67 year together as an officer team, we seemed to disconnect over the years. But as I reflect back on our lives since then, I feel it is important to not lose sight of who we were and where we have been before. That one year of being an FFA state officer had a tremendous effect on all of us for the rest of our lives."

When asked about the motivating force behind running for state office in the Pennsylvania FFA, Weber replied as have so many other state officers - "Going to the national FFA convention in Kansas City". The national FFA convention has been instrumental in producing positive motivating goals for FFA'ers all over the country. "You are looking at your own peers, who set goals and achieved them. Whether they are individuals who are being recognized as star farmers, team contest winners, or even national officers, those participants set the example for others to follow. I would say the national FFA convention is the number one selling tool the FFA has.

"I will never forget my sophomore year at Kansas City. The national president that year by the name of Williams, was on stage before thousands of FFA'ers, talk-



Son Justin Weber on a favorite horse.

ing to the President of the United States, Richard Nixon. This was being broadcast live before the audience, President Williams had the poise to just talk to the President just as if he were his dad. I'll never forget that - it had a tremendous impact on me."

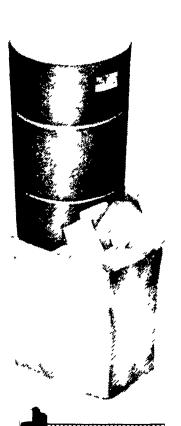
Weber left that convention determined to one day be up on

stage in Kansas City as a national officer. He began, under the guidance of Garden Spot High School chapter advisor, Bob Herr. On the local chapter level he was elected chapter president and then Lancaster County president. The summer after his senior years, Glenn was elected state president.

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Glen and Lucy Yoder Weber review farm records.



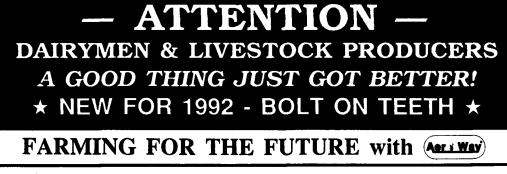
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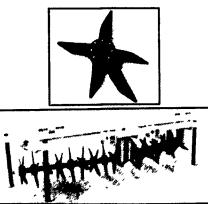
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