

Walkersville FFA Wins Land Judging Contest

The Walkersville FFA Chapter won the first place banner in the Land Judging Contest held recently.

The contest was held at the Department of Natural Resources Conference Center near Wye, Md.

The contest is sponsored by the Maryland Association of Soil Conservation Districts as a special project of the Maryland FFA Foundation, Inc.

The high scoring individual for the land judging contest was

Duane Shenberger, member of the Clear Spring Chapter. The Frederick High School FFA Chapter took the second place banner in the contest.

According to contest superintendent, Carl E. Robinette, soil

scientist with the United States Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service, 11 teams were registered with 41 members participating.

Contestants were asked to evaluate soils at three sites for their capability and limiting factors. The members were then to recommend the best management practices for agricultural and nonagricultural land uses at each site.

James Brown and Diane Shields of the Soil Conservation Service supervised the contest. The winning teams in the Land Judging Contest from first through third were: Walkersville FFA, Frederick High FFA, Langanore FFA.

The top scoring individuals receiving gold medals were: Duane Shenberger, Clear Spring FFA, first; Diane Ogg, Frederick FFA, second; Jody Bell, Walkersville FFA, third.

National FFA Week Feb. 18-25

ALEXANDRIA, Va.—More than 428,000 FFA members will promote FFA, agricultural education, and the food and fiber industry during National FFA Week, on Feb. 18-25.

FFA members in 7,238 chapters across the U.S. as well as Guam, Puerto Rico, and the Virgin Islands will be organizing events and activities to foster awareness of agricultural education and support for FFA.

This year's theme, "FFA—The Leadership Advantage," will be seen through communities nationwide through promotional efforts of local members. FFA activities and agriculture classes emphasize leadership skills, analytical think-

ing and the application of both to the industry of agriculture.

Larry Case, national FFA adviser said today's young people are aware of their responsibilities as agricultural leaders for tomorrow. "Our members realize the world in which we live is growing larger and more interdependent," he said. "These young people will be leading the effort to provide food and fiber for a growing population, as well as to keep America competitive in the global marketplace."

National FFA Week is held each year during the week of George Washington's birthday to recognize his leadership and commitment to American agriculture.

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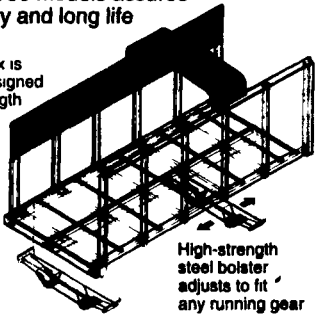
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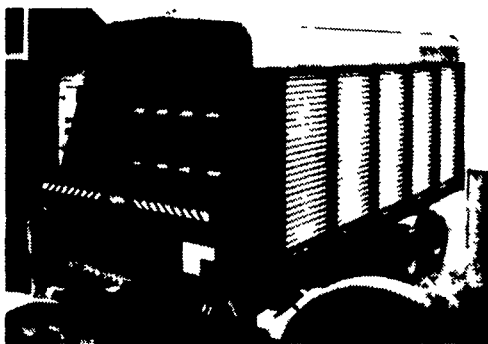
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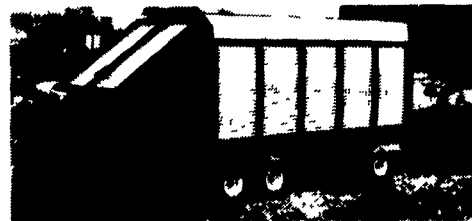
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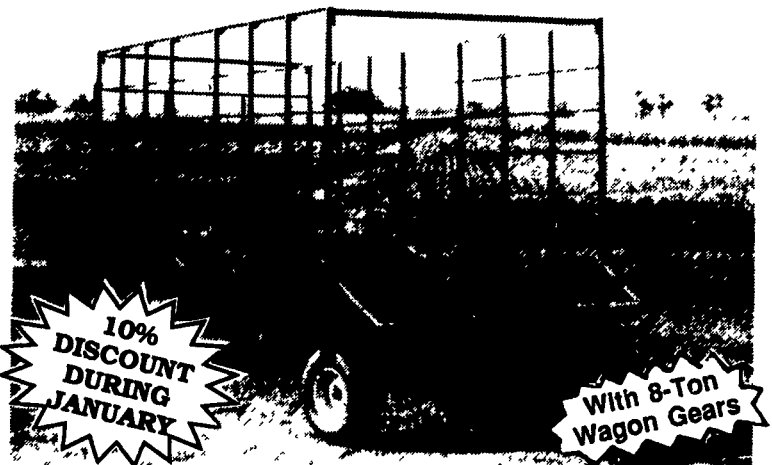
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