

N. P. FFA Chapter Wins Soil Judging Contest



The New Providence Future Farmers of America chapter shown above received first place award at the soil judging contest conducted at the Al Albers farm east of Owasa Friday. The contest was sponsored by the Hardin county Soil Conservation District with Cal Moore, SCS agent, in charge. The New Providence team comprised of Ralph Cox, Phillip Reece, Neil Hadley and Ronnie Hockett scored 984 points out of a possible 1200 to win the

contest. Four FFA chapters with a total of 67 students participated in the contest. They were Eldora, Hubbard, Iowa Falls and New Providence. Each student judged three soil profiles with the top four scorers from each school forming a team. Eldora scored 851 points; Iowa Falls, 820 and Hubbard 794. The following high scorers, from each school will be presented individual awards: Ralph Cox, New Providence; Jerry Butler, Eldora; Richard

Nehring, Hubbard; and Larry Meyer, Iowa Falls. Moore said the contest is planned as an annual event. New Providence chapter members above are: in the pit, L-R Neil Hadley, Ralph Cox and Phillip Reece; second row: Melvin Jeske, George Cummins, Alvin Cox, Eugene Taber, and Dave Rieks; Third row: Ronnie Hockett, Lynn Wooten and Jim Hambly. Behind are Danny Rieks and vocational agriculture instructor Floyd Wallace.

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George Vande Voort of Eldora standing in one of the holes dug for the contest rubs a soil sample between his

fingers to check its texture. Ruler at the right was used for measuring depth of each soil layer.