

County Future Farmers Take Big Share of Honors

Lancaster County will be well represented next Wednesday when the Pennsylvania State Association of Future Farmers of America will award its highest degree to 20 young men from the Garden Spot. The Keystone Farmer degree is awarded annually to not more than two percent of the membership in the state.

With only 196 of the coveted degrees being given out in the state, Lancaster county captured the lions share. Instead of the proportionate two percent the county could reasonably expect, Future Farmers in the county walked off with over 10 per cent of the total.

Six of the degrees were awarded to students from Solanco where the teachers of Vocational Agriculture are Herbert Heberlein, William Fredd and Ralph Bitler; five went to Lampeter Strasburg where George Myer is teacher where George Myer is teacher. The following: Manheim, Joseph McGahen, and Harold McAllister, teachers; Warwick Union, Robert Henney, teacher; and Pequea Valley, Henry Givler teacher. One degree went to students at Penn Manor, Howard Siglin and Garland Gingrich, teachers; Donegal Union, Grant Miller, teacher; and Cocalico Union, Russell Drumm, teacher.

The degree based on Farming records, scholastic and leadership accomplishments, and service rendered by the Future Farmers was awarded to the twenty boys for the following Achievements.

GEORGE WELCH

The son of Mr. and Mrs. Reuel Welch, Peach Bottom, placed in the bronze medal bracket in dairy cattle judging at PSU in June 1959.

Bill has had programs in

dairy cattle, corn and garden. His corn projects have been grown in competition with his father and as a comparison test on rates of application and types of fertilizer as well as cultural practices.

Bill has been very active in farm mechanics at Solanco High School, repairing, reconditioning and constructing machinery and equipment for the home farm.

He was assistant reporter of the local chapter and chairman of the calendar committee. Future plans include a neighboring dairy farm of which Bill plans to assume management in March.

H. ROSS FERGUSON

Ross has won many honors in showing FFA and 4-H Guernsey club animals in the county and in state competition. He showed the grand champion FFA Guernsey Heifer at the 1959 Farm Show.

The son of Mr and Mrs. Hervey Ferguson, Kirkwood R1, Ross is a senior at Solanco High School and reporter in the local chapter FFA.

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KEYSTONE FARMER DEGREE WINNERS FROM Lancaster County are as follows. Top row L to R John Graham, Clyde Kreider, Donald Trimble, Ross Ferguson, and Bill Welch. Second row L to R Lee Delong, Kenneth Binkley, Clyde Forney, John J. Hess, and Donald Musser. Third row L to R. Burnell Andrews, John Wiker, James Huber, Glenn Book and Timothy Deacon. Bottom Row L to R. Donald W. Netziey, Elwood Heisey, James Nolt, Roy Mentzer, and Ray Hostetter. —LF PHOTO

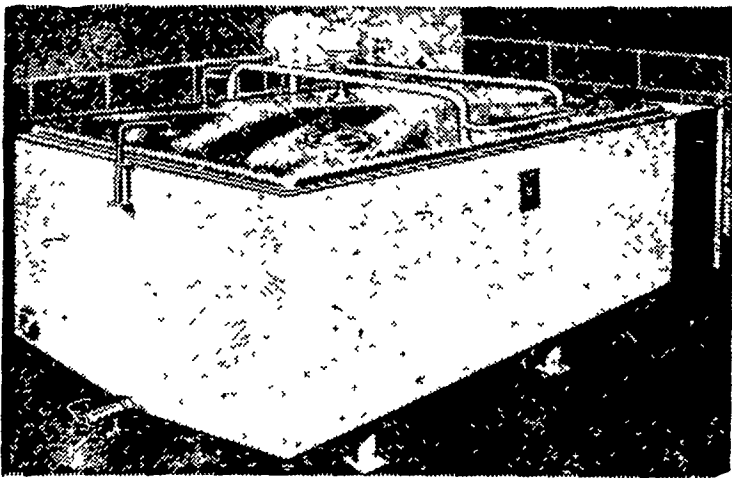
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