

Three 4-H Members Win Soil & Water Essay Awards

Three Lancaster County 4-H club members won savings bonds awarded this week by the Lancaster Kiwanis Club.

Eugene Hosler, the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Hosler, Manheim R3, won a \$50 savings bond with an essay entitled, "Prosperity to Poverty", outlining the reasons for soil and water conservation.

Miss Nancy Stoltzfus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, and George Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Neil Clark, Lititz R1, were presented \$25 bonds.

The awards were made by John C. Long, chairman of the Kiwanis Agriculture committee, at the regular meeting of the club on Tuesday at Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster.

Hosler, in his essay said, "Man is dependent on the earth's surface for survival. His body is derived from the soil and goes back to the soil when he lays it down in death,

and during the span of his life the soil sustains it."

He said, "The soil is our greatest resource and conservation is our greatest problem. The land feeds and clothes you. It furnishes the roof over your head and the raw material for industry. It's your land. It needs your attention!"

Land, Water and People

Speaking on the subject of "Land, Water and People", Hobart Sockman from the Harrisburg office of the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, said all watersheds, no matter what size, have these three things in common.

"It is the improper balance of land, water and people that has brought about a cognizance that something must be done to conserve our natural resources," he said.

He explained that the common element of any conservation program is the "people-related" aspect. This means, he



AWARDS FOR SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION ESSAYS were presented to three county 4-H club members Tuesday at the regular meeting of the Lancaster Kiwanis Club. Left to right are Hobart Sockman from the Harrisburg Office of the United States Soil Conservation Service; Eugene Hosler, Manheim R3, recipient of a \$50 savings bond; Miss Nancy Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, and George Clark, Lititz R1, both winners of a \$25 savings bond, and John C. Long, chairman of the Kiwanis Agriculture Committee. Sockman was the featured speaker at the meeting. L. F. Photo.

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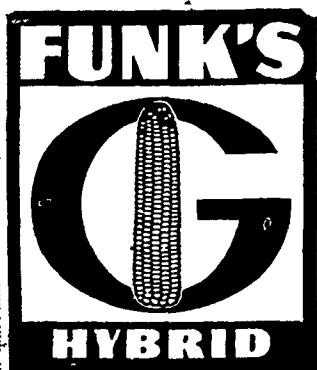
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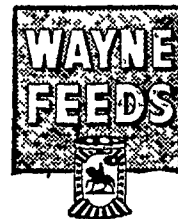
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