

**FFA To Honor Parents • Vo-ag Teachers  
Of Keystone Farmers**

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The Future Farmers of America during their State convention at the 1966 State Farm Show will present honorary awards to parents whose families contain three or more sons who have earned FFA's "Keystone Farmer" degree.

Most farm families deem it an honor to have even one son receive the Keystone Farmer degree, because it is the highest degree which can be awarded at the State level, cannot be bestowed upon more than one FFA boy in 50, and is earned for outstanding achievement in farming practices, leadership, and scholarship. To have three or more degree holders in the same family is rare, but three sets of parents so distinguished have been invited to be guests at the FFA convention January 12. Fathers in these families will receive the Honorary Keystone Farmer degree, and mothers will receive special certificates recognizing their cooperation in aiding their sons earn the coveted title.

One set of parents will have the even more unusual distinction of seeing their fourth son receive the degree at the 1966 Farm Show. Mr. and Mrs. J. Rex Haagen of Clymer R2, Indiana County, are parents of James E. Haagen who on January 12 receives the degree, joining his Keystone Farmer brothers, John, Edward and Her-

bert, who received the degree in 1961, 1962 and 1965. The Haagen parents will be introduced but not receive the degree, which was awarded to them last year when their third son, Herbert, earned the degree.

It was announced that two new FFA Foundation medals will be awarded to outstanding members; one in horticulture and the other in home improvement projects.

Another set of parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clair E. Hartman of Helman R1, York County, will have the rare experience of seeing two sons win the degree on the same day. When Robert and Richard Hartman become Keystone Farmers on January 12, they will make the Hartman family another with four Keystone Farmer sons, Robert's and Richard's brother Donald having received the degree in 1953 and brother, Larry, in 1959.

The third pair to receive the parent's award will be Mr. and Mrs. Lester Longenecker of Williamsburg, Blair County. Their son, Harold receives the Keystone Farmer degree January 12. Their son, Max, received the degree in 1960 and another son, Dale, in 1961.

Area supervisor T. M. Man announced that all FFA project books for 1965 must be turned in by February 4. These will be evaluated February 8-11. He also said that all livestock entries for the Farm Show must be at Harrisburg by 6 p.m., Saturday the 8th of January.

The previous confusion over the allocation of \$150 for the County Star Farmer award was clarified with the stipulation that the money was to finance a trip to the National FFA Convention at Kansas City.

The new county FFA officers will be installed at a meeting on January 24 at Warwick Union High School, Litzitz.

The next teachers meeting was set for February 1 at Lampeter-Strasburg High School.

**● Brubaker**

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is a Crop Reporting Service. He has served as a reporter for the Service for 51 years, and will receive special recognition at the Farm Show meeting on January 13.

Brubaker has long been an agricultural leader in Lancaster County. He was a former director of the Lancaster County Extension Service, a founder of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange, serving several terms as president of that organization, and he is presently co-chairman of the Lancaster County Farm & Home Foundation fund drive.

He and his son Aaron operate a 140-acre poultry and steer farm which has been in the Brubaker family since 1717. They also farm an additional 420 rented acres in the area.

January 14—1 p.m., Sale of 4-H Baby Beeves, lambs, and open class market wethers.

**● Feeder Pigs**

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to gain weight rapidly and efficiently.

The new grades were proposed by C&MS' Livestock Division June 24, 1965, and comments were received on the proposed standards until Sept. 24. Based on these comments, a few minor revisions were made in the proposed standards which will add to the clarity and uniformity in interpretation of the standards.

**● Farm Calendar**

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ing Sheep judging at Farm Show.

—10 a.m., 4-H Shorthorn judging at Farm Show.

—10:30 a.m., 4-H Hereford judging.

—11:45 a.m., 4-H Angus judging.

—7:30 p.m., Ephrata Adult Farmer Class "Income Taxes

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