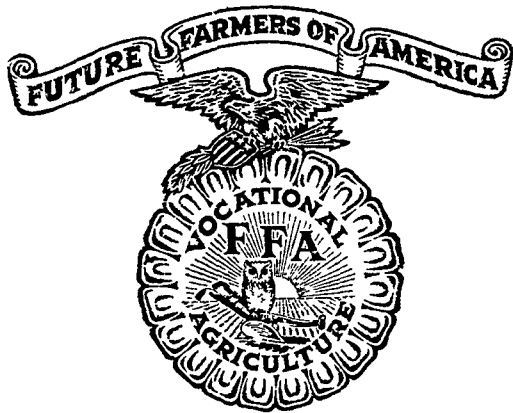


SECOND SECTION

Keystone Farmer Degree Going To 25 Local Boys



Honors which cannot go to more than one farm boy in fifty will be awarded to 25 Lancaster County FFA students from eight county high schools next week in conjunction with the 53rd Pennsylvania State Farm Show to be held in Harrisburg. In ceremonies in the Forum of the Education Building Wednesday afternoon in downtown Harrisburg, the highest FFA degree at the state level, the Keystone Farmer title, will be awarded for outstanding achievement in agriculture and rural life. The schools involved include Garden Spot, Ephrata, Manheim Central, Lampeter-Strasburg, Warwick, Solanco, Penn Manor and Elizabethtown.

Henry Givler, Area FFA Agricultural Supervisor, reported that under FFA rules, not more than two percent of the State membership can receive this honor. The title is given for outstanding achievement in agriculture and rural life. To be eligible, Givler said the FFA member must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture, demonstrated marked leadership, earned and invested at least \$500 productively, and attained satisfactory achievement in improving the farm's efficiency or his home farm's comfort.

The local FFA boys who will receive the degree January 15 are as follows.



Linford Martin
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Linford D. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter S. Martin, East Earl R1, is the out-going president of the Red Rose FFA Chapter and has served as vice president and president of his local Grassland Chapter. His farming program includes dairy, hogs, beef, sheep, corn and tobacco and he has work experience in

carpentry, masonry and farm markets.

Active in FFA, Linford attended the National FFA Convention and the State summer and winter conventions. He was a member of the chapter parliamentary procedure team and scored well in livestock and dairy judging at Lampeter Fair. In local activities, Martin scored 1st in chapter meat, dairy, and sheep judging and was second in public speaking. He presided at the area leadership training conference and after graduation will be working for a livestock farmer on a 120 acre farm.

He is also president of the New Holland 4-H Baby Beef Club, sings in the Garden Spot Senior Chorus and is a member of the Weaverland Christian Ambassadors, his church youth group.



Roy Musser
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Roy Musser, senior at Garden Spot High School, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Musser, Mohnton R2. His farming program of 30 acres consists of a hog fattening operation and he raises corn and vegetables. Musser is also employed as a butcher.

His activities in FFA include meats judging, public speaking and tractor driving and he was a delegate to the National FFA Convention and the Leadership training conference. He is also a member of the Bowmansville Mennonite Church and its youth group and is a member of the Voices Of Victory Chorus.

In the future, Roy plans to go to college and voluntary service and then on to the farm and raise fattening steers and hogs.

Eugene Bollinger

Eugene Bollinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bollinger, Denver R2, is Chaplain of the local FFA chapter and delegate to the Red Rose county chapter. He



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has been very active in showing livestock at local, state, and national shows. Last year he showed the grand champion hog at Ephrata Fair. In 1967 he was named winner of the Jaycee Steer Award. Eugene was also selected to represent Lancaster county at the State Farm Cooperative Institute during his junior year. Eugene's farming program includes market hogs, breeding swine, field corn, steers, tobacco, and wheat. He also attended the National FFA Convention in 1967 as a chapter delegate.



Jay Smoker
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Jay Smoker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl Smoker, Stevens RD 1, is serving as treasurer of the local chapter. He was named grand champion Tractor Driver for the Lancaster-York Area at this year's Ephrata Fair. Jay has exhibited his registered holstein at both local and state shows. He was named winner of the Jaycee Steer Award in 1966. Smoker has been active in public speaking and parliamentary procedure contests in the county. Last year he won a bronze medal in the State Dairy Judging Contest at Penn State. His farming program includes a herd of registered, breeding swine, market hogs, and field corn.

Earl Stauffer

Earl Stauffer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Stauffer, Ephrata RD 1, is President of the local FFA chapter and Vice-President

of the Red Rose chapter. Earl was named Star Farmer of Lancaster County this year and won a trip to the National FFA Convention in Kansas City. He has won many prizes with his holsteins and market hogs, this includes grand champion dairy animal at Ephrata Fair for two years, Grand Champion showman of market hogs for two years at the county FFA Swine Show. In 1965 Earl was a mem-



J. Lester Heistand

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J. Lester Heistand is the 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Martin B. Heistand, Manheim R4. Lester's farming program includes beef fattening, and field crops of corn and wheat. He has served as president of his Manheim FFA Chapter and was the County FFA Chaplain in 1968.

Heistand won a bronze medal in the State Farm Mechanics Contest in 1968 and attended the National FFA Convention. He is also on the chapter parliamentary procedure team.



Barry E. Garber

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Barry E. Garber, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Eugene Garber, Manheim R1. A senior at Manheim Central High School, Garber has a farming program including beef and swine fattening and swine breeding, field corn and strawberries. He has served as the chapter Sentinel, Treasurer and was a member of the 1967 chapter parliamentary procedure team.

Garber showed steers at the Manheim Farm Show and hogs at the County FFA Hog Show. He was in the Livestock Judging Contest at the State FFA Activities Week and attended the National FFA Convention. He also served as a referee at the State Plowing Contest at Hershey.

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ber of the State Milk Products Judging team that won a silver medal at Waterloo, Iowa. His farming program includes a herd of registered holsteins, market hogs, field corn, veal calves, beef fattening, and barley. Earl has won two gold medals in the State Project Book Evaluation Contest during the past two years.



Raymond Bollinger

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Raymond Bollinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Adam Bollinger, 465 Ridge Avenue, Ephrata, holds the office of reporter in the Cloister chapter. He has won numerous awards with his livestock including the grand champion pen of three lambs at Ephrata Fair. Ray has also been a winner in the local chapter's chain animal program, winning a dairy calf, gilt, and pen of three ewes. His farming program includes dairy heifer, breeding swine, market hogs, market sheep, field corn, and an agriculture work experience program.