

# Garden Spot Young Farmers Break 200 Bushels Of Corn

Young Farmers in the New Holland area have "really done some corn growing" in 1969, according to Donald M. Robinson.

Clyde Martin grew a whopping 198.5 bushels of corn per acre on his farm at East Earl RD1 near New Holland, but it was only the third best 1969 yield among members of the Garden Spot Young Farmers.

Andy Stoltzfus had 213.8 bushels per acre on his farm at Elverson RD2, but he took only second place.

First place trophy went to Larry Weaver with 221.9 bushels of corn per acre on his New Holland RD1 farm just east of New Holland.

The awards were presented at the Young Farmers annual banquet at Blue Ball Fire Hall Friday night of last week. Robinson, the Garden Spot Young Farmers advisor, presented the

### CHEMICAL FERTILIZERS

Chemical fertilizers are irreplaceable in providing adequate food and fiber for the nation's growing population, according to Dr. Robert White-Stevens, chairman, Bureau of Conservation and Environmental Science, Rutgers University.

"Were U.S. agriculture confined to natural sources of plant nutrients, the nation would rapidly starve to death," he said, and pointed out that if it were possible to spread all U.S. animal wastes and domestic sewage over the nation's 500 million arable acres, this would still amount to less than four per cent of current fertilizer use.

White Stevens acknowledged that water runoff from poorly-managed agricultural and urban lands can result in severe plant nutrient losses, especially organic nitrogen to surface waters. This is not a serious problem currently, he indicated, but an area where increased soil conservation emphasis is needed.

awards to the corn grain contest winners.

Corn silage winner was Ivan Yost of Christiana RD1, with 23,500 pounds of TDN (total digestible nutrients, as determined by a forage analysis by Pennsylvania State University) per acre.

Ken Skiles of Navon RD2 was high DHIA member with 14,353 pounds of milk and 561 pounds of fat.

Marvin Zimmerman won the contour plowing contest and John C. Campbell captured the large plow contest title. Zimmerman also took tractor driving contest honors.

Recognized for best attendance record at organization meetings was Robert Martin.

The Young Farmers presented certificates of appreciation for the help and cooperation of two area firms: New Holland Supply Co., represented by company president, George Weaver, and Penn Jersey Harvestore

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Systems Inc., represented by John Flora, store manager. Robinson, the advisor, also was awarded a plaque of appreciation.

Making brief statements of introduction and welcome were: Nelson Weaver, president of the Grassland FFA chapter, who thanked Young Farmers for their help; Linford Martin, state FFA vice-president for region II and past president of the Grassland chapter, and Robert Martin, state secretary of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers.

In the corn grain contest, in which 19 Young Farmers competed, Ivan Yost placed fifth and Robert Martin fourth.

In the corn silage contest, Clyde Martin was second with 15,700 TDN per acre and Ken Skiles was third with 13,500 TDN. Frank Yost was fourth and Larry Weaver fifth.

Glenn Eshelman entertained with a colored slide presentation.

Larry Weaver, outgoing Young Farmer president, was toastmaster.

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