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Manheim Organization Honors Corn Growers

Donald Hershey of Manheim was recognized at the annual Manheim Young Farmers Association banquet this week as the organization's top corn grower in 1969. Hershey had 205 bushels per acre.

Clarence Keener took second place with 193 bushels per acre, and Glenn Thomas was third with 190 bushels per acre.

A total of 23 Young Farmers were entered in the Corn Evaluation Contest with an average yield of 160 bushels per acre.

Clarence Keener was also cited for outstanding corn yield in the National Corn Growing Contest. He was the highest yield in Pennsylvania in the non-irrigated class with 152 bushels per acre based on a 2.5-acre plot.

Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association Secretary, Robert Martin, gave some timely remarks to the Manheim Young

Farmers on things concerning the State Association. He reported that the state now has 51 chapters with a membership of 1,550. L. E. Peters, public relations, New Holland Division of Sperry Rand, was the speaker on some of the aspects of Public Relations.

The Manheim Young Farmers program of work for 1970 was presented by Vincent Becker. He reported that this year the Young Farmers are going to give an award to the Manheim Young Farmer of the year.

He also reported that a volleyball game between the Ephrata, New Holland, Kutztown and Manheim Chapters would be held at 7:30 p.m. April 2 at Ephrata.

Friends and families of the Manheim Young Farmers Association were served a ham dinner at Hostetters' Banquet Hall. J. Harold Esbenschade, president, was toastmaster at the annual feat. Jess Erway, advisor, introduced the officers and their wives for the coming year.

Officers of Manheim Chapter are: president Esbenschade, vice-president, Donald Hershey, secretary, Isaac Geib, treasurer, Glenn Blubaker and public relations, Jay R. Foreman.



Galen R. Kopp, FFA advisor, congratulates the top Garden Spot FFA Chapter award winners. They are: Donald Breneman, Strasburg RD1, Star Chapter Farmer, and Miss Nancy Henkel, Star

Greenhand Farmer, an award for the top freshman agriculture student. She is the first girl to enroll in Lampeter-Strasburg High School's vocational agriculture program. (See story on page 11.)

Farm Calendar

Saturday, March 21
12:30 p.m.—4-H Action Program

Tuesday, March 24
9:30-11:30 a.m.—Reupholstery Workshop, Friends Meet-
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Across the Editor's Desk

Lancaster Farming this week introduces a new feature, "Across the Editor's Desk," in hopes of establishing a closer relationship between the newspaper and its readers.

The new column will give the editors an opportunity to call attention to particular features in the newspaper.

All letters to the editor published by Lancaster Farming will run in the column. One objective will be to encourage such letters, comments and suggestions from readers.

"Across the Editor's Desk" will also be a catch all for news and views, from whatever source, that the editors feel readers might find informative or entertaining.

The first item to make it across the editor's desk is a letter to the editor from Norman Heington, director of public information services for Allied Chemical Corporation in New York City. The letter, which is self-explanatory, is in full as follows:

"On January 24 you printed an article with the head Cancellation of DDT Uses Appeal USDA, naming Allied Chemical as one of six companies appealing against the federal ban on the use of DDT. Because of your interest in this subject, I should like to bring you up to date on my company's recent decision in this area.

We have not manufactured DDT since the third quarter of 1968 but last year we continued to handle small quantities of it on a resale basis as an accommodation to dealers who carry out-line of fertilizers, pesticides and other agricultural products. Originally, therefore, we did

send a letter appealing Mr. Heington's order.

"In January, however, we reached a decision to discontinue entirely the sale of DDT in the domestic market. On January 19 we withdrew our appeal of the ban. We also withdrew, on January 23, from membership in the Industry Task Force for DDT.

"On January 21, Mr. John T. Connor, our chairman announced our decision to halt domestic sales, and this information was included in a number of newspaper and chemical trade journal stories. Of course, it is difficult to get the word to every writer on environmental subjects. Because of your expressed interest, I particularly wanted you to know

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Smith Gets Star Award

Charles Smith received the Solanco FFA Star Chapter Farmer award at the annual FFA Parent and Son Banquet held in the Solanco High School cafeteria.

The Star Red Rose Farmer award went to Roger Campbell and William Kiantz received the Star Greenhand award.

The following foundation awards were presented:

Dairy farming, Carl D. Kreider, livestock, Joe Linton, crops, Scott Mull, safety, Mark Young.

Agriculture mechanic, Robert Young, electrification, Larry Myers, horticulture, Robert Blantz, soil and water management, Roger Campbell, agriculture production, John Enck.

Agriculture business, Glenn Kreider, the Henry Wenger

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Glenn Longenecker is shown with the compact mixing unit adjacent to his new pig feeder barn. The mixing unit draws feed from three 13 ton tanks, mixes it and sends it through three-inch tubes to the 20 individual pig pens. (See story on page 9.)

'What Makes Beef Prices?' To Be Discussed at Center

"What Makes Beef Prices?" from the farm to the table with an illustrated slide talk.

He will also discuss why retail prices charge \$1.59 a pound for steak when wholesale selling for 30 cents a pound.

Neigh has been a member of the Cooperative Extension staff at Pennsylvania State University since July 1956. A native of Dayton, Pennsylvania, he earned a bachelor's degree from Penn State in 1950 and a master's degree in 1956.

Prior to his appointment to the Penn State staff, Neigh was employed by the U.S. Department of Agriculture as a marketing specialist for six years.

Neigh will discuss the changes taking place in the beef feeding industry today and describe the steps involved in moving beef