

Nancy Henkel Gets Greenhand Award

FFA, a Girl's World, Too



The Garden Spot FFA Chapter Sweetheart, Miss Brenda Hicks, is flanked by two young farmers who have received countywide recognition both as farmers and leaders. Paul Eckman (left) is shown with the trophy he received as the county

winner of the Star Red Rose Farmer award, while Clair Witwer is shown with his chapter Star Red Rose Farmer trophy. Witwer, president of the Garden Spot FFA, also is county president, succeeding Eckman.

FFA is a girl's world, too. Miss Nancy Henkel proved it at the Garden Spot FFA Chapter parent and son banquet at Lampeter-Strasburg High School Thursday night.

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She received the Star Chapter Greenhand award, an award which goes each year to the top freshman vo ag student.

In the past, the award has always gone to a male.

That all-male precedent isn't difficult to understand. Galen R. Kopp, vo ag teacher and FFA advisor, explained that the FFA relaxed its requirements to admit girls for the first time this year.

Nancy then became the first girl to enter the school's agricultural program.

Her first year farming program consists of one Registered Yorkshire sow with 11 pigs.

Nancy has been active in 4-H and her church youth group. Kopp noted she's a "Straight A" student.

Donald Breneman, Strasburg RD1, a sophomore, also was in the limelight. He received the Star Chapter Farmer award and the Queen Dairy Award.

Breneman's farm program centers around seven Registered Guernseys, including four heifers.

He had the Grand Champion Guernsey at the Lampeter Fair last year. He won one of his heifers at the fair.

Breneman bought the high individual producing two-year old Guernsey in Ohio.

He also had two acres of corn last year and is now chapter vice president.

The Lancaster County Bankers Award to the outstanding senior went to John Breckbill. The award, presented by the First National Bank of Strasburg, is based both on academics and farm mechanics abilities, Kopp said.

Clair Witwer, both chapter and county FFA president, received a trophy as the Chapter Star Red Rose Farmer.

Paul Eckman, past county president, received a trophy for the county Star Red Rose Farmer award. Eckman was banquet toastmaster.

Witwer also received chapter foundation awards for soil and water management, best livestock program and placement in agricultural production.

Other foundation award winners were Kenneth Brubaker, poultry farming; Gary Dean, agribusiness; Jerry Dillei, home improvement; Robbie Hess, both crop farming and dairy farming; Dan Herr, ornamental horticulture; and Bob Mellinger, farm mechanics.

Dan Herr and Ken Geib each received gilts under the gilt chain program. The two will be responsible for supplying gilts for next year's winners.

Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees went to George H. Eckman, past president's father; Parke L. Breckbill, past vice president's father; Robert S. Dombach, past treasurer's father, and Kopp, FFA advisor.

Citations for help to the FFA went to George Myers, the Lampeter-Strasburg Future Homemakers of America and the school's cafeteria staff.

The new 1970 FFA Sweetheart, Miss Brenda Hicks, was crowned. The 1969 Sweetheart, Miss Donna Hess, was present.

Linford Martin, State FFA vice president, speaker, reminded FFA members they owe a lot to parents and local business "behind the scenes" for support of FFA.

Stating that the FFA has been under fire recently to prove its worth, he said it's "up to FFA members to prove this is a worthwhile effort." At the national level, the FFA has been cut from ten to two part-time personnel, he said.

Paul Eckman, the toastmaster, showed slides of his three-week farm tour of Europe last summer.

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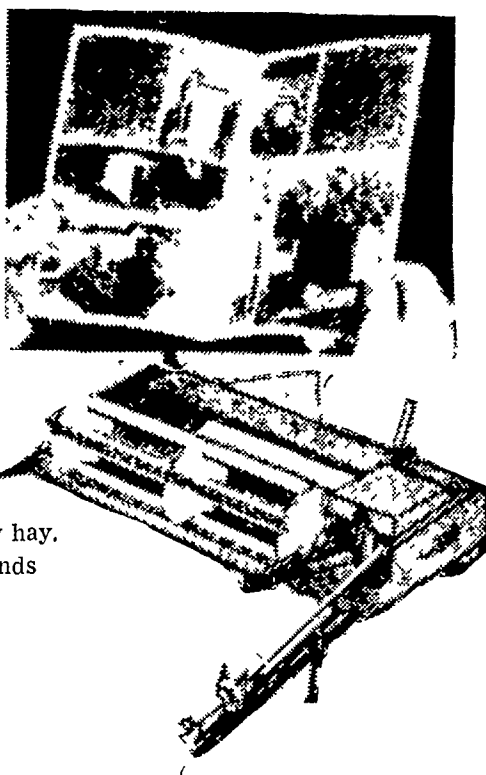
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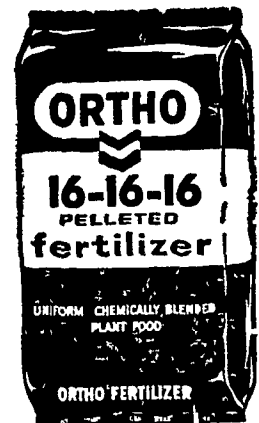
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