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In Contests at Annual State Convention

Many Area FFA Youths Win Awards

Some 15 Lancaster County FFA members took top gold medal awards in judging events and contests at the annual state FFA convention at Penn State this week.

Several York and Chester County youths also received top awards.

Of the approximately 1,200 FFA members and vo ag teach-

ers attending the convention 108 were from nine chapters in Lancaster County, while York had 54 from eight chapters and Chester 33 from four chapters. Robert H Good of Red Lion was the only new state officer from the area. Good was chosen as regional vice president.

Dairying Judging
In the events Wednesday

morning, Lancaster County youths made a particularly strong showing in the Dairy Cattle Judging event. Six county youths were in the top 20 out of 202 contestants and got gold medals, according to information from area FFA officials.

Nelson Martin of Grassland FFA Chapter, New Holland

made the strongest showing. He won third place and a trip to the national contest in Kansas City.

Other gold medal winners in the Dairy Cattle event were:

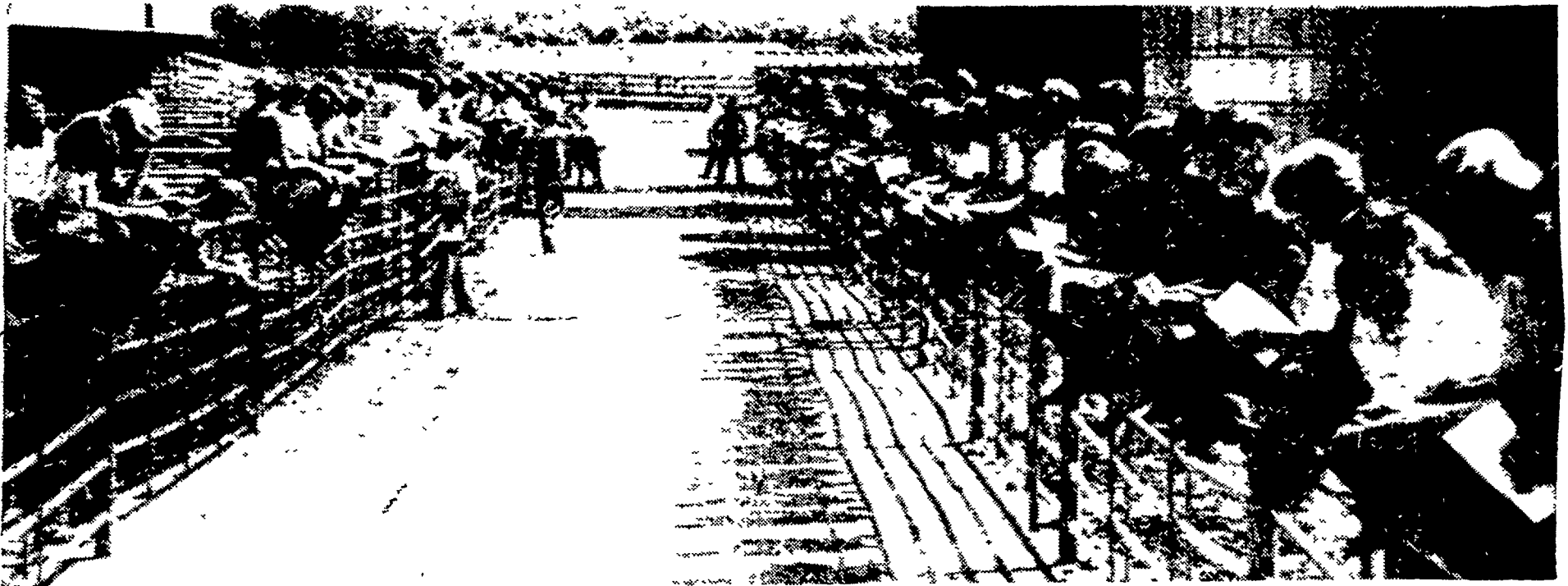
Dale Bollinger, Solanco ninth; a trip to the Atlantic Rural Exposition in Richmond, Va.

Dwight Hoover, Pequea Valley, fourteenth; Robert Hess,

Garden Spot FFA, Lampeter-Strasburg, sixteenth; Jay Zimmerman, Cloister FFA, Ephrata, and Donald Breneman, Garden Spot, tied for eighteenth.

Silver medal winners in Dairy Cattle were William Brown, South Western, York County; Carl Yoder, O. J.

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Some 173 FFA members entered the Livestock contest at Penn State this week and most of them are shown here trying to place one of several calves in the right USDA grade slot.

Commonwealth Bank Creates Farm Loan Subsidiary



Directors of the new Commonwealth National Agri-Loan Corporation are front, left to right, Spencer G Hall, Herman E. Stebbins, Noah W Kreider, John F. Biechler, and Edward B. Wagman. Back, Amos H.

Funk, Donald E. Horn, John D. Cope, Paul B. Whipple and Harry Wallick. Also a director but not present for the photo is George L. Morrison Jr.

The Commonwealth National Bank has created a subsidiary to channel funds into farming in five southeastern Pennsylvania counties.

The new lending company is the Commonwealth National Agri-Loan Corp.

Agri-Loan will consider intermediate term loans of one to seven years to any person or corporation actively engaged in farming.

While separate from other bank functions, the new farm loan subsidiary will have its headquarters in the Lancaster division of the Commonwealth National Bank.

Robert P. Bucher, a member of the Lancaster Commonwealth staff since January, is manager of Agri-Loan.

Besides Lancaster, Agri-Loan will operate in York, Dauphin, Perry and Cumberland Counties.

Agri-Loan will have an authorized capital of \$1 million, which will enable the firm to grant about \$5 million of farm loans, according to John R. Biechler, president of Agri-Loan and president of the Lancaster Division of Commonwealth National Bank.

Biechler said Agri-Loan "will provide a means of access to the" (Continued on Page 10)