

# 1970 4-H Leadership Banquet

Frank Bortz, assistant state 4-H leader, said at the Farm and Home Center this week that success of the local 4-H program depends on local adult 4-H leaders.

Speaker at the 1970 Lancaster County 4-H Leadership Banquet, Bortz told more than 100 adult leaders, "I'm a real firm believer that the 4-H program cannot exist without people like you — people who believe that the young people today are going to grow up and be great."

Terming 4-H the world's largest youth organization with four million members, Bortz said the 4-H program is extremely flexible and allows "each of you to do what you see the youth in your community need."

He said 4-H leaders are opening doors for young people all the time — doors the youths never knew existed.

He said 4-H gives youth a chance to use their head, hearts



C. Warren Leininger (third from left), Denver RD2, receives a certificate from Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, for 25 years of service to youth as an adult 4-H leader. Leininger was one of 26 adult lead-

ers receiving special recognition at a banquet Tuesday night. Looking on are the two new Lancaster County 4-H Queens, Kim Hess (left) of Strasburg RD1 and Carol Huss of New Holland.



Frank Bortz  
'Adult Leadership Vital'

and hands and is a "learn by doing" program.

The 4-H project in the individual locality "can be anything that young people want to do so long as they want to do it themselves," Bortz said.

Speaking to an audience of about 175, including about 100 of Lancaster County's more than 300 4-H leaders, Bortz said a primary consideration in determining the value of a 4-H project is what can it do for a boy or girl?

Helping youth attain a sense of responsibility and have pride in working — these should be

the results of 4-H, Bortz said.

He noted that 4-H gets young people at the best time — when "they're full of questions" — and in an informal atmosphere conducive to helping them "learn by doing."

Bortz also emphasized the important role of the 4-H teen leader, who speaks the language of young persons eligible for 4-H activities. These young leaders can help explain 4-H and, if given the opportunity, "can do much for each other and for us. All we have to say is 'go to it' and they have all sorts of vitality."

Earlier in the program, 26 adult 4-H leaders who have served Lancaster County youth from 5 to 25 years were given special recognition.

Max Smith, Lancaster County agricultural agent, assisted by the newly selected 4-H queens, Carol Huss of New Holland and Kim Hess of Strasburg RD1, presented a certificate and pins to each of the 26 adults.

Smith said, "We still feel that you 4-H leaders are the most important part of our program, next to the 4-H'ers themselves."

Many other 4-H leaders, from first year leaders to one who

has served 36 years, were recognized.

Of the 26 receiving special recognition, their service totaled 215 years.

Senior leader was C. Warren Leininger, Denver RD2, who has been a club leader for 25 years. Leininger is a well known swine producer active in the Lancaster County Swine Producer's Assn. He has won numerous awards for his swine on the state level.

Edgar Porter, Washington Boro RD1, was recognized for 20 years of 4-H leadership. Carl

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## Two Get American Farmer Degrees

Solanco FFA Chapter has two members who are slated to receive the American Farmer Degree at Kansas City next week.

The American Farmer Degree is one of the highest national awards an individual FFA member can receive. Only about one FFA member for each 1,000 members nationally receive the award, which recognizes outstanding leadership ability and accomplishment in developing a productive farm operation.

The American Farmers from Solanco are Preston LeFevre Jr. and James S. Hubei, Peach Bottom RD2.

Both young men are partners

in family enterprises centering around Holstein cows and both have exerted strong influence in modernizing the farm operation, according to Bill Fredd, Solanco FFA advisor.

Both men are 20 years old. LeFevre is single. Hubei, married to a former classmate, Carol Holloway, eight weeks ago, added a daughter to his young family.

(Lancaster Farming recently carried stories and photos of a third Lancaster County FFA member, Robert Lee Weaver, a 21-year-old Strasburg RD1 farmer, who will also get the American Farmer degree. In addition,



The Hubers, who formed a three-way partnership this year, work Monday on the foundation of their new 76 stall cow barn. The newly constructed silo is in the background. From left: 17-year-old Tom,

the elder David S. and 20-year-old Jim, who has been named to receive the highest national FFA degree, American Farmer, next week.

Weaver has been named Regional Star Farmer and has a chance at Kansas City for FFA's highest award, Star Farmer of America.

### Both Are Partners

LeFevre has been in a 50-50 partnership with his father, Preston, since 1966 when the young man was a junior in high school. Mrs. LeFevre, who recently has been recovering from an illness, was credited by the men with being a vital part of

the partnership. She keeps the books and in past years even helped the family through some rough times by handling the tractor out in the field, the elder LeFevre recalled.

Hubei this year formed a three-way partnership with his father, David S., and younger brother Tom, 17. Jim, who served as chapter treasurer in 1967 and was chaplain on Solanco's state championship parliamentary procedure team, is an

excellent bookkeeper, Fredd noted.

Both families—to make room for the energies and ideas of its active farming members—have been in the process of expansion, particularly of the dairying operations.

### Hubers Expand

The Hubers, when visited on their Peach Bottom RD2 farm Monday, were busily doing concrete foundation work on their

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The LeFevres, father and son partners, examine some of their freshly harvested corn crop Monday. Their assessment: high yield and good quality, despite diseases.