

19 Lancaster County FFA Youths to Receive Keystone Degree

Among 19 Lancaster County FFA members to receive the coveted Keystone Farmer Degree at the annual winter convention in Harrisburg during Farm Show Week will be two Solanco FFA Chapter brothers and a Penn Manor Chapter youth who is the fifth in his family to receive the award.

The brothers receiving the award are Clyde and Kenneth Dearolf, New Providence RD1. Kenneth graduated from Solanco High School in 1970 and Clyde is a senior there.

Meanwhile, Clyde Erb will be the fifth son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel S Erb, Columbia RD2, to receive the Keystone award. Clyde's parents will receive the "Honorary Parent Award" which is given to parents having three or

more sons receive the Keystone Degree, which is the highest degree given at the state level.

Clyde's brothers who received the award and the year are as follows: Dan, 1965; Dave, 1966; Clair, 1968; and Carl, 1970.

Only one FFA member in 50 in Pennsylvania is eligible for the Keystone degree. Henry Givler, area agriculture consultant, noted that each Keystone Farmer must have satisfactorily completed at least two years of instruction in vocational agriculture, demonstrated marked leadership, earned and invested at least \$500 productively, and attained satisfactory achievement in improving the farm's efficiency or his home farm's comfort. The winners of the award, their photographs and some information about each of them, is as follows:

served as Chapter treasurer during his senior year.

Looking to the future, Kenneth would like to truck farm and raise livestock.

Clyde is a senior at Solanco High School and, like his older brother, participated in high school baseball and various FFA activities.

His projects have included swine, strawberries and steers. He was first place individual in the 1970 Rural Youth contest at Solanco Fair.

His goal is to become a successful farmer.

corn and hay. He is now taking academic subjects to continue his education in college.

and Water Conservation Club for four years and served as vice president in 1969 and president in 1970.

Active in sports, he was a member of the Ephrata Varsity football team this year and is now a member of the Varsity basketball team.



Clyde Dearolf
Solanco Chapter



Kenneth Dearolf
Solanco Chapter



Clyde Erb
Penn Manor Chapter



Rick Pfautz
Cloister Chapter



Carl Musser
Grassland Chapter

Rick Pfautz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leroy Pfautz, Stevens RD1, is a 12th grade member of the Cloister FFA and holds the offices of Chapter president and County FFA secretary.

His farming program includes 10 breeding swine, six fattening swine, one acre of sweet corn, two acres of field corn and one-fourth acre of sugar peas.

Rick has exhibited his animals at local and state livestock shows winning numerous awards. He has won two gold medals in Dairy Products and Livestock judging at the State FFA Convention held at Penn State. He then went on to win a silver medal in Dairy Products Judging at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, Mo. This past October Rick won a bronze medal in Livestock judging at the National FFA Convention at Kansas City, Mo.

Rick is also active in community activities. He has been a member of the 4-H Tractor Maintenance Club for five years and was secretary in 1967 and vice president in 1968. He has also been a member of the 4-H Soil

Carl Musser, 17, is a son of Mr. and Mrs. David G. Musser, Mohnton RD2. He is a member of the Grassland FFA Chapter.

In 1969 Carl's brother Roy received the Keystone Farmer Degree.

Carl has served as chairman of the community service committee, chairman of the conduct of meeting committee, as well as chairman of the New Holland Farm Show float committee. He has attended the National FFA Convention in Kansas City.

For his farming program, Carl has had show sheep and swine. He has been a recipient of the New Holland Jaycee's sheep and swine awards.

In the Project Record Book contest, Carl won a silver medal. Carl participates in the Menonite Youth fellowship.

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