

Ephrata Area Young Adult Farmers' Has Third Annual Banquet

The Ephrata Area Young Adult Farmers' Association installed new officers and presented awards at its third annual banquet last Saturday at Mt. Airy Fire Hall.

Officers for the coming year are headed by Irvin Graybill Jr, of the Triple-G dairy farm, Stevens RD1, who is president.

Other officers are: Paul Bucher, Lititz RD4, vice president; Kenneth Hertzog, Ephrata RD1, secretary; Clifford Bollinger, Lititz RD4, treasurer, and Thomas Zartman, Ephrata RD1, public relations director.

Officers for the past year and the 1972 banquet committee were: Jesse Balmer, president; Graybill, vice president; Clyde Eby, secretary; Earl Martin, treasurer, and Glenn Martin, public relations director. Balmer was also banquet toastmaster.

Appreciation Awards were presented to Clarence Stauffer, Ephrata RD1, for his service on the Ephrata Area School Board from 1965 to 1971, and to Dr. Melvyn G. Wenger, D. V. M., for helping organize animal health classes for the YF Association.

Corn silage awards were given to the following: Leonard Kreider, Lititz RD4, first place with 10,560 pounds of total digestible nutrients (TDN) per acre; Luke Ray Zimmerman, Ephrata RD2, second, 10,155 TDN; and Clifford Bollinger, Lititz RD4, third 9,687 TDN.

Corn grain awards were given

as follows: Earl G. Martin, Ephrata RD2, first place with 164.4 bushels per acre; Melvyn M. Nolt, Ephrata, second, 162.5 bushels per acre, and Warren F. Bollinger, Lititz RD4, third, 157.4 bushels per acre.

Hay awards were presented as follows: Earl Stauffer, Ephrata RD1, first, 8.38 tons per acre; Jesse G. Balmer, Lititz RD4, second, 7.83 tons per acre, and Glenn Miller, Stevens RD1, third, 6.14 tons per acre.

Entertainment was provided by Mrs. N. J. Fuhrman, Lititz, with a humorous Pennsylvania Dutch dialogue using names of members of the Young Farmers'. In brief serious comments,

Mrs. Fuhrman spoke about the need for humor, and the importance of doing the little things, like praying for those who need it, visiting and sending cards to shut-ins, and always wearing a smile. "Do what you can," she urged.

Among those speaking briefly were: Jay C. Zimmerman, Pennsylvania Regional FFA vice president, who described FFA as

"youth with a purpose" and said FFA has the positive purpose of "getting everybody involved to help better the environment for generations to come; Jay Foreman, Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association president, who emphasized the need to meet membership goals this year, and Donald Hershey, Pennsylvania Young Farmers Regional vice president, who

emphasized the need to continue education and to establish good public relations with bankers and businessmen. All three are Lancaster County residents.

Charles Ackley, Ephrata Area Young Farmers' advisor, received a special award of appreciation from the organization. Henry Givler, area vocational consultant, installed the new officers.

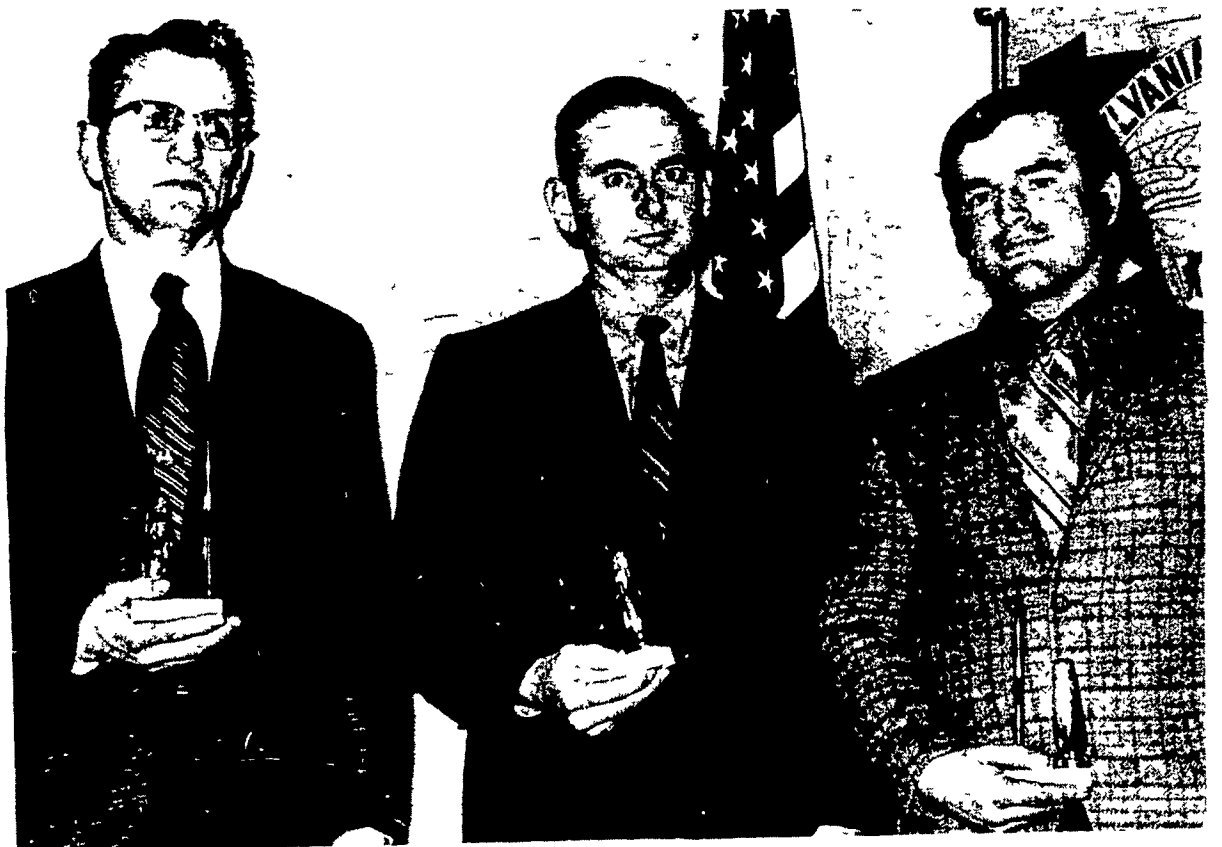


New officers of the Ephrata Area Young Adult Farmers' Association as they were sworn in by Henry Givler, area vocational agriculture consultant, are: left to right, Thomas Zartman, public relations director; Clifford

Bollinger, treasurer; Kenneth Hertzog, secretary; Paul Bucher, vice president, and Irvin Graybill Jr, president. The organization's motto is: "A Young Farmer Is Any Farmer Willing To Learn."

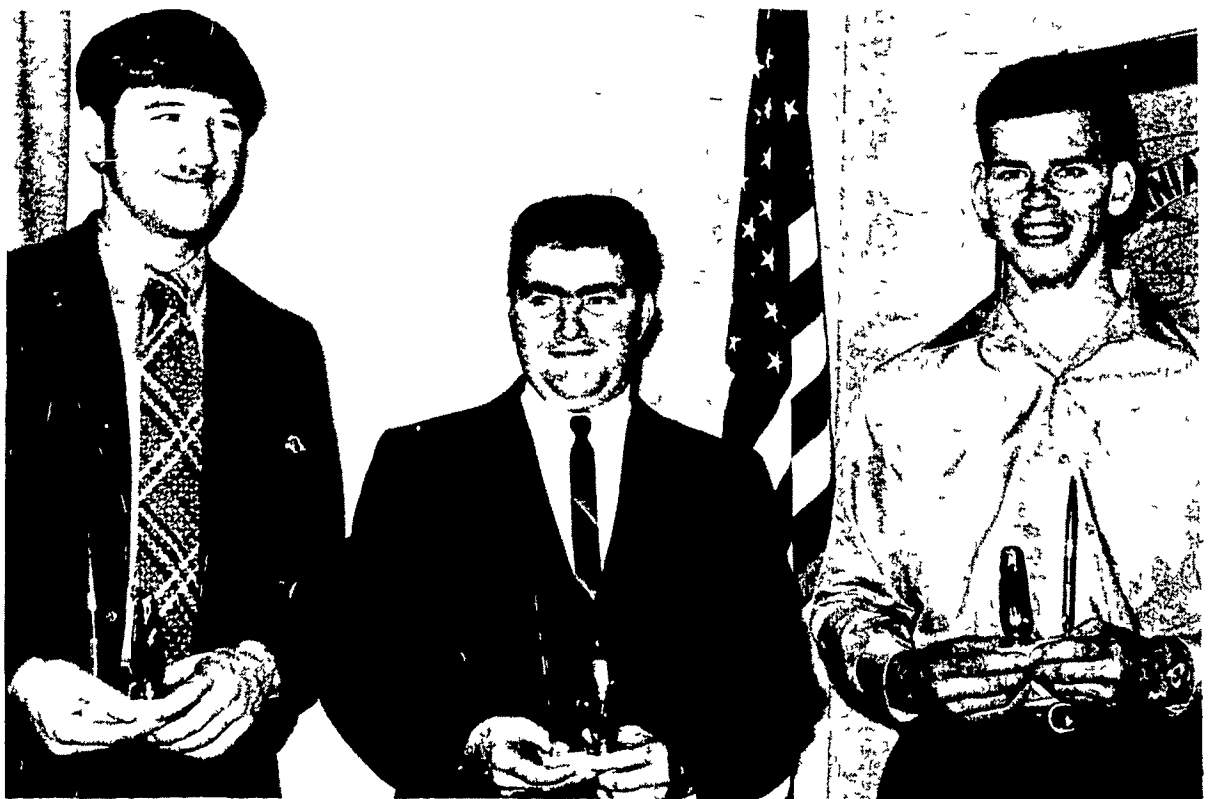


Mrs. N. J. Fuhrman, well-known local Pennsylvania Dutch humorist, gets ready to make her "shopping list" as she speaks last Saturday night.



Receiving corn grain awards at the Ephrata Young Farmers' banquet are: left

to right, Warren F. Bollinger, third; Melvyn M. Nolt, second, and Earl G. Martin, first.



Receiving awards for top corn silage production at the Ephrata Young Farmers' banquet are: left to right, Clifford

Bollinger, third; Luke Ray Zimmerman, second, and Leonard Kreider, first.