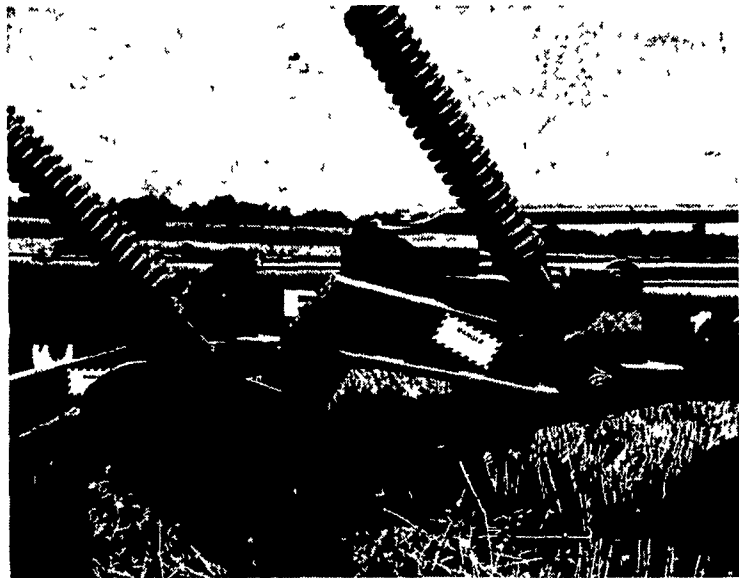


FFA Banquets

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Greenhand Degrees, presented to first-year Chapter members by Mr. Shelly and Mr. Wood, went to: Sandy Meallow, Missy Straub, Robert Cross, Ray

Lefever, Al Lutz, Michael Geiger, Craig Becker, Craig Tshudy, Stanley Hoover, Dale Smith, Ronald Brooks, Donna Anderson, Paul Bewley, Kathi Ridinger, Howard Bunting, Wendy McCauley, Tess Morrison, Karin Houser.
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Among the award winners at Thursday night's Solanco FFA banquet were, left to right: Gary Akers, Star Chapter Farmer;

Gordon Herr, Star Greenhand; and Charles Coates, Star Red Rose Farmer.

Frantz, Sherry Groff, Vicki Lefever, Linda Redcay, Elaine Wenger, Mary Ann Wertz, Terri Shirk, Kim Waidley, Mary Ann Barner, Bev Fry, Mark Herr, and Donna Schmeck.

Putting their education to use, the table centerpieces were made by members in classes taught by Miss Levine. Following the

program a drawing was held and the centerpieces were given to a number of the mothers present. Entertainment was provided by the Gardenspoters, a musical group from the Grassland FFA Chapter in New Holland.

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Assessment

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where a similar program is optional to farmers those under the farm assessment program have invested more money in buildings and machinery meaning he said "the program must be working and these farmers expect to remain in business."

With agriculture paying a smaller percentage of the total tax picture under an agricultural-use assessment program, Dr. Epp said the burden of taxes would have to shift to other areas, but the amount of taxes involved, he said would be a small percentage.

In Pennsylvania, he said, only four percent of the tax base is agriculture. Residential comprises 61 percent, commercial 24 percent and industrial 9 percent, he said.

"While there might be some tax shift," Dr. Epp said, "it would be small."

In Lancaster County, he said, 14 percent of the tax base is in agricultural land.

Peter Norton, a research development specialist at the Penn State, told the group that communities must decide for themselves if open land is a valuable asset to the community.

He said there has been considerable talk recently that all the nation's food could easily be produced in the area between the Allegheny and Rocky Mountains, leaving the entire east coast for development.

On the other hand, he said, people must decide if they want to create the mechanism to hold the best land in agriculture.

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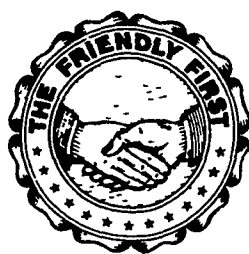
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