

Mast Gets Reading Fair Boy Award

Nine Twin Valley FFA members participated in Berks County FFA contests at the Kutztown Fair. Four Twin Valley members - Nevin Mast, Terry Murray, Larry Stoltzfus, and Ronald Dannecker - participated in the dairy judging contest. Three classes of dairy animals were judged, and a set of six questions were answered on one class. Mast recorded the highest placing of the Twin Valley participants, placing sixth, while Murray received seventh place. The contest was won by David Schontz of Brandywine FFA.

Five Twin Valley students participated in the livestock judging contest. A class of Duroc breeding gilts, a class of Cheviot breeding ewes, and a class of Angus market steers were judged for this contest. In addition, from two to four questions had to be answered for each class. Lloyd Simmers of Twin Valley placed seventh and Ron Smoker ninth. Other Twin Valley contestants were Robert Stoltzfus, Melvin Houck, and Harold Steve. The contest was won by Marlin Dietrich of Kutztown, with William Abrams of Governor Mifflin a close second.

In the afternoon, Chapter president Terry Murray represented the chapter in the tractor driving contest. Here a contestant must complete a safety check of the tractor, hitch to a manure spreader, drive through an obstacle course with the manure spreader, back the spreader into a stall with two inches clearance on each side, and back a four-wheeled wagon into an adjacent stall with six inches clearance on each side and only four feet to pull front. This contest was won by Dale

Siegfried of Kutztown. Terry finished eighth due to difficulty backing the four-wheeled wagon within the required time.

Twin Valley also placed a window exhibit at the fair. Title of the exhibit is "Get Buzzing With Honey Bees Friends of Man." The exhibit, measuring eight feet by five feet by three feet deep, featured various beekeeping equipment as well as an observation bee hive. The exhibit was awarded fifth place out of a class of 15. It is the first such exhibit the Chapter has entered in competition in recent years. The exhibit was also exhibited at the Reading Fair, where it received third prize.

In other FFA news, the Chapter received notification that Nevin Mast, former Chapter president and current state FFA sentinel, received the Reading Fair Boy Award. The award is presented to the outstanding FFA member in Berks County from among those members who received the Keystone Degree during the current year. The award consisted of a \$100 savings bond and a plaque.

Mast also helped with the FFA booth at Ag Progress Days last week.

Two Twin Valley FFA members earned the right to show their dairy animals in the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show at Harrisburg. Both members earned this right by having animals awarded blue ribbons at the FFA Regional Dairy show at Harrisburg last week. Mastdale Star Marcia - Twin, bred, owned, and exhibited by Fred Mast of Elverson RD2 received second place in the junior yearling Holstein class. Conbella Counts Dorothy, a senior yearling Ayrshire heifer bred by Charles Gable of Elverson RD2, and owned and exhibited by Terry Murray of Honey Brook RD2 received a fourth place blue ribbon in her class. In addition to the above awards, Mastdale Ivan Star Denise - and Murray received a Master Fitter and Showmanship award with his heifer.



Strasburg Bank Promotes Hodgen

Donald H. Hoffecker, executive vice president of The First National Bank of Strasburg, announced the promotion of Donald A. Hodgen to loan officer of the bank. Hodgen was collection manager of the bank's Installment Loan Department prior to his promotion.

Before joining The First National Bank of Strasburg, the new loan officer was assistant manager of the Ephrata branch of GAC Corporation. He has completed several American Institute of Banking courses, including Law in Banking and Principles of Banking Operations.

The Lancaster Catholic High School graduate is a veteran of the United States Navy where he served as a petty officer, third class. He and his wife, the former Kathleen Grap of Wayne, New Jersey, reside in Conestoga, RD1.

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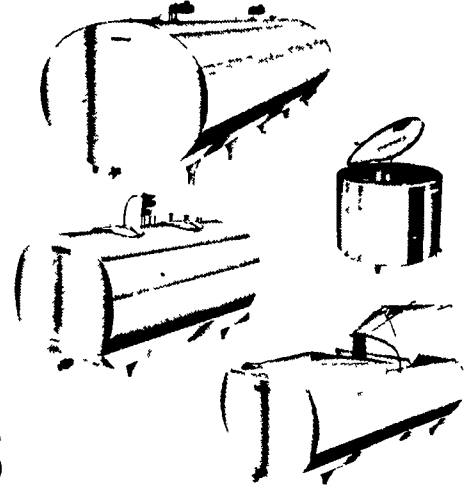
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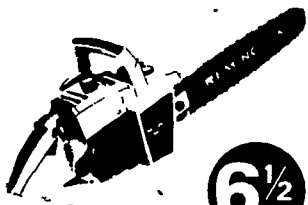
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