

FFA'ers Return Bearing Honors

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degree, that of "State Farmer", is presented by the State FFA Association and is limited to no more than two percent of the State's FFA membership in any one year. Only students who have earned the State Farmer Degree are eligible for the American Farmer Degree.

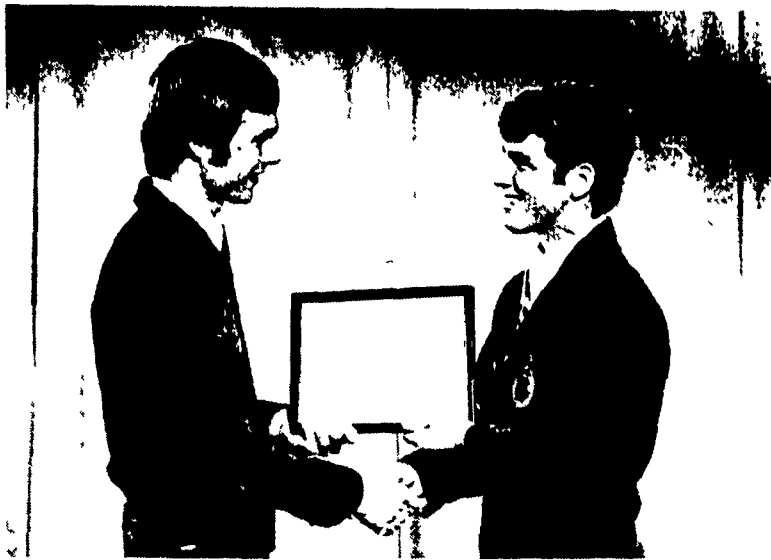
In addition to having earned the State Farmer Degree, candidates for the American Farmer Degree must have been active members of the FFA continuously for at least three years. They must have a record of participation in local and state FFA activities and they must have completed all of the vocational agriculture instruction offered in their high school. Candidates must have been out of high school for at least a year and must have in operation, an outstanding supervised farming or agribusiness occupation program. American Farmer applicants must have earned at least \$1,000 by their own efforts through their occupational experience program and must have their earnings productively invested or deposited in a bank. Finally, the American Farmer candidates must have demonstrated outstanding ability through their leadership and cooperation in student, chapter and community activities. They must have a satisfactory scholarship record as certified by the local school superintendent or principal.

Each American Farmer Degree recipient is presented a gold key and certificate by the Future Farmers of America. Recipients who attend the Convention are presented a check from the Future Farmers of America Foundation to help pay their travel expenses.

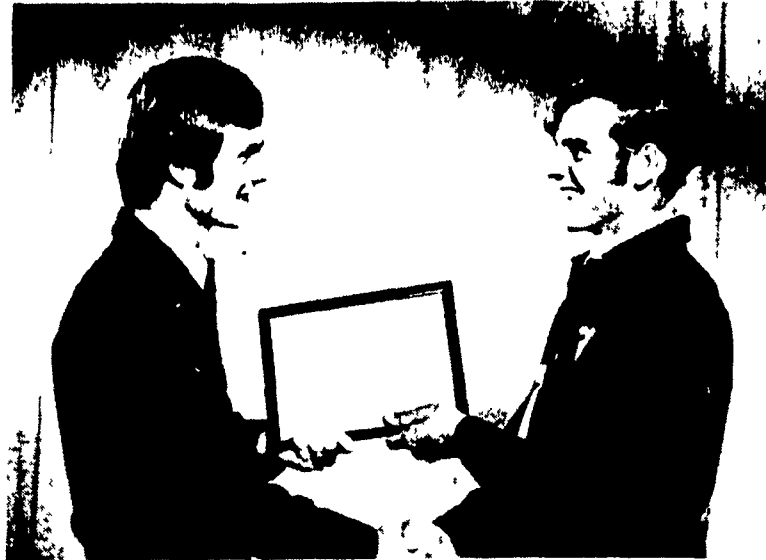
Waybright is Regional V-P

Another signal honor at the convention went to Doyle O. Waybright, Gettysburg RD2. Waybright, a member of the Battlefield FFA chapter was elected vice-president of the North Atlantic Region. He is the 20-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Waybright, and is a managing partner in a three-family dairy operation which currently milks 475 cows.

In FFA activities Doyle served as State President of the Pennsylvania FFA Association in 1971-72. He served on the 1972 National FFA nominating committee and



Dwight Seegmiller, national FFA president, presented American Farmer Degrees to Dale Bollinger (left photo) and Thomas W. Aaron (right photo) at ceremonies during the annual FFA convention held last week in



Kansas City, Mo. The American Farmer Degree is the highest degree of membership in the FFA, and it was presented to 564 FFA members this year.



Grassland FFA Officers and Advisor received national recognition for achievement in community development at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Missouri. William Erwin, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture for Rural

Development, Washington, D.C. greets Ray Martin, Chapter President; Ken Mull, Chairman of the FFA Community Development Committee; and FFA Advisor Mr. Robert Woods.

was winner of the 1971 State FFA public speaking contest. He has been credited for helping to initiate several new FFA programs in his home state.

Clark is First in Dairy Judging

Solanco's Randy Clark, Quarryville, led his team to a

third-place finish in the dairy judging contest by outscoring everybody else in the nation. Clark's teammates, Gary Akers and William Hershey, Quarryville, won gold emblem awards for their individual placings.

Nine classes of dairy cattle

were available for judging by 45 teams in the Dairy Cattle Contest. The team members observed the animals from all angles for 12 minutes, but were not allowed to touch them. After the allotted time they were given an additional 12 minutes to prepare reasons for their placement choices. Finally they were given two minutes each to give their placement choices orally.

The National Contest is a competitive activity in which young men and women test their ability to select top quality livestock and animal products - needed for successful production

and marketing. Only FFA members who are under 21 years of age and who currently are following a planned course of study in vocational agriculture are eligible for the contests. Each team in the contest has competed with other chapters in their state for the privilege of participating in the National FFA contest.

As sponsors of the contest Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. and Associated Milk Producers, Inc. provide funds to help pay travel expenses of teams as well as to provide plaques and trophies for winning teams and medals for high scoring individuals.

BOAC Awards

BOAC (Building Our American Communities) awards were presented to Grassland Chapter FFA officers from Garden Spot High School as well as to the Northern Lebanon FFA chapter.

The BOAC program is designed to develop leadership ability of FFA members by encouraging them to take an active role in the community. In the classroom, FFA members learn the community development process, survey community needs and wants, identify high priority projects and seek to cooperate with other community groups and individuals. The result of the program is expected to be not only better communities, but also better qualified citizen leaders and followers who will strengthen tomorrow's American society.

Assisting in the effort are the Farmers Home Administration (FHA) of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and Lilly Endowment, Inc., of Indianapolis, Indiana. The FHA is providing technical assistance in the form of classroom materials on rural development. Lilly Endowment is providing awards and additional funds to help offset administrative expenses through the National FFA Foundation, Inc.



Members of the Solanco FFA Chapter Dairy Cattle Team were greeted in Kansas City by Mr. Avery Bose (left), Treasurer of Associated Milk Producers, Inc. of Antioch, Illinois, and Mr. William Powell (right), President of Mid-America Dairymen, Inc. of Princeton, Missouri. Team members (left

to right) Randy Clark, Gary Akers and William Hershey were accompanied to Kansas City by their advisor, Arba Henry. Clark took high individual honors in the nation in the contest, while the Solanco team came in third.



Sandy Ginder, left, a horticulture student at Mount Joy Vo-Tech, led her judging team to victory with a first place finish in ornamental horticulture judging held during a North Atlantic Region FFA contest at the Eastern States Exposition in West Springfield, Mass. Sandy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Homer Ginder, Elizabethtown RD3. She's shown being congratulated by Bruce Erath, regional FFA vice-president.