

Keystone Farmer Degrees Awarded to Area FFA Members

Numerous area FFA members will receive the Keystone Farmer degree, to be awarded them during ceremonies at the FFA mid-winter Convention, at the Forum Building, Harrisburg on Wednesday, Jan. 9. The Convention is held annually in conjunction with the Pennsylvania State Farm Show.

The Keystone Farmer degree is received by only one farm boy or girl in 50. According to FFA rules, not more than two percent of State membership can receive the honor.

This degree is given for outstanding achievement in agriculture and rural life. To be eligible, the FFA member 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 comfort.

FFA members who will receive the Keystone Farmer degree on Wednesday are:

Ken Mull is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth A. Mull, Narvon RD1. Presently serving as treasurer of the Grassland FFA



Ken Mull
Grassland Chapter

Chapter, Ken previously served as 2nd reporter.

Ken has received the Greenhand degree; Chapter Farmer degree and Red Rose degree. He has served as chairman of several committees. Ken has been a participant in many county and area contests.

Ken is presently employed at New Holland Supply. Ken and his father have a swine breeding and fattening operation. He is an active member of the Churchtown Mennonite Church Youth Group.



Ray Martin
Grassland Chapter

Ray Martin, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli W. Martin, New Holland RD1.

Ray is presently serving as County vice-president and Grassland Chapter president. He has also held the office as sentinel. Along with serving as chairman of several committees, he has served as a delegate to the state and national FFA conventions.

Ray won a gold medal in the state public speaking contest and was president of the county winning PP team. He has received the Greenhand, and the Lancaster County Star Farmer. As projects, Ray is in partnership with his father in a dairy herd and he also raises some field crops.

He is a member of the Groffdale Mennonite Church and is an active member of its Youth Group. Ray belongs to the Ayrshire Jr. Breeders Club and was also a National Jr. Honor Society Member.



Dennis Nolt
Grassland Chapter

dairy heifer, steer, corn, and wheat; and a member of various other committees.

He attends Pequea Mennonite Church and presently works at New Holland Supply Company. In the future he plans to continue work in agribusiness.



Ken Groff
Grassland Chapter

Dennis Nolt, 17, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Nolt, of New Holland RD1.

Dennis's FFA activities include the following: swine and beef fattening projects, raising sheep and a dairy heifer, work experience, medal winner at Penn State in land judging, attended National FFA Convention in Kansas City, won County Calf, received Red Rose Degree, participant in Milk Products contest, ribbon winner with a

Ken Groff is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Groff, 37 Quarry Road, Leola. Ken has been the Chaplain of the Grassland FFA chapter for the last two years.

Some of his activities in FFA were dairy judging at Penn State, Dairy Products Judging contest and land judging in 9th grade. His farming projects were: Laying hens, veal calves, show steers and dairy cows. He works at New Holland Supply Company part time. Ken was the past president of the New Holland 4-H Beef Club. He is a member of the Carpenters Mennonite Church.



Charles Neff
Pequea Valley Chapter

Charles Neff, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy C. Neff of RD1, Paradise. The Neffs' farm 98 acres of their own and rent an additional 20 to support their 80 head of dairy cattle. Charles' FFA projects include raising and showing Registered Holstein feeding 138 finishing hogs, veal calves, and renting 10 acres for corn, on top of all that he also as a Cooperative Work Experience

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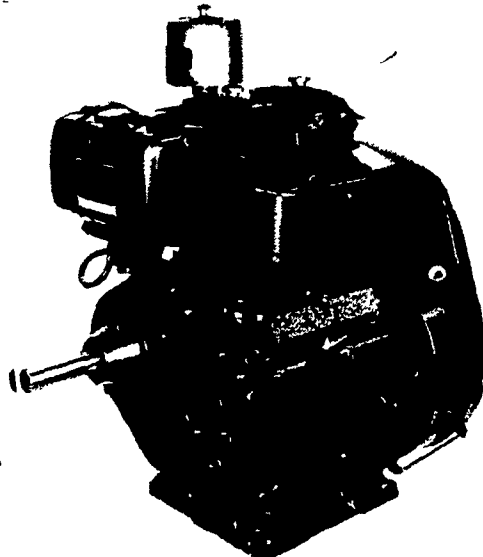
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