

## FFA Members

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**Richard Hess**  
Garden Spot Chapter

president but also the president of the Lancaster County FFA Chapter. His farming projects consist of a dairy herd made up of four cows and four heifers, two acres of tobacco, twelve acres of field corn and two steers.

Besides his activities in FFA, he is very active in other school activities such as varsity football, basketball, and baseball. Richard who is now a senior, plans to attend college next year and study some form of agriculture.

Steve Ussler, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Ussler, RD2, Pottstown is a senior Vo-Ag student at Owen J. Roberts High School. He is president of the local FFA chapter, and treasurer of the Chester County FFA.

His first FFA project in ninth grade was a working for experience project on S. Harvey Kulp Jr.'s farm. He held the



**Steve Ussler**  
Owen J. Roberts Chapter

same job and entered project books each year in the state project book contest. When Steve was a junior, he raised five veal calves for his first production project. As a senior he raised three and one half acres of field corn, four acres of wheat, six veal calves, two dairy beef, and two Registered Holstein heifers. He showed one of the animals in three dairy shows this summer. He won two fourth place ribbons in area contests, and a fifth place ribbon in the Junior All American Dairy Show in Harrisburg.

After graduation, Steve plans to attend a two year college for a course in dairy husbandry, before he starts a dairy herd of his own.

David Hess is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Hess of Lancaster RD2. He works for Roijester Fertilizer Company.

While in school, Dave was active in the Manor FFA. He represented Penn Manor in the National Livestock Contest in Kansas City and also attended the National FFA Convention as a freshman and senior.

Dave had projects that in-



**David Hess**  
Penn Manor Chapter

cluded sows, corn, hay, and in addition, was active in the Work Experience Program.



**Tom Denlinger**  
Pequea Valley Chapter

Tom Denlinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Denlinger of RD1, Gap. Tom is a Senior whose projects include raising and showing Registered Holstein Dairy Cattle, feeding 84 finishing hogs, raising 224 rabbits, and a cooperative Work Experience program on the farm of Melvin R.

## 1974 Funding Announced For Environmental Conservation

The U.S. Department of Agriculture (USDA) recently announced the operation and funding for fiscal year 1974 of the new Rural Environmental Conservation Program authorized by the Agriculture and Consumer Protection Act of 1973 and the Water Bank Program.

Total funding level for the two programs, the Department said, will be \$100 million. RECP will receive \$90 million and Water Bank \$10 million.

RECP is a new program which carries forward some features of the old Rural Environmental Assistance Program but with increased emphasis on tree

planting in states and counties to be designated. Annual cost-share agreements will be used as well as phasing-in of the Title X authority in the farm act which authorizes the Secretary to enter into long-term cost-share agreements with landowners to establish conservation practices.

These programs will help landowners establish and follow recommended permanent type conservation practices while farmers are being called on for all-out production to meet consumer and export needs.

Water Bank continues a program established by Congress in 1971 providing agreements with owners and operators of eligible wetlands in important migratory waterfowl nesting and breeding areas. Participants agree not to drain, burn, fill, or otherwise destroy the wetland character of such areas.

The Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service will administer the cost-share agreements through its farmer-elected committee system, in close cooperation with other agencies of USDA. Planning, technical and educational assistance will be provided by Soil Conservation Service, Forest Service, Extension Service, and state forestry agencies.

Stoltzfus, Ronks. Tom is presently holding the Office of Chaplain of the Pequea Valley FFA Chapter having served one year as Secretary as a Junior. Last year Tom received the Star Chapter Farmer award and has participated in both Parliamentary Procedure and Livestock Judging contests.

Other area youths, not pictured, who will receive the Keystone Farmer degree are:

**Chester County**  
Donald H. Windle, Jr., Coatesville RD3, Octorara Chapter.

**Berks County**  
David W. Schantz, Alburts RD1, Brandywine Heights; Albert George Dillon, 30 E. Broad St., Shillington, Governor Mifflin; Thomas J. Heffner, Shoemakersville, Hamburg Area; Jacob H. Leiby, Shoemakersville RD1, Hamburg Area; Marlin G. Dietrich, Kempton RD1, Kutztown; David

P. Kistler, Kempton RD1, Kutztown.

**Lebanon County**  
Glenn Gingrich, Lebanon RD4, Cedar Crest; Donald L. Reist, Lebanon RD1, Cedar Crest; Donald Bollinger, Myerstown RD2, E. Lebanon County; Clifford Berger, Fredericksburg RD1, Northern Lebanon; Glenn Ulrich, Box 52, Ono, Northern Lebanon.

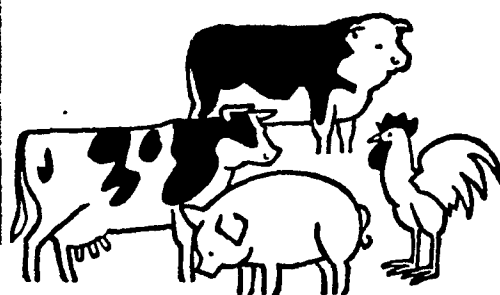


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