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Pequea Valley's top FFA award winners, recognized at Thursday night's annual banquet, were, left to right, Don Miller, Chapter Star Farmer, Tom Denlinger, Star Red Rose, Fred Leaman, Star Chapter Farmer, and Elvin Weaver, Star Greenhand.

4 Area FFA Groups Hold Annual Meetings

Area FFA Chapters have been busy recently with their annual banquets and award presentations to outstanding members. What follows is a report on each of the most recent Lancaster County events.

Garden Spot FFA Lampeter-Strasburg High School

Rick Hess, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Hess, Strasburg, was awarded the Dekalb Agricultural Accomplishment Award. The award is sponsored by Dekalb AgResearch, Inc. and is presented to the outstanding senior in the vocational agriculture department. This award was presented to him on the basis of his scholarship, leadership, and his supervised farming program.

Hess also received \$30 from the Lancaster County Bankers Association.

Darwin Mowery from the Strasburg National Bank presented the check.

Proficiency awards were given to John Harnish, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Harnish, Strasburg for his outstanding dairy production project. Jim Wilson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Wilson, Strasburg was honored for outstanding crop production. Dwight Houser,

son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Wilbur Houser, Lampeter was given the livestock production award. Rick Hess was presented with the award for outstanding agricultural production for the year.

The four Red Rose Degree winners from the chapter, Jim Wilson, Dwight Houser, John Harnish, and Jeff Cramer were also honored.

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Garden Spot Chapter prize winners were, left to right, Doug Rohrer, Star Greenhand, Curt Hess, Star Chapter Farmer, and Dwight Houser, Star Red Rose

May 1 Last Date for Scholarship Requests

Applicants for Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation college scholarships should submit their applications no later

than May 1, county agent Max Smith said this week. Smith is chairman of the Foundation's scholarship committee.

The scholarships are for senior students in any public or non-public high school in Lancaster County, or any other county residents who have completed high school. A maximum of ten scholarships will be awarded this year.

Each scholarship will be for \$400 and may be used to help pay tuition, fees or room

and board expenses at any accredited college or university which offers a course of study in agriculture and-or home economics.

The Farm and Home Foundation Scholarships are paid with earnings from an irrevocable trust fund established by the late Elmer L. Esbenschade, one of the foundation founders. The income from the fund is offered annually to scholarship applicants, depending on their need. Funds from the Foundation treasury are also used in the scholarship program.

All senior guidance counselors in the county have been informed of these scholarships, and Smith

advised interested students to contact their counselors for more information and application forms. More information can also be had from Smith at the Farm and Home Center, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster, phone 394-6851.

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Orval Bass

Orval Bass Moving to New SCS Assignment

Orval Bass will end his eight-year stint as Lancaster County's district conservationist this month to assume a like position in Boone County, Missouri. Bass is scheduled to begin working out of his new Columbia, Mo., office on April 29.

Bass is an 18-year veteran of the USDA's Soil and Conservation service, and came to the local office from Clarion County in 1966. In his

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Dale Burns

FARM TRENDS by Dick Wanner

Pa. Cattle Slaughter Up 3 pct.

February 1974 slaughter of meat animals in Pennsylvania was up for cattle and sheep and lambs, but down for calves and hogs, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service. Cattle slaughter increased 3 percent, and sheep and lambs 8 percent. Calf slaughter was down 27 percent and hog slaughter 28 percent below February a year ago.

Nationally, total red meat production was 2 percent less than a year ago and 18 percent less than January 1974. Beef production was down 4 percent from

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Cloister Chapter's top award winners were, left to right, Barry Wissler, Star Red Rose; Kerry Boyd, Star Chapter Farmer, and Daryl Martin, Star Greenhand



Manheim's star award winners were, left to right Randy Stoltzfus, Star Greenhand, Ruby Ginder, Star Farmer and Ron Kreider, also Star Farmer.