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Land Judging Victors Named

Solanco High School's FFA land judging team squeaked by the Ephrata team with a three-point lead to take top honors in this year's county FFA land judging contest. Last year, the Ephrata team beat Solanco by a margin almost as narrow.

Dale Burns, soil scientist who recently began working in the Lancaster County Soil and Conservation Service office, was the official judge for the contest. Competitors viewed five separate holes dug on the Parke Brackbill farm, near Refton. They rated the holes for their suitability for crops and other uses. Individuals were scored on their closeness to Burn's ratings for each hole.

Some 70 FFA'ers from nine schools competed in the event. Of the top ten individuals, five were from

Solanco, four were from Ephrata and one was from New Holland. Mark Hohenwarter of Solanco was first with a total of 434 points, and Ephrata's Barry Wissler was second with 417.

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The top team in this year's Lancaster County FFA Land Judging Contest came from Solanco. The smiling victors are shown here receiving their winning trophy from Warren Wagner, vo-ag instructor at Lampeter-Strasburg. L-S was the

sponsoring school this year. The team members, from left to right, are Joseph Overly, Mark Hohenwarter, Randy Ranck, Charles Coates and Gordon Herr.

U.K. Farmers On Tour Here

A group of touring English farmers stopped at three area farms on Thursday to chat with the owners about farm life and farm management. The 22 United Kingdom farmers embarked on their U.S. tour May 13 and will return home on May 23.

Lancaster Farming joined the group briefly at the Aaron Brubaker farm in Rohrerstown. The tour was sponsored by ICI, Ltd., a

British chemical company which is among the largest in the world. The Lancaster County portion of the tour was hosted by Ortho along with P. L. Rohrer and Bros., Inc., Smoketown. ICI is the manufacturer of Paraquat which is sold in the U.S. under the Ortho label.

The surprising thing about this group of farmers was the size of their farms. The

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FARM TRENDS by Dick Wanner

RECORD HIGH WINTER WHEAT CROP IS SEEN

U.S. winter wheat production now forecast at a record 1.612 billion bu. That's 27 pct. (342 million bu.) above last year's record crop, and higher than any total U.S. wheat crop grown prior to 1971.

Reason for the big gain: Larger acreage and a record-high projected yield. Harvested acreage is

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FFA'ers Win State Proficiency Awards

Area youths fared well this week when the state FFA Proficiency Award winners were named in Harrisburg. Each first place award carries with it a \$100 prize and the opportunity to compete in the Northeast Region proficiency contest. Regional winners will then go to vie for national honors at the next national FFA convention in Kansas City.

First place winners in the 13 different categories were: Agriculture sales and/or service - J. Richard Groff, 1508 W. Main St., Ephrata. Dairy production - Gregory A. Lanids, Lan-

caster RD6. Placement in agricultural production - Nevin E. Mast, Morgantown RD1. Agricultural processing - Lynn Ray Groff, 211 S. State St., Ephrata. Poultry production - Michael L. Martin, New Holland RD1. Agricultural mechanics - Glenn L. Long, Columbia RD2. Ornamental horticulture - Jeff Keeney, 2826 Vireo Rd., York. Beef production - Howard J. Stoltzfus, Eleverson RD2. Fish and wildlife [Continued on Page 8]



Aaron Brubaker (wearing cap) learned about the impact of inheritance taxes in England from W. S. Elkington, right, a farmer on tour in

the U.S. Elkington said inheritance taxes can total up to 90 percent of the value of a farm.

Farm-Home Scholarship Winners Announced

Nine smiling youthful faces graced the board room of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Center Wednesday night, as the Farm and Home Foundation board of directors voted to award each of the youths present a \$400 scholarship. There would have been ten smiles, but scholarship winner Kris Halls is presently a student in Denmark.

All ten scholarship winners are 1973 or 1974 graduates of Lancaster County high schools, and all plan to attend college in the fall to major in either home

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We Salute Dairy Industry June 1

Dairying is nearly a \$50 million a year business in Lancaster County, and it's an important industry in surrounding counties, too. Chester and Berks Counties each produce about \$20 million worth of milk annually, and York and Lebanon Counties each come close to the \$11 million mark. LANCASTER FARMING will recognize the area's dynamic dairy industry in its June 1 Special Annual Dairy Issue.

We extend a special invitation to dairy groups and organizations, as well as individuals, to submit articles and news on dairying for the Dairy Issue.

Advertisers are invited to make their own appeal to a large segment of the Southeastern Pennsylvania dairy market. To be sure to make the Dairy Issue, please submit all material by Wednesday, May 29.

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