

# FFA to Honor

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Neal Burtner has taught agriculture at the Owen J. Roberts High School for the past 27 years. Before that time he taught in Butler County and also served in the

Army.

Burtner received his Bachelor's degree from Penn State in 1943 and received his master's from the same institution in 1950.

Burtner has been awarded the honorary Keystone

Farmer degree and is a member of the Alpha Tri Alpha agricultural fraternity.

During his years at teaching, Burtner has coached many award winning judging teams including the state winning dairy judging team in 1972.

His students have been active in helping the community by building nature trails recently and have also shown ability in their project work and record books.

The award is based on a score card of achievements which includes the teacher's service, the number of award winning FFA members under their leadership and the awards won by the chapter that they advised.

It is the highest honor bestowed upon non members of the FFA.

### Youth In Competition

Several area youths will also be attending the National FFA Convention which will be held from Oct. 15-18th. Some of these young people will be receiving distinguished awards while others will be competing against state judging teams in numerous contests.

Those participating in the judging competitions will include: John D. Swartzentruber, Owen J. Roberts High School - Ag Mechanics; David Shantz, Brandywine

Heights; Jeff Miller, Kutztown; Herman Manbeck; Conrad Weiser - State Dairy Judging team with Donald Reinert, Kutztown as coach.

Jay Bomgardner, Anneville-Cleona - Livestock; Steve Donough, Manheim - livestock with Glenn Spangler, Manheim as coach.

Meats judging team - Randall Klahold, Eastern York; Wayne Bankert, Red Lion and Marlin Dietrick, Kutztown with John Myers as coach.

Milk and dairy foods - Curtis Martin, Ephrata and Jay Oberholtzer, Ephrata.

Poultry team - Craig Harnish and Arthur Rice both of Penn Manor.

Livestock showmanship - Gary Long and Carl Gerlack both of Penn Manor with Gus Birchler of Penn Manor as coach.

### Receiving Awards

Several of the young people throughout the southeastern portion of the state will be receiving distinguished degrees and awards.

Lynn Groff, 19, 211 South State Street, Ephrata and member of the Garden Spot Chapter of FFA will be receiving the North Atlantic Region Agricultural Processing Award.

The award is given according to achievements that the youth has shown in the



Lynn Groff, who was a member of the Garden Spot FFA Chapter, will be receiving an agricultural processing award at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City next week. Lynn resides in Ephrata and is employed by Victor F. Weaver's in New Holland.

processing of agricultural products as a career. Members must have and show technical ability not only in working with the product but by also explaining its purpose.

Groff began working at Weaver's Poultry Company

in his senior year and has shown abilities as a group leader. He is presently working with the quality control program for the company.

While in school, Lynn, was a vice-president of the FFA chapter along with being secretary and participating on the dairy foods, livestock and parliamentary procedure teams.

Those receiving the American Farmer Degrees for outstanding FFA work will include: Joseph Lefever, Manheim; Jay Zimmerman, Denver and Dale Nolt, Manheim.

Jacob Musser, Quarryville, will be awarded the Star Agribusiness award for the North Atlantic Region during a special session of the convention on Thursday evening, October 17th.

John Roland Moyer, Newmanstown, will also be in line for his Regional Star Farmer Award for outstanding work in the agricultural production area.

Jeff Martin Will Sing  
Jeff Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Martin, RD1, New Holland, will be participating in the National FFA Chorus during the convention. Jeff is one of the two delegates chosen to participate from Pennsylvania.

Chapters Receive Awards  
A gold emblem for outstanding FFA programs will be presented to the Ephrata (Cloister) Chapter during the Convention activities.

The award represents outstanding work in FFA activities throughout the year relating to vocational agriculture and Future Farmer programs.

Also receiving the gold emblem will be the Northern Lebanon Chapter in Fredericksburg.

Silver emblems will go to the Grassland chapter at Garden Spot of New Holland and the Manheim Chapter of the Manheim Central Schools.

Twin Valley School in Berks County will be receiving the bronze emblems to recognize their chapter's work.

Northern Lebanon High School will also be receiving gold emblem for outstanding achievement in the National Safety Award program sponsored jointly by the Farm and Industrial Equipment Institute of Chicago.

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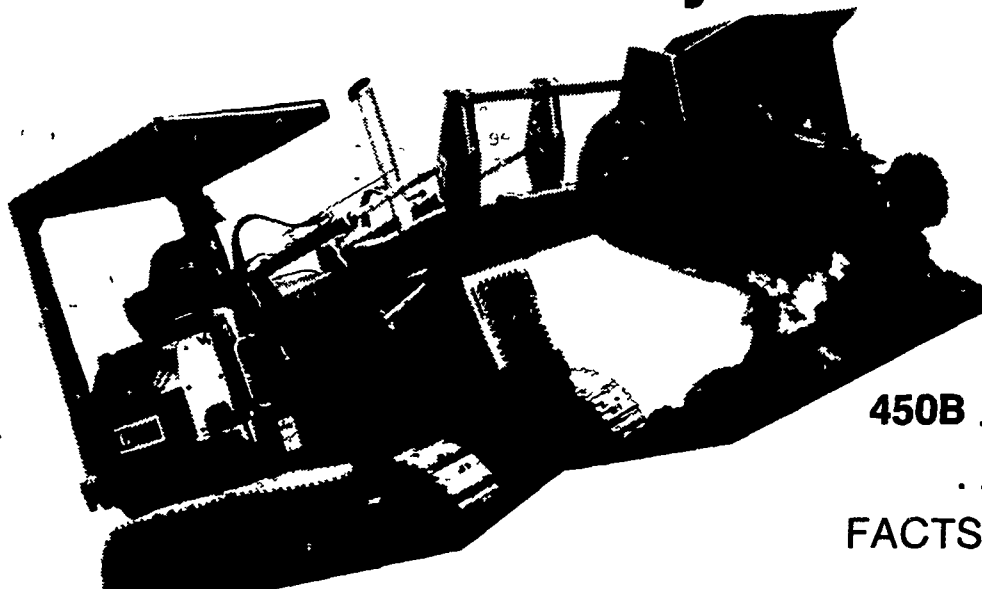
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