

Area Youth To Receive Keystone Degrees

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town Fair, and showed swine at the county swine show. Additionally, he showed swine at the Farm Show and was a member of the state chorus at FFA Activities Week. Serving as Sentinel again this year, Mel is also chairman of the BOAC committee, and attended the National FFA Convention in October with the other Twin Valley Officers.

Mel has also been an active member of other groups, having served as Reporter of his church youth group in 1972, and currently he is President of this group. He also served as Secretary-Treasurer of the Audio-Visual Club at TVHS last year, and is presently vice-president of this group.

Melvin has had swine fattening projects throughout his years in FFA. Additionally, he owns a pleasure horse and enjoys trail riding with other members of his family. Besides his swine projects, Mel has worked for a local builder, a potato farmer, and a fruit farmer, and has recently begun a beekeeping project. Mel's step-brother Robert Stoltzfus will also receive the Keystone Degree this year.

Robert P. Stoltzfus

Robert Stoltzfus is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houck of RD2 Elverson. He is currently serving as President of the Twin Valley FFA and Treasurer of the Berks County FFA. Robert, or R. P. as he is better known, began his FFA Career in ninth grade when he received the greenhand



Robert P. Stoltzfus
Twin Valley

degree and participated on the chapter parliamentary procedure team, attended the Mid-Winter FFA Convention, and was a livestock judge at both the Kutztown Fair and FFA Activities Week. In tenth grade R. P. was elected chapter Sentinel, he received the chapter farmer degree, participated in the Berks County FFA Market Hog Show and Sale, where he received showmanship awards, was a dairy judge at the Kutztown Fair, served as a member of the chapter parliamentary procedure team, and participated in the chapter Public Speaking Contest. As a Junior R. P. was elected chapter Vice-President, received the Berks County FFA degree, participated in the Berks County swine show, showed market swine at the Pennsylvania Farm Show, was a livestock judge at the Kutztown Fair, again served on the chapter parliamentary procedure

team which received first place in Berks County, and was one of the two Berks County FFA delegates to FFA Activities where he served as a member of the financial committee. R. P. also served as co-chairman of the BOAC Committee which planned and conducted a water testing program. As vice-president Robert was responsible for planning the chapter banquet where he received a foundation medal for livestock production. He also attended the National FFA Convention.

This past summer Robert again participated in the Berks County Swine Show, again receiving showmanship awards. He placed third in the county livestock judging contest at the Kutztown Fair and won the county tractor driving contest the same day. R. P. has since earned the right to represent the Berks-Lebanon-Schuylkill County area in the state tractor driving contest at FFA Activities Week by placing first in the area contest. Again this year Robert will show swine in the Market hog class at the Farm Show. In October Robert attended the National FFA Convention with the other Twin Valley officers. In addition to the above, Robert has served as chairman of countless committees.

R. P. has also been an active member of his church, having served as president of the youth group, and as a member of the choir. He has also played softball for the Loags Corner Team for four years.

Robert's projects have been market hogs—he has raised 225 sine becoming an FFA member. In addition, he owns a pleasure horse and enjoys trail riding. Robert's step-brother Melvin Houck will also receive the Keystone Degree this year. His older brother Frank Stoltzfus has also received the Keystone Degree.

Lloyd Simmers

Lloyd Simmers is the 17 year old son of Mrs. Isabel Simmers of Honey Brook. Lloyd is the Reporter of the Twin Valley FFA chapter. As a greenhand in ninth grade Lloyd participated in the livestock judging contest at the Kutztown Fair, attended the Mid-Winter FFA Convention, and participated in all of the chapter fund raising activities. In tenth grade Lloyd served as assistant chapter reporter,



Lloyd Simmers
Twin Valley

was a livestock judge at both the Kutztown Fair and FFA Activities Week, participated in the Berks County Leadership Training Con-

ference, and was a member of the chapter parliamentary procedure team. As a junior Lloyd was elected chapter reporter, was a member of the parliamentary procedure team, was a livestock judge at the Kutztown Fair, and served as chairman of the cooperate with community committee. As a senior Lloyd was again elected reporter and attended the National FFA Convention with the other Twin Valley officers.

Lloyd has had several farming projects at his grandfather's farm—beginning with two beef steers in ninth grade. He raised nine veal calves as a sophomore along with his beef animals. In eleventh grade Lloyd had six steers and field corn as a project, as well as working for a building contractor. Lloyd is still working for the building contractor and has twelve steers.

Ronald Smoker

Ronald L. Smoker is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smoker of RD2 Honey Brook. Ron is the secretary of the Twin Valley FFA. Ron began his career in FFA in ninth grade when he was the chapter Star Greenhand, won the FFA Creed Contest, attended Operation Update, was a livestock Judge at the Kutztown Fair and FFA



Ron Smoker
Twin Valley

Activities Week at Penn State, and was a member of the chapter Parliamentary Procedure team.

In tenth grade Ron received the fourth place award in the Berks County Public Speaking Contest, served as assistant chapter secretary, and again was a livestock judge at the Kutztown Fair and a member of the chapter parliamentary procedure team. As a junior he was elected chapter secretary and served as alternate county delegate. He also earned second place in the county Public Speaking Contest, was a livestock judge at the Kutztown fair, served on the parliamentary procedure team, and attended the Dutch Country Cooperative Institute. This year Ron is serving his second term as chapter Secretary and has attended the National FFA Convention with the other Twin Valley officers. Ron has also served as chairman of numerous committees during his FFA years, including the chicken barbecue committee for the last two years.

Strawberries and sheep were the basis for Ron's projects in ninth grade. In tenth grade he maintained his sheep project and began

to work for Mr. Robert Kirk. Ron continues to work on Tobi-Hill Farm, maintains his sheep project, and has added a beekeeping project.

Ron has received FFA Foundation awards in livestock production and public speaking at the chapter banquet. He has been an active member of his church youth group.

Ron's older brother Clair received the Keystone Degree in 1966.

Harold Steve

Harold Steve is the 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. George Yohn of RD1 Birdsboro. Harold began his FFA career as a greenhand in ninth grade when he also served as chairman of the landscaping committee and received a foundation medal



Harold W. Steve, Jr.
Twin Valley

in horticulture. In tenth grade Harold received the chapter farmer degree and continued to serve as chairman of landscaping committee as well as chairman of the Pumpkin Contest committee, and as a chapter representative to the Dutch Country Cooperative Institute. As a junior he earned recognition at the Berks County Poultry Association Banquet; served as chairman of the landscaping, farm safety, and pumpkin contest committees. He also was a member of the chapter parliamentary procedure team and again attended the Dutch Country Cooperative Institute.

This year Harold is serving as chapter Treasurer, chairman of the chapter fund raising committee, and as

the chapter delegate to the Berks County FFA.

Harold began his projects with a lawn mowing service for neighbors while in ninth and tenth grade. Since then he has worked for the Swift dairy and Poultry processing plant.

Geoffrey Fultz

The 17 year old son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Fultz of RD1 Birdsboro, Geoffrey Fultz is currently the Historian of the Twin Valley FFA Chapter. Geoffrey received his greenhand degree in ninth grade, attended the Mid-Winter FFA Convention, and participated in the Berks County soil judging contest. In tenth grade Geoffrey served as assistant chapter reporter, attended the Dutch County Cooperative In-

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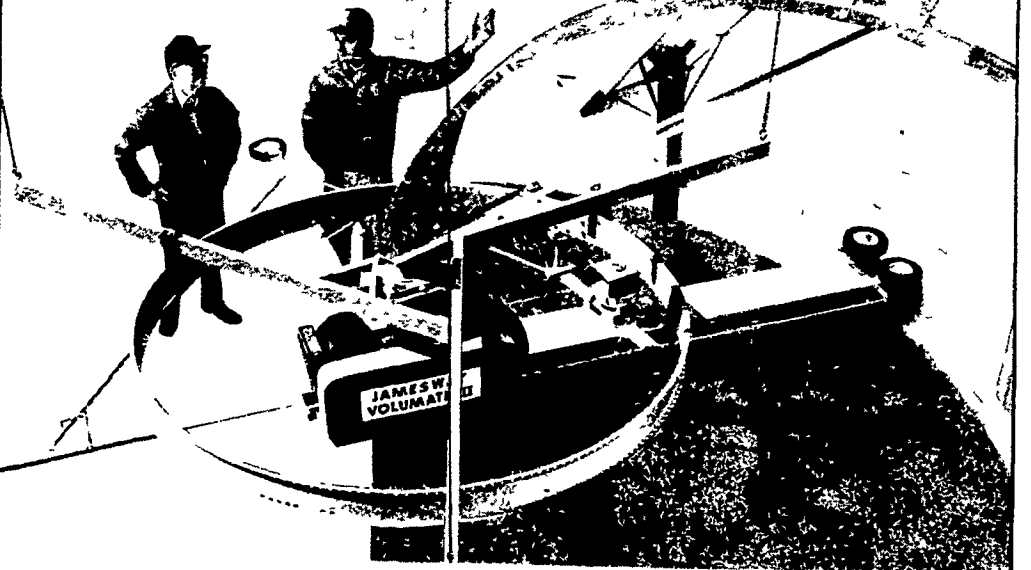
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