

Ephrata Young Farmers Elect Officers at Meet

The Ephrata Area Young Farmers, their wives and guests jammed the Mt. Airy Fire Hall banquet room last Saturday night for their annual dinner meeting. The featured speaker for the

evening was June Alexander, Pennsylvania's deputy secretary of agriculture. Mrs. Alexander told the state's largest Young Farmer association that the family farm was here to stay

and growing every day. She said that one of the aims of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture was to foster the idea of family farms. She also said that the department was in back of some recently enacted legislation which gives more money to local community fairs.

Others to address the group were Barry Wissler, president of the Cloister Chapter FFA, Paul King, Cochranville, regional vice-president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, and James C. Fink, Harrisburg, supervisor of the Pennsylvania agricultural education program.

During the meeting, the officers for the coming year were installed. They are: Earl Stauffer, Ephrata RD2, president; Marvin Weaver, Ephrata RD1, vice-president; Ray A. Kline, Reinholds RD1, treasurer; Daniel Fox, Ephrata RD1, secretary; Earl Smoker, Ephrata RD1, public



Paul King, left, regional vice-president of the Pennsylvania Young Farmers Association, chats with Ephrata Young Farmer Officers elected last Saturday night during that group's annual banquet meeting

at the Mt. Airy Fire Hall. The new officers are, seated, Daniel Fox, secretary, and Earl Stauffer, president. Standing, center, are Ray Kline, treasurer, and Earl Smoker, public relations director.

past year went to Marvin Weaver and Earl Smoker. The outstanding young

farmer award was presented to retiring president Earl G. Martin, Ephrata RD2. Community service awards went to John R. Zimmerman, Ephrata RD1, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Bucher, Lititz RD4.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Stauffer won the award for the most active Young Farmers. Appreciation awards were presented to Larry Loose, a partner in the Green Dragon Farmers Market and Auction, Ephrata, and Dick Wanner, editor of Lancaster Farming.

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