

Lebanon Co. FFA's Hold Annual Banquet

The annual Parent-Member Banquet of the Little Dutchman FFA Chapter was held on Friday evening Feb. 28, with over 250 people in attendance. The event took place at the Annville-Cleona High School.

The guest speaker for the evening was Alpheys Ruth, chairman of the board of directors, Lehigh Valley Dairies. He told the members what their roles in the future of agriculture might be.

Dr. A. Landis Brackbill Jr., superintendent of the Annville-Cleona School District, also made some remarks concerning the accomplishments of the local FFA members.

Three parents were awarded the Honorary Chapter Degree for their support and interest in the chapter, and the help they gave their sons. They are Mrs. Delores Hitz, Donald Fair and Earl Bucks.

County project book contest blue ribbons were awarded to Jim Dietrich, Jay Bomgardner, Ken Pierce and Kevin Bucks, farming program; Bruce Buffenmoyer and Terry Kreizer, wildlife conservation; Bill Graves, dairy, beef; Rick Kleinfelter, beef, Harold Risser, field corn, and Jo Peters, horses.

Red ribbons were given to Frank Early and Sam

Wampler, dairy calves. Keystone Degree medals were presented to Lynn Struphar, Luke Heagy, Kevin Bucks and Tom Fair. Heagy also was presented the leadership award and the DeKalb agriculture award for production.

The snowmobile dealers award was given to Deb Longenecker, Doreen Cooke, Ken Pierce, and Bruce Buffenmoyer. The pumpkin contest winners were Debra Reigle, David LeRoy and Greg Hummer. James Wampler won the Kiwanis Calf award.

Proficiency awards were presented to Tom Fair, Heagy, farming program, and Jim Richter, Tom Fair and Tom Landis, work experience. White ribbons were awarded to Luke Heagy, Jacob Gingrich, and Chris McFeathers, farming program, Bill DeSantis and Ed Evans, work experience, and Jim Wampler, dairy heifers.

State project book gold awards were presented to Kevin Bucks, farming program; Terry Kreiser, wildlife, and Harold Risser, field corn. Silver awards were given to Jay Kreider, farming program, and Rick Kleinfelter, beef. A bronze award was given to Jim

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Frank Early, soil and water management; Jay Bomgardner, Jo Peters and Jim Wampler, public speaking; Harold Risser, crop production; Jay Kreider, dairy production; Reid Hoover, poultry production; Ed Evans, home improvement; Alan Hostetter, star greenhand, and Luke Heagy, star chapter farmer.

Regulations Tightened

The Maryland Department of Agriculture has announced its intent to tighten existing regulations covering the costly disease, Equine Infectious Anemia, commonly known as "Swamp Fever."

Recently the state agriculture agency promulgated regulations which aim to control and contain EIA, which affects horses, ponies, mules and other animals of the equine species. Animals within the state found to be infected with this communicable and incurable viral infection must now be permanently identified and quarantined.

A blood sampling examination, known as the Coggins Test, is the currently accepted veterinary procedure for spotting and confirming the presence of EIA in the

animal. EIA poses no threat to humans.

A further step in the control process would require that horses, ponies and other equines entering the state after April 30, 1975 be certified free of EIA. Evidence of a negative official (Coggins) test, made within 12 months of date of entry, must accompany the animal.

Secretary of Agriculture Young D. Hance has set a public hearing on the proposed regulations for March 18, 1975 at 10:00 A.M. in the Conference Room, Maryland Department of Agriculture, Parole Plaza Office Building, Annapolis, Maryland.

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