

Awards Presented At Elco FFA Banquet

Achievement awards along with the presenting of FFA degrees highlighted the 13th annual Elco Future Farmers of America (Lebanon County) banquet held at the Elco Middle School on Thursday evening, March 13.

Dean Heisey, president of the Elco FFA chapter, acted as toastmaster to the 200 persons in attendance.

David Adams, advisor to the Elco group, presented awards to freshmen Renee Igram, Mel Hoover, Wayne Kieffer, Francis Stamm and Dave Wenger; sophomores Brian Hunsicker, Bill Bennetch, Bob Martin, Stacey Woods and Kirby Horst; juniors Darryl Kurtz, Marlin Heisey, Jerry Hartranft and Gerald Hogeland; and seniors Michael Bender, Dan Ober, Sue Swisher, Ken Ritchie, Carl Lutz, Tom Ulrich, Gene Sholly, Scott Sweigart, Carl Weaver and Dean Heisey.

The Star Chapter Farmer award was presented to Dean Heisey, while the Star Greenhand, presented to the outstanding freshman in vocational agriculture, was awarded to David Wenger.

Recipients of the honorary membership in the Elco FFA

were Ron Bower, the Young Farmer instructor; Esther Papon, head of the Language Arts department; and Gloria Eckert, secretary to the superintendent. These awards are given to those citizens who lend assistance and help to advance the work of the FFA. Also receiving special awards of appreciation were Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Sweigart, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Heisey and John Weaver.

Elco boys receiving special recognition were Kirby Horst, corn production; Darryl Kurtz, Swine production; Jerry Hartranft, poultry proficiency; Gerald Hogeland, crop production; Carl Weaver, dairy proficiency and DeKalb award; and Dean Heisey, public speaking.

The county project book awards were presented by Larry Wenger, an FFA alumni. Winners were Gerald Hogeland, Ken Ritchie, Robert Martin, Kirby Horst, Irwin Daub, Scott Sweigart, Wayne Bucher, Jerry Hartranft, Brian Hunsicker, Darryl Kurtz, Donald Harnish and Gene Sholly.

The Elco FFA Alumni Association made a special presentation to Ronald Bowers, the Young Farmers Instructor, for his help and assistance during the year. The alumni association also presented monetary awards to Kirby Horst and Stacey Woods.

The Keystone Farmer Degrees were conferred upon Dean Heisey and Carl Weaver. They were presented by Harvey A. Smith, Area Vocational Consultant.

One of the highlights of the evening was the presentation of a resolution and plaque from the Pennsylvania State Legislature and presented by the Sen. Clarence F. Manbeck to John Moyer, Newmanstown RD1, for attaining the distinction of being named North Atlantic Regional Star Farmer.

State FFA officers attending and speaking to the group were Terry Murray, secretary of the Penn-

sylvania FFA Assn. and Glenn Ulrich, Eastern Regional Vice President of Pennsylvania FFA Assn. Special guests also attended from the Annville-Cleona, Cedar Crest and Northern Lebanon FFA chapters.

Music during the dinner was presented by members of the Elco band under the direction of Robert Shultz.

Receiving officer pins for 1974-75 were Dean Heisey, president; Carl Weaver, vice president; Sue Swisher, secretary; Dan Ober, treasurer; Scott Sweigart, reporter; Mike Bender, sentinel; and Robert Martin, chaplain. David Adams is the chapter advisor.

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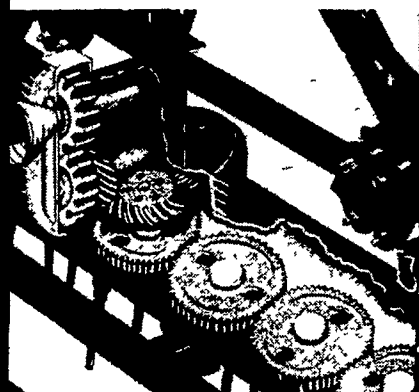
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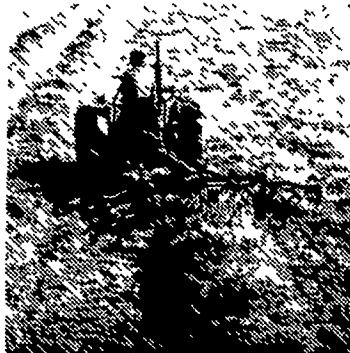
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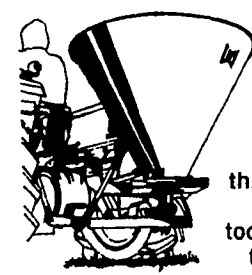
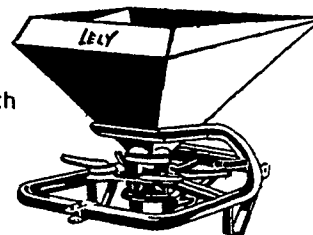
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