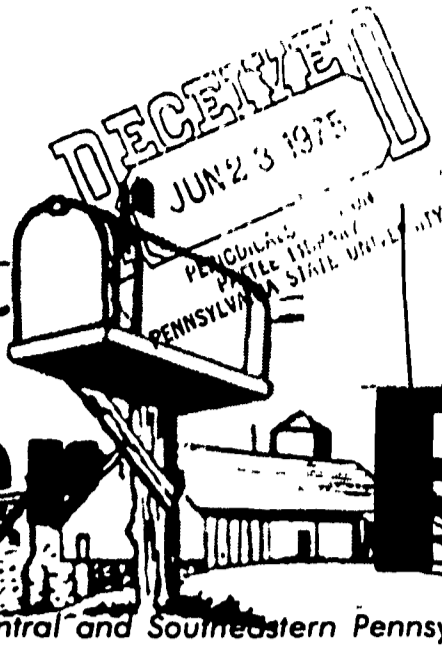


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Penn Manor's FFA Dairy Judging team placed second in statewide competition during FFA Days held this week at Penn State. Members of the team are (from left) Steve

Witkowski, Bruce Landis and Ron Hunt. The team will be traveling to the Eastern States Expo for further competition later in the year.

## Grassland FFA Members Elected To State Offices

by Melissa Piper

Two youths representing Garden Spot High School won top leadership berths in the state during the annual FFA convention and activities week held June 17-18 at Penn State.

Lloyd Hoover, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer M. Hoover, Leola, was elected to the post of State Vice-President during a delegate session held Thursday morning.

Elected as Eastern Regional vice-president for the State FFA was Donald Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. John M. Weaver, New Holland R1.

This was the first occasion that two youths from the same school had been elected to state posts in the same year. Both young men graduated from Garden Spot High School where they had been active members of the Grassland FFA Chapter.

### Area Winners

A number of youths from Lancaster Farming's five

county region placed among the top winners in various contests held during FFA Activities Week, at Penn State. A record number of young men and women attended the three day event which included contests, athletic events and the annual state convention for delegates.

Those FFA'ers placing in the top one-third in each competition were awarded medals for their accomplishments. Winners and their placings in the state contests are as follows:

Ag Mechanics: 6th - James Felpel, Ephrata, 6th (Bronze Medal); James Bair, Jr., Eastern York, 11th (Honorable Mention).

Ag Salesmanship: Palmer Kauffman, Red Lion, 8th (Silver); John Graybeal, Oxford, 16th (Honorable Mention).

Agronomy: Linferd Weaver, 11th (Bronze).

Chapter Procedure: Northern Lebanon High School placed first in the competition with Annville-Cleona placing 5th. Red Lion placed 8th and received a bronze medal.

Dairy Foods: Ted Horton, Oxford 1st (gold); Ronald Martin, Ephrata, 2nd (gold); Warren Schmuck, Solanco, 3rd (gold); Curt Stoymier, Oxford, 8th (bronze); John Sabatine, Penn Manor, 9th (bronze) and Kevin Reilley, Solanco, 12th (Honorable mention).

Floriculture: Vicki Bare, Mt. Joy, 1st (gold); Deb Hernley, Mt. Joy, 34th (gold); Bonnie Balm, Brownstown, 6th (gold); Dawn Hershey, Willow Street, 13th (bronze); Sharon Bare, Brownstown, 14th (bronze).

Forestry: Keith Newswanger, Garden Spot, 11th (silver); Terry Murphy, Kennard Dale, 14th (silver); and Paul Stoltzfus, Garden Spot, 17th (bronze).

Interview: Alan Sterner, Southwestern York, 9th (bronze); William Harris, Twin Valley, 10th (bronze); Paul Gibbs, Mt. Joy, 11th (honorable mention); Deb Kayser, Lebanon Vo-Tech, 12th (bronze).

Land Judging: Gordon Hoover, Pequea Valley, 6th (gold); Timothy Krall, Cedar Crest, 2nd (gold); Ned Myers, Southwestern York, 4th - (gold); Steve Todd, Penn Manor, 8th (gold); Kenneth Weiker, Solanco, 9th (gold); Jim Krantz, Solanco, 10th (gold); Ted Grumbine, Solanco 12th (gold); Gary Sneider, 14th (silver); Tim Weaver, 15th (silver); Terry Moyer, Garden Spot, 21st (silver);

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## Kapleau Resigns

Harry Kapleau resigned from his post as executive secretary of the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board on Thursday after his resignation was requested Wednesday by two of the board's members. Chairman Peter Elish, Canonsburg, Washington County, and Nina Gowell, Pittsburgh, called for Kapleau's resignation, claiming that he had tried to control all the board's work, including the decision-making that should have been left to the board's three members.

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## Floyd Hicks Honored By Pa. Poultrymen

by Dick Wanner

Dr. Floyd Hicks, a man well-known to thousands of Pennsylvania poultrymen, was named Allied Industryman of the Year by the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation at their annual meeting on Thursday evening at the Gettysburg Sheraton. The group's Poultryman of the Year honor went to Warren K. Burr, a Tunkhannock poultry breeder and producer.

More than 200 poultrymen and their guests watched the presentations to Hicks and Burr. The awards capped a full day of activity for the federation members.

During the day, they heard from government officials, educators and industry leaders commenting on the state of the poultry industry.

Some of the best sounding news was offered by Dr. Ralph Baker, a professor of agricultural economics from Ohio State University. In a late afternoon session, Baker told the group that he sees egg prices recovering fairly soon from their presently depressed levels.

"If force molting doesn't increase, I think we'll see egg prices up from 15- to 20-cents by mid-September," Baker said. "But to keep that good price, the egg-type chick hatch in the last half of '75 and the first half of '76 would have to stay about where it is now. But if corn and soybean prices come down, and they should, the egg-type hatch will probably go up, which means egg prices will probably fall

again next year.

"I guess poultrymen can't stand prosperity for too long at a time," Baker said, bringing a chuckle from the audience.

One problem right now with the egg price, Baker pointed out, is the tremendous number of recycled hens in the U.S. laying flock. Some 19.4-percent of the nation's layers have been force-molted, Baker said, up from 12.2-percent last year. Molting has increased the country's laying flock by some 5.4-percent. And that increase, in Baker's opinion, has precipitated an egg price which is some 20-cents lower than it would be if the number of layers were at a more practical level.

The turkey outlook was a little bit confusing, but Baker said he expects prices this fall to increase about 10-percent, mostly on the strength of a 10-percent drop in supply, and somewhat of an improvement in the gobbler's seasonal marketing jinx.

Broiler prices likewise should continue strong, Baker said, and will probably stay above year-earlier levels July through September. The price is likely to go down seasonally in the fourth quarter, but broiler producers should still enjoy a 40- to 41-cent market as the year ends.

The potential uses of poultry manure were discussed by Professor Charles E. Ostrander, a poultry science professor from Cornell. Ostrander discussed several alter-

natives for handling manure. Spreading on the land, he said, is still the most favored technique. Dehydration can open up a market for garden fertilizer for a few poultry operations, but if everybody gets into that business, competition will drive prices below the cost of drying.

The biggest potential for dehydrated poultry manure, Ostrander feels, is as a livestock feed. Other methods for using poultry manure presently under study include silage,

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Kerry Boyd, Ephrata R1, poses with the plaque which he received after being selected as the top dairy judge in the state during FFA Week.

## Cloister FFA'er Takes Top State Honors

by Melissa Piper

"I was certainly surprised, but very happy." That was the reaction of 16-year-old Kerry Boyd, Ephrata R1, following the announcement that he had been selected as the top dairy judge in the state during FFA Activities week at Penn State.

Kerry, who is a member of the Cloister FFA Chapter at Ephrata High School, participated with nearly 300 other young FFA'ers in the Dairy Judging Competition which was held Tuesday morning.

While Kerry's individual efforts placed him first in the state, he also helped the

team from Ephrata High School finish a very respectable third in the statewide competition.

During a visit with Lancaster Farming on Thursday afternoon, Kerry admitted that he had been surprised by his placing as the competition had been quite keen.

"It is something I have been working for for many years and I'm certainly happy."

"My philosophy of life has always been that hard work and determination pays off and this is really one example."

Kerry has been an active 4-H member and FFA'er for

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