

Awards presented at 34th Kutztown banquet

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KUTZTOWN — A hefty bulletin summarizing the past year's activities and accomplishments of the Kutztown Area FFA and YFA members in local, county and state events gave evidence that a lot of hard work had gone into action, but Monday night at the Kutztown Grange Hall was a time for relaxation and recognition. One hundred and sixty-nine members and friends attended the Thirty-fourth Annual Vocational Agriculture Banquet of the Kutztown Area School District sponsored by the Kutztown Area FFA-YFA which marked the end of the

organization's calendar year. The highlights of the evening were the presentation of the Chapter Award Winners and entertainment in the form of a very lively sale.

Toastmaster for the occasion was Robert Ketterer, President of the Kutztown Chapter YFA, and Master of Ceremonies of the program which followed the dinner was Ronald Flicker, President of the Kutztown Chapter FFA. Greetings from the State FFA were conveyed by Bill Abrams, State Treasurer, followed by the Ceremony of Receiving Honorary Members conducted by the Chapter Officers. Individuals awarded Honorary Membership for their contributions to a successful year were: Paul Siegfried, Father of Keystone Farmer, Dale Siegfried; Lester Breining, Poultry Processor, Hamburg; Harold Ernst, Kutztown Agway Manager; Barry Adams, Social Studies Dept., Kutztown Area High School; and Sandra Hartman, Teacher Aide, Vo-Ag Dept., Kutztown Area High School. The award program continued with the presentation

of 24 Chapter Awards to 14 individuals in four categories.

Winners of the National FFA Foundation Medals were: Lloyd Adam, two medals, Outdoor Recreation and Agriculture Electrification; Donald Dietrich, three medals, Crop Production, Ornamental Horticulture, and Swine Production; Ronald Flicker, two medals, Agriculture Electrification and Placement in Sales and Service; Michele Gladney, two medals, Placement in Agriculture Production and Public Speaking; Tim Kleinsmith, Poultry Production; Leon Moll, Soil, Water and Air Management; Dwight Romig, Agriculture Mechanics; and Kenneth Sanner, Beef Production.

In the Special Award category: Kenneth Sanner received the award for Scholarship; Dale Siegfried was the recipient of the Keystone Farmer Pin and the award for Production Credit Ass'n Area Winner; and Jeffrey Miller received an award as Production Credit Ass'n State Winner.

Chapter Star Awards were presented to Larry Shrawder, Star Greenhand;

Ronald Flicker, Chapter Star Agribusinessman; and Kenneth Sanner; Chapter Star Farmer.

The Young Farmer Awards were presented to Elwood Ohlinger as the Outstanding Young Farmer Over 30, and to Mr. and Mrs. Donald Meyers for Community Service.

Following a brief comment by FFA State Reporter, Robert Stoltzfus, the Chapter Officers conducted the closing ceremony which brought the evening to its final event, the entertainment portion of the program.

Entertaining it proved to be as the "Slave Sale" got under way. As each "slave" appeared from behind the stage curtain, sometimes requiring a helpful push, Ronald Flicker read the appropriate work qualifications to prospective bidders. Nelson Blatt auctioneered the bidding which was accompanied by a lot of good-natured exchange between the audience and the slaves. In all, 20 young men and two young ladies were presented to the bid-



Receiving special awards were (clockwise) Dale Siegfried; Ronald Flicker, Jeff Miller and Kenneth Sanner.

ders with the surprise addition of Teacher-Advisors Donald W. Reinert and Ben Newcomer just before the sale ended. A total of 24 slaves were sold for \$94.25 per hour for an average of \$3.63 per hour. Top sellers of the evening were Michele Gladney and Ken Sanner at a whopping \$11.75 per hour each. The purchaser of each slave sold Monday night

must employ him or her for a minimum of four to a maximum of eight hours at the purchased price. Proceeds of the sale are used to finance an educational group trip. The Slave Sale, included in the banquet program for the second consecutive year, was so obviously enjoyed by all that it seems certain to become an annual event.

FFA Winners



National FFA Foundation Medals were presented to four students at the Kutztown banquet. Receiving honors were (from left) Donald Dietrich - crop production; Michele Gladney - public speaking; Tim Kleinsmith - poultry production and Lloyd Adam - outdoor recreation.

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