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Smith honored for 40 years of service

By SALEY BAIR

LANCASTER, Pa. - The Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Association surprised Senior County Agent M.M. Smith with a tribute to his 40 years of service to Lancaster County at their annual meeting Tuesday evening at the Farm and Home Center. Mark Bushong, association president, said at March, 1977 will mark 40 years since Smith began his work in this county. In acknowledging appreciation Mr. and Mrs. Smith, Bushong said, "Extension is family, and this outfit has been family to you and yours."

Bushong reminisced about his earliest 4-H experiences with Smith and recalled that after a show at the Third Street Market House in Columbia, he proudly pinned his ribbon on his overalls. Smith spied him and said, "Who won the ribbon, you or the lambs?" Bushong said, "I never forgot that and I

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Red Rose FFA degrees awarded to 56

By JOANNE SPAHR

LANCASTER, Pa. - Jeffery Lynn Aungst, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Aungst, Elizabethtown R1, and Marty Hoover, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Hoover, Stevens R1, have been named the Future Farmers of America Star Red Rose Farmer and Star Red Rose Agribusinessman, respectively for Lancaster County. These honors were bestowed on the youths after they, along with 54 other Lancaster County members, received their Red Rose Degrees last Monday. The Red Rose Degree is a county degree, and the Star Red Rose awardees are the two outstanding county winners in production and agribusiness. Although chosen last week, the boys will officially receive their degrees at their chapter banquets to be held in the coming months.

In order to receive the Red Rose degrees, the candidates must be members in good standing of the local, county, state, and national FFA organizations and have held the degree of Chapter



Lancaster Farming photo by Dieter Krieg

*Winter was beginning to retreat on Wednesday,
as is evidenced here by melting snow near a stream
east of Lititz. More Winter scenes
and a commentary on its beauty appear on pages 20-21.*

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McPherson is regional ag spokesman

By JOYCE BUPP

York Co. Reporter

NEW PARK, Pa. - Gail McPherson, Maple Lawn Farm, New Park R1, has been named winner of the national Agricultural Spokesman of the Year award, Eastern Region.

The annual competition, is sponsored jointly by Chevron Ortho and Farm Chemicals Magazine and carries a \$250 cash award and a bronze Ag Spokesman trophy.

Mrs. McPherson and her husband, Paul operate Maple Lawn Farm, a large York County orchard and grain farm.

Although only a farm wife for four years, Mrs. McPherson has gained national acclaim for her agriculture promotional activities. In connection with her role as information director of the York County Farmers' association, Mrs. McPherson has developed a slide presentation depicting the wide range in Pennsylvania agriculture. The

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Farm girl is Berks County correspondent

LITITZ, Pa. - Laurel Schaeffer, of 612 Penn Avenue, Sinking Spring, joins Lancaster Farming this week as the new Berks County correspondent.

Mrs. Schaeffer and her husband, Donald, presently farm 160 acres outside of Sinking Spring and maintain a herd of crossbred cattle. In addition, they raise swine.

A 1975 graduate of Delaware College of Science and Agriculture, Mrs. Schaeffer claims she became interested in agriculture as a result of a pony she had while growing up in Bucks County. She decided to prepare herself for a career in agriculture and consequently earned her degree in animal husbandry.

Regarding her years at Delaware Valley, the new Berks County correspondent says: "I tried to put special emphasis on the practical breeding and management of livestock, as opposed to research related areas." Since her marriage she has become an active farm wife

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