

Nat'l pork queen graces state banquet



Elwood Houser, (left) receives a \$300 check from Hank Edwards (right), representative of the Shell Chemical Company, Animal Health Division. Houser was named Pennsylvania Pork All American at the

Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council annual banquet. The money he received from Shell was to go toward his trip to Des Moines, Iowa, for national recognition at the American Pork Congress.

speech, the organization handed out youth awards to its deserving younger members. Donald Brown, Hanover R1, received a 4-H swine production award. Brown, age 16, raised 10 sows as a project, and from those 10 sows got an average of eight pigs per litter. The highest he ever had in one litter was 13. He raises mostly Yorkshire crosses. In order to receive the 4-H production award, Brown filled out 4-H blue forms and was judged on these.

Jay Bomgardner, Annaville, also received a trophy from the Pork Council for his showmanship honors at the State Farm Show.

Elwood Houser, Lebanon R5, was also named Pennsylvania Pork All American at Saturday's event for his outstanding work in the swine industry. Later in the week, Houser went on to be named national Pork All

American at the American Pork Congress in Des Moines, Iowa. Further information on Houser can be found in a related page one story in this week's Lancaster Farming. At the state banquet, Houser received \$300 from Hank Edwards, a representative of Shell Chemical Company, Animal Health division. This money was to go towards Houser's trip the Pork Congress.

Following the conclusion of the meeting, the board of directors of the organization met for a short meeting regarding a change in the check-off system at a Lancaster market.



Terri Ward

By JOANNE SPAHR
SCHAEFFERSTOWN, Pa.
- Terri Ward, the 1976 national pork queen, graced the gathering of the Pennsylvania Pork Producers Council last week when they met for their annual dinner banquet at the Schaefferstown Fire Hall, here.

the nation's producers. In her after-dinner speech to the Pennsylvania group, she told of some of her experiences on the radio and in personal appearances around the country.

Miss Ward also showed a film describing the ways in which the National Pork Producers Council is spending the money they receive from producers for pork promotion. In that film it was pointed out that the NPPC is the largest commodity organization in the United States with a membership of 80,000 individuals. Eighty per cent of the funding they receive from the pork producers goes toward making the public aware of pork and its values.

Miss Ward, the 19-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ward of LaMoille, Ill., has been serving the pork industry for two years in a promotional capacity. Two years ago she reigned as the Illinois pork queen which served as a preparation for the national title she now holds.

Since her crowning in Indianapolis on March 10 at the American Pork Congress, she has traveled across the country to promote pork on behalf of

Following Miss Ward's



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