

Top agriculturists named at Conrad Weiser

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ROBESONIA, Pa. - The
Conrad Weiser Chapter of

Future Farmers of America
held their annual FFA
banquet Feb. 24 to honor
those members and adult
farmers who received the

most recognition over the
past year.
Topping the list of awards
was Norman Manbeck, vice-
president of the Chapter,

who received the Star
Chapter Farmer Award.
Todd Lynn followed by
receiving the Star
Greenhand Award. Ralph
Troutman was named
outstanding young farmer.
The Chapter presented
honorary membership
degrees to Mr. and Mrs.
Richard Hummel; Mr. and
Mrs. George Ludwig Jr.;
Mr. and Mrs. Raymond
Zimmerman Sr.; Mr. and
Mrs. Charles Noss; and Mr.
and Mrs. Sebastian Graupp.

Brief addresses were
made throughout the
program by fellow FFA
members and Dr. Walter
Rohrbach, who is retiring as
superintendent. Rohrbach
told the FFA members how
fortunate they are and how
he is looking forward to
getting out in the fresh air
once again. Comments were
also given by Harvey Smith
and Lester Gelsinger, Adult
Farmer president.

National Foundation
Awards were bestowed by
Rodney Mack to Leon
Stauffer for soil and water
management; Bob Lebo, fish
and wildlife management;
and Norman Manbeck, agriculture
mechanics and crop production.

Sandy Effert, FFA advisor,
awarded the following; Salesmanship,

George Ludwig; Top Citrus
Fruit Salemen, Bruce
Ludwig, first; Ron Wanner,
second; and Ray Noss, third.
Also honored was Norman
Manbeck for dairy
production; Bruce Ludwig,
ag processing; Todd Lynn,
poultry production; Donald
Feeg, diversified livestock
production; George Ludwig,
swine production; Ronald
Wanner, ornamental horticulture;
David Stump,
placement in agriculture
production; and Ernest
Gelsinger, farm safety.

Keystone Farmer Awards
were also given to Ray
Zimmerman, Art Noss,
Bruce Ludwig, and Norman
Manbeck.

Scholarship Awards were
presented to Todd Lynn,
ninth grade; Donald Feeg,
tenth grade; Bob Lebo,
twelfth grade.

After the FFA awards,
Leverne Barrett presented
awards to Adult Farmers.
Leading members in the
Seed Corn Contest was
Harold Heck with 157.89
bushels per acre. Second
place went to Dennis Sattazahn
with 157.83 bushel per
acre. In third place was
Robert Myer and in fourth
was Donald Duncan.

In the Cost per Bushel
Division, Dennis Sattazahn
placed first with a cost of 81

cents per bushel; Harold
Heck was second with 93
cents per bushel; Donald
Duncan was third with 95
cents.

Lester Gelsinger received
the honors by placing first
the Quality Division with
Oscar Manbeck second.

Attendance awards were
given to Oscar Manbeck,
first, for attending all 15 of
the Adult Farmer meetings.
Second place was Allen Gaul
who attended 14 meetings;
tied for third were Harold
Heck and Walter
Augsberger.

William James of Farm
Credit Association,
presented the Outstanding
Farmer Award for the area
to Ralph Troutman, a dairy
farmer.

After the presentation of
awards the program was
concluded with a movie
entitled "FFA Stars Over
America."

Agway drivers' safety noted

LEESPORT, Pa. - Awards
for completing a year or
more of driving without a
preventable accident were
presented to 67 Agway
drivers from the Leesport
area at a dinner last month
at Lincoln Restaurant, here.

About two-thirds of
Agway's regular drivers who
are eligible for awards are
being recognized for safe
driving records of one to 32
years. Agway drivers
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Safety Council.

Awards were presented by
Agway area manager
Raymond A. Cochran and
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F. Donald Stas. Richard
Resig, safety director of
Syracuse, N. Y., represented
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