



Nevin Mast and his bride of one month received a plaque at Twin Valley's awards dinner for Mast's achievement as an American Farmer in 1976.



One group of Twin Valley FFA production award winners were: (from left to right) Gerald Norris, Ken Reed, James Mimm, Howard Griest, Ted Ford, Nile DeVoe, and Bill Harris. Along with earning

production awards at Friday evening's banquet, Ted Ford was also recognized for being one of the chapter's two Keystone Farmers this year.

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Meadowbrook Farms, Elverson R2. Mrs. Houck sponsors this award which goes to the most deserving individual in the Twin Valley Chapter.

Other foundation recipients were: Ted Ford, Honeybrook, star chapter agribusinessman; Jan Oatman, Honeybrook R1, star chapter farmer; Bill

Harris; Geigertown, agricultural electrification; Steve Kohl, Mohnton R1, agricultural mechanics; Sandy Shade, Honeybrook, and Deb Ford, Honeybrook, agricultural sales and services; Tom Kirk, Honeybrook R1, crop production; Doris Mast, Elverson R2, dairy production; Jim Mimm, Honeybrook, farm safety; Leonard Wenrich, Mohnton

R1, farm safety; Bret Reitz, Birdsboro R3, fish and wildlife management; Frank Lilley, Glenmoore, forest management; Jan Oatman, horse proficiency; Howie Griest, livestock production; Heather Scheidt, Honeybrook, ornamental horticulture; Bill Harris, placement in ag production; Nile DeVoe, Honeybrook R3, poultry production; Ken Reed, Mohnton R1, public

speaking; Tammy Wenrich, Honeybrook R1, soil and water management; Dan Mosteller, Morgantown, swine production; and Gerald Norris, Elverson R2, state chorus.

As part of the evening, the chapter's outstanding individuals were recognized. Twin Valley's highest honor candidate this year was Nevin Mast, Oley R1. Mast, who is originally from the Oley Valley, attended high

school at Twin Valley from his sophomore year on, due to his family's move to Arizona. When this occurred, he lived with a cousin in Berks Co. and became a member of the Twin Valley FFA chapter. His goal in life from the time he went to Twin Valley was to run his parents' farm in the Oley Valley. In 1976 he accomplished his goal, and was named an American Farmer at about the same time. At

Fridays ceremony, Mast received a plaque in honor of his achievements.

Also recognized at the family-member banquet were the chapter's two Keystone Farmers -- Jan Oatman and Ted Ford - as well as the greenhands and chapter farmers.

Greenhands recognized were Howie Griest, Scott Haddock, Birdsboro R3; Louis Kohl, Elverson R1; Deb Kercher, Geigertown; Nile DeVoe, Honeybrook R1; and Ed Norris, Glenmoore, R1. Chapter farmers honored were Doris Mast, Elverson R2; James Mimm; Floyd Jennelle, Elverson R2; Kenny Reed, Mohnton R1; and Sandy Jennelle, Elverson R2.

The featured speaker for the evening was Jeff Miller, Kutztown R3, state sentinel. Miller challenged the members present to keep striving toward a higher level of perfection in their organization and asserted that the three most important ingredients to a successful FFA chapter are "congregation, coordination, and cooperation."

"You need coordination because a chapter requires leadership to see that everything is run smoothly," he explained. And, according to Miller, all members must congregate and work together toward chapter goals, which, in turn, takes cooperation.

Also featured in the evening's program was a film entitled, "Four Star Farmers 1976", which was made up of sketches of the lives of the FFA's regional star farmers and agribusinessmen.

After a few closing remarks by Paul Jones, principal of Twin Valley High School, the evenings festivities came to a close.

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