

# Little Dutchmen FFA banquet held

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ANNVILLE, Pa. - The Little Dutchmen Chapter of the Future Farmers of America celebrated FFA week by holding their seventeenth annual Parent - Member banquet at Annnville - Cleona High School.

Nearly 240 persons attended to help the 50-member chapter recognize their accomplishments.

Jay Bomgardner, Annnville R3, chapter president, was named Chapter Star Farmer. In making the presentation, FFA advisor G. Lowell Morton recognized his leadership ability and his willingness to help others and to work as needed to accomplish a project.

Bomgardner also won the DeKalb Agricultural Award, the leadership award and the chapter tractor driving award - for the second year. He received a proficiency award in swine production and got a blue ribbon and a state gold medal for his farming enterprises project book.

Bomgardner said, "I realize how good it has been. I wish I could start again in ninth grade and do it all again. Of all the awards I won I like the emblem of the rising sun the best. Being

president will help me in all my life."

Each retiring officer received the emblem of his office as a gift from the chapter for the work he had accomplished. Sam Heagy is vice-president; Tom Landis, secretary and Jim Wampler, treasurer.

Steve Wampler, Lebanon R4, was named star agribusinessman. He also received a proficiency award in agricultural production, and in the project book contest he received a blue and a gold medal in work experience.

Star Greenhand was Robert Kreider, Annnville R1, who was also recognized as a winner of the creed contest, and the greenhand contest. Kreider received the scholarship award, and was a proficiency award winner in public speaking.

Keystone Farmer awards went to Jay Bomgardner and Jim Wampler, Lebanon R4.

Harvey Smith, Area Consultant, presented the National Chapter Safety Award to Brian Burkholder who is chairman of the Little Dutchmen Chapter safety committee. The award was bronze, and Burkholder said, "We are going to improve." The award was based on safety activities, including a

snowmobile show which features safety information and a certification course. The chapter also teaches safe tractor driving and other instruction in safety techniques.

Burkholder said the chapter will have a service project making available fire extinguishers and smoke detectors to the general public.

Honorary degrees were given to Alice Heagy, a student who assisted with the FFA float and the banquet; Kenneth Parks, who helped organize a trap shoot at the Palmyra Sportsmen's Club; and Warren Wampler, father of one of the Keystone farmers.

State FFA president Randall Ranck expressed appreciation to FFA for helping young people "gain the experience of sharing ideas and problems. The knowledge we gain allows us to have ambition and set goals. Some we reach readily and some we never reach. Through FFA we build the foundation to be useful, productive citizens."

"If we put to use the knowledge we gain we have an optimistic future."

James Campbell, Annnville - Cleona High School, principal congratulated the

FFA award winners and members, and addressing the parents, he said, "We appreciate the crop of young men and women you send to school."

Other proficiency award winners are: sheep production, Sam Heagy; ag mechanics, Sam Heagy; crop production and soil and water management, Ellis Meyer; dairy production, Alan Hostetter; wildlife management, Willy Smith; horses, Beverly Cooke; forestry, Debra Longenecker; poultry George Hoffman; home improvement, Luther Early; farm electrification, Bruce Brightbill; farm safety, Bryan Burkholder; outdoor recreation, Doreen Cooke and Luther Early; livestock, Joe Ellenberger; ornamental horticulture, Debra Longenecker and Doreen Cooke. Joe Peters was a state proficiency award winner for horses.

Other award winners were: creed contest, Mike Fair; greenhand contest, David Bomgardner and Mike Fair; Annnville - Cleona Kiwanis heifer, Bruce Brightbill; and chapter gilt, Roy Miller.

County Project book contest winners are as follows: Blue ribbons - Willy

Smith, Joe Ellenberger, Bruce Brightbill, Jeff Hostetter, Ellis Meyer, Bryan Burkholder, Kevin Reinhold, Tim Fuhrman, and Denis Kettering. Red Ribbons - Luther Early, Bruce Buffenmeyer, Doug Buffenmeyer, Roy Kleinfelder, Reid Hoover, Alan Hostetter Donald Brandt and Jim Wampler; White Ribbons - Jeff Gibson, Tom Landis, Luther Early and Beverly Cooke.

State project book awards were presented by Harvey Smith to the following: Gold -

Ellis Meyer, field corn; Sam Heagy, sheep; Reid Hoover, farming program 2 enterprises; Steve Wampler, work experience; Jeff Hostetter, work experience; Rick Kleinfelder.

Silver - Donald Brandt, field corn; Bryan Burkholder, field corn; Tim Fuhrman, home garden. Bronze - Denis Kettering, home garden; Luther Early, truck crops; Kevin Reinhold, dairy cow; Bruce Brightbill, dairy beef.

A slide presentation on the chapter's activities concluded the program.

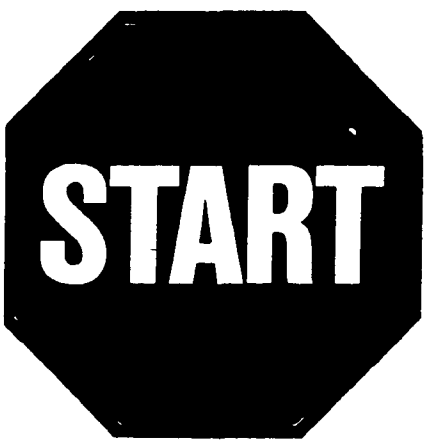
## Swine banquet planned

BLUE BALL, Pa. - The Lancaster County Swine Producers annual banquet will be held on March 18 at 6:30 p.m. at the Blue Ball fire hall. The presentation of Spring carcass awards and youth achievement awards as well as the election of directors are planned events.

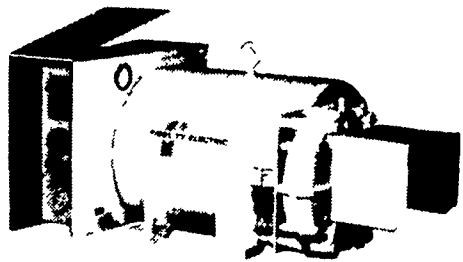
Featured speaker for the evening is Dr. Sam Shiedy, veterinarian from Smith,

Kline, & French. His program includes slides depicting livestock production in other countries.

Tickets are \$4.50 and are available from any director of the Lancaster County Swine Producers organization or by calling 354-7540. Deadline for all tickets is Monday, March 14 at noon.



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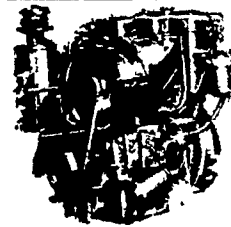
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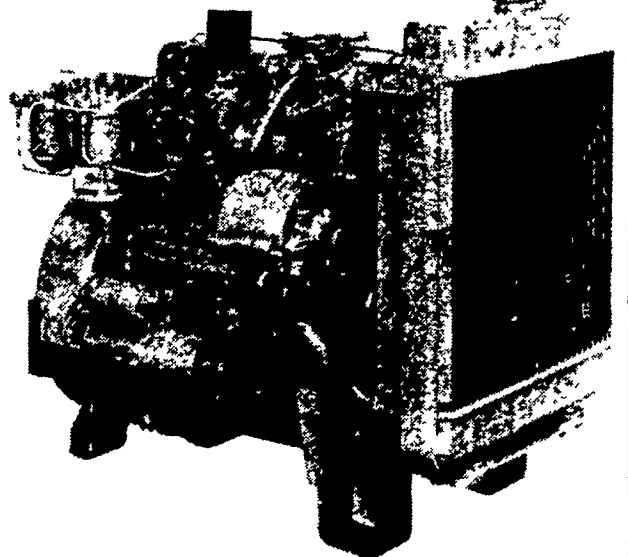


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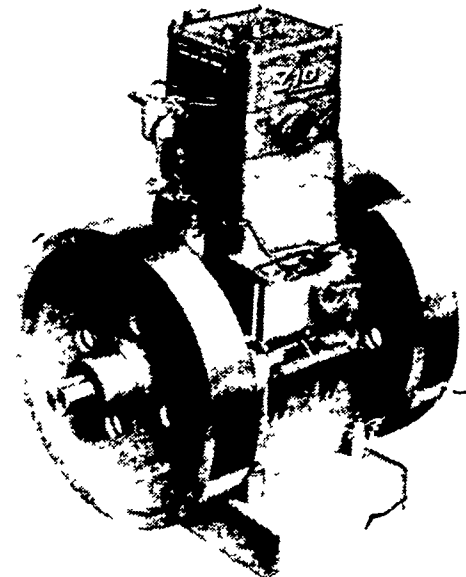
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