

# Young farm leaders screened

By DIETER KRIEG  
LANCASTER, Pa. - Nineteen young Lancaster Countians, out of a participating 43, were chosen as finalists for a youth leadership institute to be held at Shippensburg College this Summer. The selections were made Thursday afternoon during closing minutes of the annual Youth Institute on Cooperative Business, held here at the Farm and Home Center. The program is sponsored by the Lancaster County Council of Farmer Cooperatives, which

consists of Agway, Atlantic Breeders, Inter-State Milk Producers, Eastern Milk Producers, and Farm Credit Service.

Four vo-ag teachers, several co-op representatives, and Lancaster County Agent Jay Irwin conducted the 5-hour institute. Activities included the showing of a film and slides, remarks by previous winners, a "Co-op Bowl," and a quiz on cooperatives.

Irwin explained that the cooperative way of doing business is not taught in high schools, even though it is a very important aspect of American agriculture. The purpose of the institute, is to introduce students to that form of business and to refine leadership qualities.

Jess Erway, vo-ag teacher from Manheim Central High School, had high praise for the program, exclaiming that more such activities should be made available to young people. He encouraged the teenagers to strive for achievement with enthusiasm. "Don't forget, whatever you put into something, is exactly what you get out," he lectured. His students won the "Co-op Bowl," in which the young adults were tested on their knowledge of the cooperative way of doing business.

Andrew Marvin, chairman of the Lancaster County Co-



Reviewing results of this year's youth leadership institute are Lancaster County Agent Jay Irwin, last year's AIC participator Gary Akers, and Inter-State Milk Producers fieldman Andy Marvin. Akers is co-chairman of this year's statewide institute, sponsored by the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives.

op Council, and field representative for Inter-State, expressed satisfaction with the merits of the program, but added he'd like to see more participation. This year 43 students took part. Nineteen were selected for state competition, from which five will be chosen to attend the institute in Shippensburg.

The nineteen youths and their respective schools who

will go on to the next level of competition are:

Philip Risser, Manheim Township; Dan Witwer, Garden Spot; Glenn Miller, Manheim Central; Dale Balmer, Manheim Central; Elvin Huyard, Garden Spot; Joel Hoover, Garden Spot; Dennis Kulp, Manheim Central; June Grube,

Manheim Central; Gary Snader, Garden Spot; Terry Schaffer, Garden Spot; Jay Gainer, Manheim Central; Jane Garber, Hempfield; Curtis Snavelly, Ephrata; John Groff, Solanco; Larry Fox, Garden Spot; Martha Gregory, Warwick; Mary Ellen Bitler, Solanco; Les Hershey, Solanco; and Linford Weaver, Grassland.

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