

Md. FFA'ers honored at nat. convention

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Nine Maryland residents received recognition during the fiftieth National FFA Convention, held Nov. 8 to 11 in Kansas City, Mo. One was named an Honorary American Farmer, and the others were awarded the American Farmer degree. All of the honors are based on individual achievement.

Receiving the honorary citation was Charles B. Cramer IV, vocational agriculture teacher at Walkersville high school, Frederick County, for the past five years. Cramer had previously taught vo-ag at South Hagerstown and Williamsport high schools, Washington County.

Included among the American Farmer degree winners were Dwight Dotterer of Woodsboro and Paul Dotterer of Union Bridge. They are cousins and graduates of Linganore high school in Frederick County.

Other Frederick county residents honored were Grayson Lambert of Thurmont, a graduate of Catoclin high school, and Betsy Merchant of Walkersville, who graduated from Walkersville high school. Miss Merchant is now a senior in agricultural and Extension education at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Another College of Agriculture student at the University of Maryland who also received the American Farmer degree was John A. Rigdon of Jarrettsville, Harford County, an agronomy junior.

Elderly need milk

Dr. Anthony Albanese, a National Dairy Council grant-in-aid recipient, has shown the need for more calcium in the diets of elderly persons. Work done at the Burke Rehabilitation Center and Osborn Memorial Home in White Plains, N.Y., demonstrated to Dr. Albanese that elderly women often consume little milk and other dairy foods. He believes that the low calcium intake in the diet can result in degeneration of bone tissue.

Honored from the Eastern Shore was Marion Wilson of Centreville, a graduate of Queen Annes County High School.

Rounding out the Maryland honorees were two western Maryland residents—Danfel Tice of Grantsville and Gerald Weimer of Lanaconing. Both are graduates of Northern Garrett Junior-Senior High School at Accident.

All of the American Farmer degree winners from Maryland are currently farming, except for the two University of Maryland students.

Maryland high school teams earned two silver emblem awards and three

bronze emblem plaques in judging competition during the fiftieth anniversary National FFA Convention.

Contests in which Maryland teams earned recognition were as follows:

Linganore high school, Frederick County earned a silver emblem plaque, finishing fifteenth in a field of 31 FFA teams. Two team members qualified for medal awards in individual competition. Judy Blank received a silver award, and Pat Kahler received a bronze rating.

An Eastern Shore delegation from Queen Annes County High School at Centreville earned a silver emblem plaque, finishing

nineteenth in a field of 46 FFA teams. Jeff Moore, a team member, was one of 45 individuals earning a silver emblem award medal.

The Damascus high school team, Montgomery County, earned a bronze emblem plaque, finishing twenty-fourth among 36 participating FFA teams. Team members Bryon Miller and Sam Weaver placed in a group of 38 individuals receiving silver emblem award medals.

A second Damascus high school team earned a bronze emblem award plaque, placing twenty-eighth in a field of 35 FFA teams. Team member Mike Harmon likewise received a bronze

emblem award medal in individual competition.

South Hagerstown high school, Washington County, earned a bronze emblem

plaque, finishing twenty-fifth in a field of 41 FFA teams. Team members Joy Spidle and Marty Pof-fenberger received silver emblem award medals, and Jeff Jones was given a bronze emblem award medal.

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