## Lehigh County 4-H'ers celebrate victories



Award winners at last week's 4-H banquet in Lehigh County included, left to right, Tim Wessner,

Ralph Danner, David Najarian, Gail Snyder, and Carol Krause.

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SCHNECKSVILLE - After a previous postponement due to adverse weather conditions which has plagued all of us at some time this Winter, Lehigh County 4-H'ers belonging to the Livestock Club were more than anxious to attend their second annual banquet, held February 3 at the

Lehigh County Area Vocational Technical School, here.

Highlighting the evening of celebration, after a very large, well planned dinner, was the presentation of awards to club members who had accomplished outstanding achievements during the previous year. The awards were presented before a large audience of

well over 200 people by the 1977 club presidents; Ardith Wetzel of the Beef Club, Sarah Fretz representing Sheep club members and Tim Wessner from the swine club.

Receiving awards for their outstanding efforts and accomplishments as members of the livestock judging team were: Joe Sikorski, Diane Krause, Grant Grim, and Ardith Wetzel.

Gail Snyder, New Tripoli, secretary of the livestock club seemed to continually be in the spotlight as she was recognized for her many accomplishments. She won the Outstanding 4-H Beef Club Member Award, Champion Beef Fitter Award, and Reserve Champion Senior Showman Award.

Carol Krause, Slatington, accepted the award for Champion 4-H Steer and Ralph Danner, East Texas, received the Best Rate of Gain Award.

Other beef awards were presented to Willi Wilson for Junior Champion Showman, Darin Ruch - Reserve Junior Champion Showman; Sarah Fretz - Champion Intermediate Showman; Melissa Fretz - Reserve Champion Intermediate Showman; and Grant Grim - Senior Champion Showman.

Accepting three awards for accomplishments in the Sheep Club was again, Gail Snyder. This time Gail was awarded the Most Helpful Member Award, Champion Senior Showman Award, and Champion Senior Fitter Award.

The Best Shepherd Award was presented to Sarah Fretz, Zionsville, Marlyn Stroh II was named the Champion Junior Sheep Fitter while Melissa Fretz received the Champion Intermediate Showman Award. Junior Chapion Fitter was Ruth Grim and Champion Intermediate Fitter was Gary Fetter.

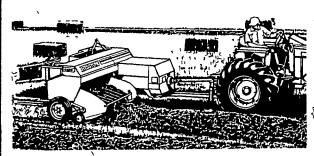
Receiving awards for the Best Rate of Gain in the Swine Club was Fritz Najarian. Fritz's hog gained a total of 231 pounds averaging 1.88 pounds per day. Tim Wessner, New Tripoli, received the Breeding Swine Award.

Other activities of the evening included the in-

troduction of guests by Ardith Wetzel, a drawing of raffle tickets, and a square dance to the music of Dennis Loch and the Majestics.



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