

Little Dutchmen FFA celebrate 18 yr. birthday

By JOANNE SPAHR

ANNVILLE — Although its been 50 years since the birth of the Future Farmers of America, the Little Dutchman Chapter of Anville Cleona High School, Lebanon County, got together last Thursday evening to celebrate their 18th year in existence. The occasion was the chapter's annual dinner banquet which featured the bestowing of honors to the top achievers in the group.

Lowell Morton, vocational agriculture instructor at Anville and advisor to the FFA, enjoyed giving most of the honors as he publicly recognized the achievements of his members.

Last year the chapter had the great fortune of being named the top parliamentary procedure team in the Commonwealth. Making up that award winning group were: Jay Bomgardner, who took the role of president; Robert Kreider, vice president; Tom Landis, secretary; Jim Wampler, treasurer; Reid Hoover, chaplain; Ellis Meyer, sentinel; Alan Hostetter, reporter; and Bryan Burkholder, student advisor.

Both advisor Morton and former president Jay Bomgardner credited another Lebanon County High School — Northern Lebanon County — with providing top notch competition for the chapter. In all the contests to the state level, Anville and NORLEBCO ran neck and neck in parliamentary procedure with Anville taking the final state laurels.

Morton also recognized proficiency award winners, stating that, "these awards are what most chapter members look forward to during the year."

Earning this year's farm safety honor was Ellis Meyer; sales and service, Jeff Landis; ornamental horticulture, Karen Krall; farm mechanics, Roland Maust; wildlife, Gary Forney; outdoor recreation, Bruce Brightbill; crop production, Donald Brandt; dairy farming, Alan Hostetter; placement in agricultural production, Roy Kleinfelter; sheep production, Mike Fair; beef production, Robert Kreider; swine production, Alan Graves; soil and water management, Reid Hoover; soil and water management, Reid Hoover; placement in processing, June Sweet; and poultry, Barbara Hitz.

Three other top awards which are greatly sought after are the chapter star farmer and agribusinessman awards and the star greenhand.

This year the Little Dutchmen Chapter had two top greenhands — Darryl Landis and Joe Harvatine. The chapter star farmer was Alan Hostetter and the chapter agribusinessman was Roy Kleinfelter.

This year's president Bryan Burkholder earned the chapter leadership award; Darryl Landis earned the chapter scholarship honors; Bruce Keller, the Anville Kiwanis calf; Jeff Reigel the chapter gilt; and Alan Hostetter the Dekalb award.

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Earning top chapter awards at the Anville Cleona Little Dutchmen FFA banquet were: (left to right) Joe Harvatine, star greenhand; Darryl Landis, star greenhand; Roy Kleinfelter,

agribusinessman; Alan Hostetter, chapter star farmer; and Bryan Burkholder, leadership award. Burkholder is also president of the Little Dutchmen Chapter.



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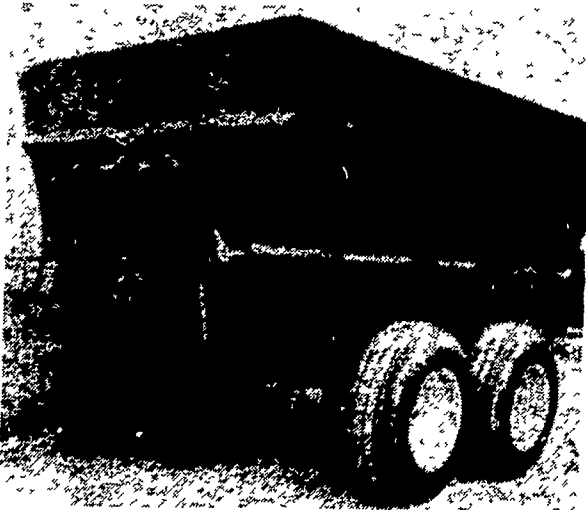
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