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 medals for dairy project work, and public speaking, and gold medals for both county and state FFA Project Books.

Dan's younger brother, Doug, was chosen as the Star Greenhand.

The Star Red Rose Farmer was Jeff DeLong, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry DeLong of Peach Bottom R2. He also received a silver medal in the County FFA Project Book Contest.

Charles Blevins was the recipient of the Henry N. Wenger Award—a sparkling metal bowl which annually goes to the student who makes the best use of his opportunities. Wenger

represents the southern Lancaster County insurance firm of Wenger and Weaver and Associates. Blevins, the son of Mrs. Carrie Blevins, Kirkwood, also received additional honors—bronze medals for on-the-farm work experience and the State FFA Project Book Contest.

Another big winner was Sam Long, recipient of the Lancaster County Bankers Award, a silver medal in 4-enterprise County Project Book work, and two FFA Foundation medals. The latter were given for his accomplishments in public speaking and soil and water conservation.

Vickie Warfel, a recent Solanco High School



Aaron Glick and David Stoddard became honorary members of the Solanco FFA Chapter last week.

graduate, was the group's only gold medal winner for County FFA Project Books involving five enterprises. That feat helped her to win the coveted Production Credit Association Award and a gold medal in the state contest. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Warfel, Quarryville.

In the corn contest, won by Hershey with 209 bushels per acre, Stanley Vasco and Richard Drumm followed in second and third place, respectively. Vasco harvested 199 bushels from his 1-acre field while Drumm picked 184 bushels.

Other FFA Foundation medal winners called up for honors were: Tom Kirk, dairy; Ron Clark, crops; Bryan Groff and Dave Holzhauser, beef; Greg Phillips, livestock; Dave Ramsay, placement in agricultural production;

Mike Rhoades, swine production; Ed Griest, agricultural sales and service; Scott Frantz, agricultural processing; Tina Bucher, horse proficiency; Kim Landis, fish and wildlife; and Robert Frick, agricultural mechanics.

In the County FFA Project Book Contest, the following were winners of either gold, silver or bronze medals in multiple enterprise projects: Tom Kirk, Mike Rhoades, Jim Bell, Jeff DeLong, Tim Hanks, Dwayne Peifer, Dan Hershberger, Sam Long, Les Hershey and Vickie Warfel.

On the state level, Tom Kirk, Dan Hershberger, Les Hershey and Vickie Warfel won gold medals. Tim Hanks

FFA officers visit oil company

CHICAGO, Ill. — "Never has the association between the energy industry and the agricultural community been so important," said Larry Fuller, executive vice president of Amoco Oil Company, in remarks to a group of Future Farmers of America (FFA) national officers touring Chicago.

The six national officers, representatives of 510,000 FFA members nationwide, were in Chicago as part of a year-long program taking them all over the country as official representatives of the FFA program. After morning meetings with industry officials in Chicago, the FFA group had lunch at the general office of Standard Oil Company (Indiana), parent company of the Amoco subsidiaries.

Officers asked questions about energy and its relationship to agriculture, particularly the relationship between energy prices and food. Later, the officers toured the Standard Oil

and Carl Hershey earned silver medals and Charles Blevins captured a bronze. Carl Hershey was also the recipient of the Junior Agriculture Book award.

Recognizing the contributions to the FFA from citizens in the community, the Solanco Chapter inducted Aaron Glick and David Stoddard as honorary members. The presentations were made before a banquet gathering numbering approximately 180 people.

building, the world's fourth tallest.

In an afternoon meeting with the FFA officers, Blaine Yarrington, Standard's executive vice president, said: "I believe the future of agriculture as a business will be safe with young people like these. FFA is a good training ground for our future agricultural leaders, and I'm pleased that Amoco can have a hand in promoting such a fine organization."

During the rest of the year, the FFA officers will continue to travel around the country encouraging development of youth agricultural training opportunities and promoting agriculture as a career.

Let us never forget that the cultivation of the earth is the most important labor of man.



Gary Eberly, Doug Hershberger and Jeff DeLong were chosen as Star Chapter Farmer, Star Greenhand, and Star Red Rose Farmer, respectively.

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