### Ritchie heads Leb. Co. FFA unit

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Bomgardner, Annville, 15year-old Dave will also be the vice president of the Little Dutchman Chapter for the 1978-'79 school year.

Holding down the position of secretary is one of two female officers in the county organization, Susan Heilinger, from Eastern Lebanon County High School. Miss Heilinger is the 15-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Heilinger, Newmanstown.

In the position of treasurer is Kenneth Arnold, also from ELCO. Arnold, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Arnold, Schaefferstown, has previously held the positions of chaplain and reporter in his home chapter and has been selected to head that organization for the 1978-279 school year.

In the reporter's station for the county unit will be Roy Shirk, from Cedar Crest High School. Shirk is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Shirk, Lebanon. During 1977 Shirk held the role of treasurer in his home chapter and will now fill the position of vice president for that group.

Another member from the Cedar Crest FFA is Lester Heinaman, who will assume the duties of sentinel. The 17-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. Isaac O. Heinaman, Quentin, Lester will serve as the president for the coming year in his home chapter. Prior to this honor, he held the offices of assistant sentinel and sentinel in his home unit

A second young lady in the ELebanon County unit is Bonita Kelly, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard B. Kelly, Quentin. Miss Kelly's role in the organization will be parliamentarian.

Rounding out the officers for the county organization will be Randy Behney, a member of the Northern Lebanon FFA chapter. Behney will assume the duties of chaplain. Behney is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Guy A. Behney, Myerstown 3.

According to Ritchie, who has earned a number of awards at the county level, including first place in the Lebanon County public speaking contest, first place in the quiz contest, and second in parliamentary procedure at the state level, under his leadership the main goal for the county unit will be to become recognized as one of the best county chapters in the state. Ritchie also wants to actively involve more people in contests and competitions and to improve the chapter in areas such as outdoor activities.

Some of Ritchie's other honors leading to the presidency of the county unit include star greenhand in his home chapter, the county chapter farmer degree, two years work experience and a blue ribbon at the county level for employment at C.F. Manbeck poultry processing plant, Fredericksburg. Past offices Ritchie has held include chaplain and assistant secretary in the Norlebco FFA chapter. For the 1978-'79 year, Ritchie will serve as vice president in his school's FFA unit.

Robert Kreider has a large



The officers and advisor of the Lebanon County Chapter of the Future Farmers of America are: (left to right) back row, Bonita Kelly, David Bomgardner, Roy Shirk, Robert Kreider, and J.

list of awards won up to this time.

Those honores include star greenhand in his home chapter; the chapter scholarshp honor from the Little Dutchmen FFA; beef production with the Annville-Cleona chapter; public speaking award in home chapter; National Honor Society; first place in county greenhand quiz contest; first in the county creed contest; and member of the first place parliamentary procedure team at Penn State last year.

Kreider lives on a 180 farm

Robert Kreider, and J. which includes the raising of

100,000 broilers.

Bomgardner also tied with Kreider in the county greenhand quiz contest. The historian for his chapter during 1977-'78, Bomgardner earned a state gold medal for his field corn project book.

Miss Heilinger, the star greenhand from her chapter, will serve as vice president of the ELCO FFA during 197-79. In the past she has won foundation awards in dairy production and ornamental horticulture. She is a part of the state FFA band and served as secretary of her home chapter in the 1977-78 school year.

Arnold is an experienced dairy showman, having taking the grand champion FFA Guernsey at the

Randy Behney.

Lebanon Area Fair during 1977. Presently involved with two work experience projects, Arnold is emplyed award.

Behney showman

Ray Bickel, advisor. Seated are: Ken Arnold, Susan

Heilinger, Scott Ritchie, Lester Heinaman, and

Myerstown, as a farm laborer.

Parlimentarian Bonita Kelly hails from Cedar Crest High School and Lebanon County Vo-Tech, where she is a horticulture student. The 15-year-old sophomore has

by Shaeffer's Lawn and

Landscaping, Myerstown,

and Raymond Getz,

15-year-old sophomore has earned a demonstration award from the Lebanon County Vo Tech FFA.

Lester Heinaman, a junior at Cedar Crest, is presently employed at Plain and Fancy Egg Ranch,

Elizabethtown, as an auto

loader operator. In his home

chapter he has earned the

agriculture mechanics award.

Behney is also a dairy showman, having taken the reserve grand champion Jersey at regional FFA competition in 1977. He also earned a showmanship award at the state dairy show and took a first placing in the county with his dairy project book. During the 1978-;79 school year he will serve as the Norlebco FFA chapter president.

Reporter Roy Shirk has earned the star greenhand honor from his home chapter and the chain calf.

Each of the county officers is under the direction of J. Ray Bickel, vocational agriculture instructor at Northern Lebanon High School, who is serving as county advisor.

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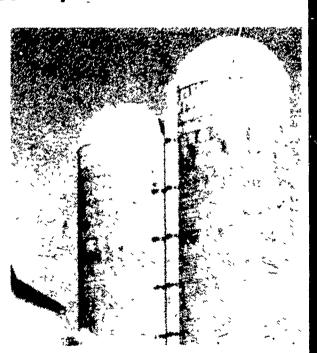
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