

Owen J. Roberts FFA honors members, faculty

BUCKTOWN — The Chester County Owen J. Roberts FFA Chapter recently held their 24th annual banquet, recognizing chapter members and faculty alike for their accomplishments and service.

A very special award was presented to agricultural teacher and FFA advisor Neal R. Burtner from the House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania. Burtner has taught agriculture for the past 35 years. He will retire in June. His award read in part . . . 'Neal Burtner has influenced the lives of hundreds of boys and girls through his great understanding and appreciation of the needs of his students. Mr. Burtner was instrumental in developing and maintaining the FFA program in the high school.' Mrs. Eleanor Morris, wife of Samuel Morris, former Representative of the 155th



Charles Lobb

District, was on hand to present Burtner with the award. Chapter members also awarded Burtner with the Honorary Chapter Degree.

Charles Lobb, guidance superintendent of the four OJR. districts was also awarded the Honorary Chapter Degree. Lobb has helped with the Chester-Delaware FFA leadership school, and with the counseling and scheduling of the students.

Taking home many awards that evening was Chester Soltz III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester Soltz, Jr., Spring City. Chester, who is vice president of the Chapter, raised beef steers, dairy heifers, 12 acres of corn, five acres of hay and carried the swine fattening project. He was awarded the Chapter beef trophy, and corn production Foundation medal. Chester was also honored for having the best book in Chester County. He received the Production Credit Award for placing first in the County and winning a gold medal in the



Winning trophies at the Owen J. Roberts FFA banquet were, left to right, Andrew Batdorf; Dale Keen; Edward Pufko; and Arthur Kulp.

state competition. Chester was also treasurer on the Chapter's parliamentary procedure team which placed first in the County and fourth in the area. Among his other accomplishments, Chester placed 38th in the state dairy judging contest, and received a gold medal for his work experience on his father's farm.

Selected as a delegate to the Summer State FFA Convention, and also on the State Nominating Committee was Daryl Schafer. Daryl, who is the Chapter president, was named Star

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Neil Burtner

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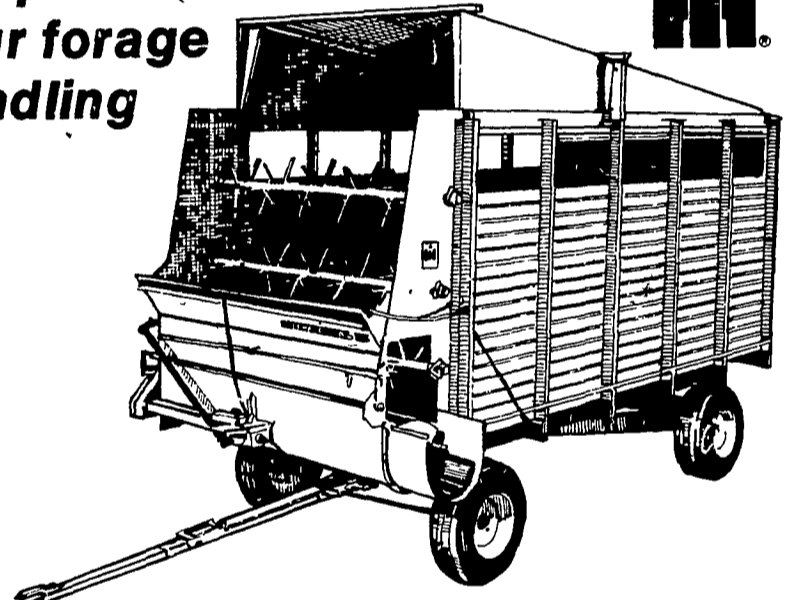
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