

Hans Herr FFA

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students were honored with plaques, certificates, and other tokens of appreciation.

Scott Lefever, a senior, captured the most prestigious prizes. He was named the DeKalb Award winner, an honor which goes annually to a chapter's outstanding senior. The young man was given a pin and certificate, and his name will be engraved on a plaque which adorns the FFA class room. In addition, the Pequea R1 resident was named Star Chapter Farmer.

Another highlight of the evening was the introduction of the Willow Street school's horticulture team. Kerr took obvious pride in his group's achievements. In the five years that a county horticulture contest has been held, teams from the Hans Herr FFA Chapter have always won, he noted. Two

years ago, he said the Chapter boasted the top 10 individuals. Last year they had the top 10. This year eight of the top 10 places belonged to students he coached.

Leading this year's contingent of young horticulturists is Wes Pritchard of Little Britain. He had a perfect score in the written part of this year's county contest and was also high individual overall.

Honored also, and members of the same winning horticulture team, were Jeff Miller, Karen Silvius, and Carmen Baciotti.

A second horticulture team from the Willow Street school was also honored, since they took second place in the county contest last month. Members were Scott Lefever, Beth Miller, Tracey Rebman, and Chrissi Brubaker. Pritchard, Jeff Miller, Silvius, Brubaker and Rebman will go to Penn



Floriculture keeps these young ladies in the spotlight when FFA contests are held. Team coach Jacqueline Winchell, right, poses with student Pam Skethway, and team members Deb Wright

and Mary Rose. Miss Skethway received the ag production award, Miss Wright won the floriculture plaque, and Miss Rose was named Star Greenhand.

Energy bill geared to high moisture grains

WASHINGTON, D.C. - U.S. Congressman Tom Harkin has introduced a bill in Congress authorizing federal commodity price support loans for corn and grain sorghum stored in high moisture facilities. Harkin says the bill will help cut on-farm energy costs and help reduce over-all energy consumption.

Currently, only dried grain is eligible for commodity loan price supports.

Harkin noted 77 per cent of the nation's corn crop is ultimately fed to livestock, with much of it stored and fed on the same farm as it was grown. All but seven per cent of it is dried before storing.

"There's no need to dry grain that's going to be stored and fed on the farm," Harkin said. "In fact, it's about three to five per cent more nutritious for livestock if it's not dried. Yet, current policy requires farmers to dry their grain—using scarce propane and natural gas supplies in the process—before they can qualify for federal commodity loans," Harkin said.

Harkin said if just 25 per cent of the nation's corn crop were stored "wet," instead of the current seven per cent, direct energy costs to farmers would be cut by \$177 million.

Harkin's bill provides for high moisture grain loans at the same national rate as dried grain, currently \$2 per bushel for corn and \$1.90 per bushel for sorghum.

State University next month to compete in the state FFA horticulture contest. A year ago the Hans Herr Chapter took the top three placings in that event.

The honors didn't end there. Beth Miller, a member of the second-place horticulture team, was given a special award for her work in nursery operations and was also the recipient of the Banker's Award. Pritchard, high man in the horticulture contest, and chaplain for the group, was named Star Greenhand.

Also named Star Chapter Farmer and Star Greenhand, respectively, in the floriculture division, were Pam Ream and Mary Rose. Miss Ream is currently serving as Chapter president. Miss Rose picked up additional honors for having sold the most candy in a recent sale. According to Kerr, more than \$4500 worth of candy were sold by the students. All of the costs involved in the banquet were covered by the Chapter.

Other awards which were presented at the banquet

were the agricultural production award - Pam Skethway; the floriculture award - Debbie Wright; turf and landscape management

award - Carmen Baciotti; placement in agricultural production - Brian Craig; and ornamental horticulture - Chrissi Brubaker.

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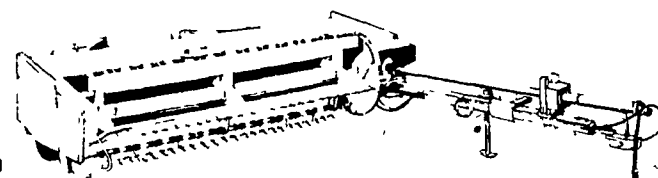
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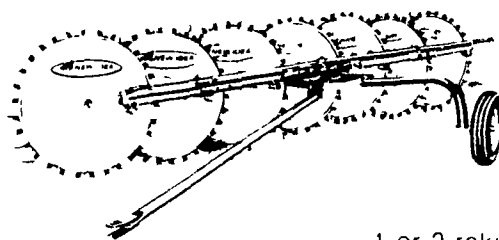
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