

Northumberland youth wins Star Farmer award

HARRISBURG — An 18-year-old Northumberland County youth was named FFA State Star Farmer for 1980. Jeffery A. Martz, son of Mr. and Mrs. Byron A. Martz of R1, Dalmatia, received the award at the Pennsylvania FFA's 51st Mid-Winter Convention in the Forum of the Education Building, held here in conjunction with the 64th Annual Pennsylvania State Farm Show. This is the highest agriculture award possible through the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America.

for two years and as vice-president of the S.U.N. Area FFA.

The State Star Farmer Award puts Jeffery in the running for additional hours later this year. He will represent Pennsylvania in September for the title of Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region, against similar winners from the sixteen northern states.

Competing against Jeffery this year for the FFA State Star Farmer title were:

Jesse Reichard, 3920 Pump House Road, Waynesboro, Franklin County, South Central Region; Cathy Nishnick, RD 1, Hickory, Washington County, Western Region; and Larry A. Shrawder, RD 2, Kempton, Berks County, Eastern Region.



For the first time ever in Pennsylvania, auctioneers met to see who could raise a price quickest with the best spiel. John M. Lindley, R1 Prosperity, said he combined 18 years experience

as a general auctioneer with a bit of luck to win. At left, Auctioneer Association VP Harry Anderson announces the winner while Association President Larry Reed offers a handshake of congratulations.

Auctioneer chants to championship

HARRISBURG — A State Farm Show first, the 1980 Championship Bid Calling Contest was held in the small arena on Tuesday afternoon.

John Lindley took the top honors.

The Pennsylvania Auctioneers Association sent invitations to all licensed

auctioneers within the state. A total of 30 auctioneers responded to the invitation and competed in the first state contest.

The champion, John Lindley is a general auctioneer in Prosperity, Washington County. He has been an auctioneer over the past 18 years.

The State Association presented Lindley with a one-year membership, plaque, and a \$200 cash prize.

Karry Pae, of Dauphin, took the second place honors.

A Lancaster Countian, Larry Martin of Blue Ball, placed third in the state contest.

The five judges were Ralph Horst, Marion, Pa.; Jerry Krawitz, N.J.; Bradley Rentzel, Mt. Wolf, Pa.; Marvin Eshleman, Lancaster and Burton Hoffman, Hagerstown, Md.

They judged each contestant on his tact, microphone ability, speaking and bid calling ability, appearance and salesmanship. The contestants were also expected to be prompt.

Harry Anderson of Georgetown, Beaver County, is vice president of the Pa.

Auctioneers Association. He had taken top honors at the Ohio State Competition and got the idea to begin a Pennsylvania competition.

The Andersons worked hard to organize the first show. Their efforts were worthwhile as the small arena was packed with observers. The Auctioneer's Bid Calling Championship is sure to become a regular feature at the State Show.

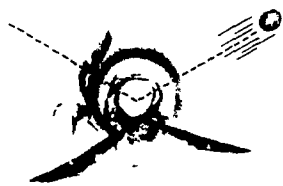
The top ten auctioneer's at the state contest included: 1. John Lindley, R1 Prosperity; 2. Kerry Pae, R2 Dauphin; 3. Larry Martin, Blue Ball; 4. Charles D. Baker, Oil City; 5. Rita I. McGrady, R1 Fenelon; 6. Steve Petersheim, Cochranville; 7. Douglas Wetzel, Millersburg; 8. Delbert Rupp, R2 Dayton; 9. Malcolm Speicher, Belleville; 10. Maurice R. Dusman, Hanover.



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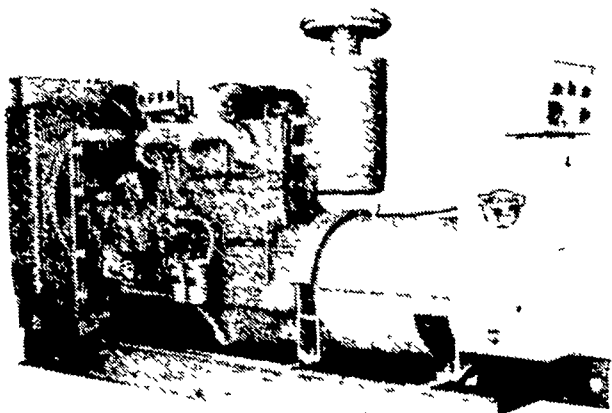
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