

Darryl Schafer urges youth to set goals

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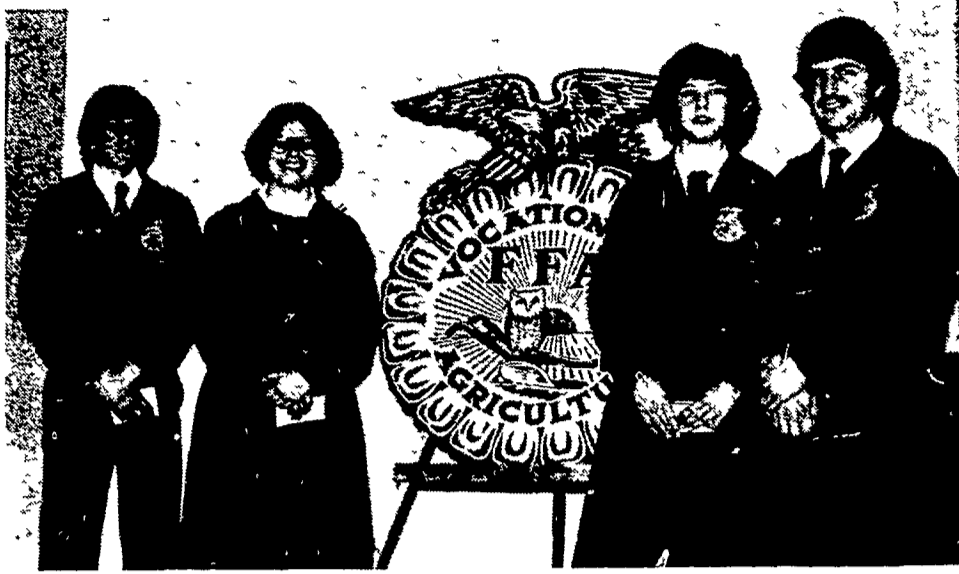
ROBESONIA — Members of the Conrad Weiser FFA celebrated another year of achievements, Monday at Conrad Weiser High School during their annual parent and member banquet.

Highlighting the evening were two guest speakers: Darryl Schafer, Pennsylvania FFA Vice-President, and Donald Trimmer, National Eastern Region FFA Vice-President.

Schafer urged his fellow FFA members to choose a career goal and then plan an FFA program which will help them work toward that goal. "Plan a program which will familiarize you with the career you have chosen," he said. Let your employer be part of your plan and work with them, Schafer continued. Explaining, the state officer said that if their employer knows their intentions and goals, the employer will help train FFA members toward those goals.

"FFA is an asset when applying for a job," the state officer remarked. He also told the many FFA members present that the most valuable assets of the FFA are friends, and the more FFA activities a member participates in, the more friends he will have.

Trimmer discussed some of the many experiences and opportunities he has had since becoming a National FFA Officer, including a trip to Japan where he and other



Shown left to right are: Sue Gromis, scholarship award; David Schaeffer, leadership and foundation medal for farm and homestead improvement; Debbie Miller, leadership; placement in agricultural production and public speaking; Ernest Gelsinger, DeKalb Award, diversified livestock production.

FFA members met with Japanese farmers.

The National officer explained why he felt the FFA should continue to develop leadership qualities among its many members. "An army of young people will be taking over our country in years to come," he said, "and they should be good leaders." Trimmer told his audience that the FFA will help to build the qualities needed by these young people.

Steve Miller, FFA advisor presented awards to the many deserving FFA members attending the banquet, after commenting on the six main ingredients

provided to the FFA organization. "FFA provides members with competition, recognition, and the right to fail," Miller began. "But it also provides an individual the right to try again and overcome his failures. It gives members a chance for leadership development and public speaking opportunities, and builds self confidence."

"The FFA also provides a member with employment preparation," Miller continued. The advisor also stressed that the FFA is not a club but an integral part of learning.

Receiving the coveted Chapter Star Greenhand

award this year was fourteen year old Scout Troutman. Scott is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Troutman, Myerstown.

The Chapter Star Farmer Award was bestowed upon Henry Noss, 16. Henry is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Noss, Sinking Spring. Noss, the chapter secretary, also received an FFA foundation award for swine production and was first place in the

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