

Blue Mountain FFA installs officers

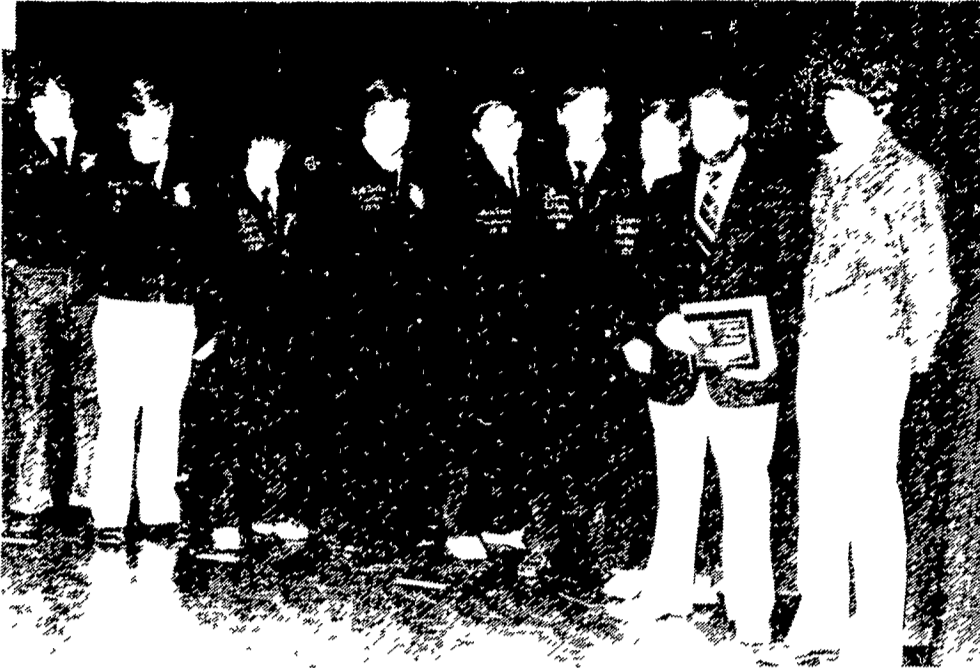
The Blue Mountain FFA held their 36th annual banquet recently.

Receiving awards were: Steve Dunn, Star Chapter Farmer and Ronald Phillips, Star Greenhand.

Robert Dunn was awarded an honorary membership degree for the help he gave the chapter.

Robert Evanchalk was also honored.

Officers installed included: Timothy Koch, chaplain; Dave Potts, conductor; Mark Weaver, sentinel; Scott Tucker, reporter; Steve Dunn, treasurer; Dennis Seltzer, secretary; Dennis Fidler, vice-president; and Kent Heffner, president.



New officers shown from left are: Timothy Koch, chaplain; Dave Potts, conductor; Mark Weaver, sentinel; Scott Tucker, reporter; Steve Dunn, treasurer; Dennis Seltzer, secretary; Dennis Fidler, vice-president; Robert Dunn, honorary member and Kent Heffner, president.



Schmidh Farms, Inc. joins Simmental Assoc.

BOZEMAN, Mt — Schmidt Farms, Inc., owned by Walter E. Schmidt, Sudlersville, Maryland, has recently become a lifetime member in the American Simmental Association.

ASA is unique among beef breed associations in that it offers only a one-time, one-payment life membership. Once a person joins the association, there are no future dues or membership payments.

"We want to extend a sincere welcome," said ASA Executive Secretary, Earl B. Peterson, from the association's headquarters in Bozeman, Montana.

Founded in 1968, the American Simmental Association now numbers more than 12,600 life members and the ASA herd

book has exceeded the 550,000 figure in number of animals processed for registration.

Simmental cattle originated in the Simme Valley of Switzerland, and have been in North America only since 1967. In that time, the Simmental breed has grown enormously in numbers and in popularity. The breed currently ranks fourth among U.S. beef breed organizations in the number of animals registered annually.

Schmidt, who is engaged in general farming, including hog production in addition to his cattle operation feels that the vigorous nature of the Simmental may be their most outstanding characteristic.

Tobacco referendum soundly rejected

LANCASTER — The tobacco referendum, voted on in the latter part of February in Lancaster County, was soundly defeated.

The referendum called for the farmers to decide whether they were in favor of marketing quotas for

cigar-filler, type 41, tobacco for three marketing years beginning October 1, 1980.

Out of a total of 727 persons who voted, only 55 were in favor of the quotas, with 634 ballots cast in opposition. There were 38 ballots that were challenged and disallowed. SM

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