

Ephrata wins ag mechanization contest

EPHRATA — Ephrata High School swept the top honors in the Lancaster County FFA Agricultural Mechanization Contest on Friday, May 2.

In the competition held at Ephrata High School participants from the host school won both the team and top individual honors.

Marvin Horst placed first in the individual placings, followed by Stanley Horning.

In addition to Horst, the Ephrata team included Avery Copenhaver and Tim High.

A total of 22 students from five schools competed in the test of mechanization skills. Other schools included



Members of the first-place Ephrata team in mechanization competition include, from the left, Avery Copenhaver, Marvin Horst and Tim High.



Top individual winners in FFA agricultural mechanization contest from Ephrata were Marvin Horst, seated, first; and Stanley Horning, second.

Elizabethtown, Penn Manor, Eastern Lancaster County and Manheim Central.

Among eight skill areas in the competition were determining the elevation of a specified area from a contour map, wiring a motor to operate on 115-volt current with thermal protection, using a hand tapemeasure and level to determine the slope between two stakes and measuring piston head size with a micrometer.

Also, cutting and threading a pipe to install a fitting, layout of a rafter, performing general maintenance on a tractor and identifying tractor engine parts.

The students also took written examinations.

Finishing behind Ephrata in the team competition were Penn Manor, second; and Eastern Lancaster County, third.

The top 10 individual finishers, in addition to Horst, first, and Horning, second, were:

Tim High, Ephrata, third; Aaron Ebersol, Penn Manor, fourth; Avery Copenhaver, Ephrata, fifth; Jim Harnish, Penn Manor, sixth; Ken Greider, Penn Manor, seventh; Jay Zimmerman, Eastern Lancaster County, eighth; Kevin Martin, Eastern Lancaster County, ninth; and Dennis Saylor, Ephrata, tenth.—DA

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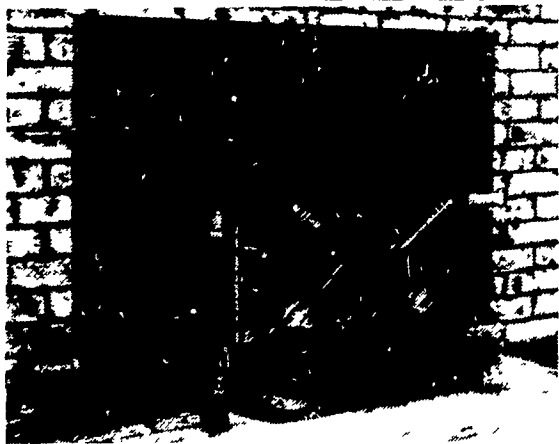
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