

# Berks County FFA holds awards banquet

ELVERSON — About 130 persons attended the annual Berks County FFA Banquet at the Kutztown Grange which marked the culmination of a year's effort for the Berks FFA officers.

Following a ham dinner, Barry Ziegler and Cheryl Adams presented the 1979-80 Berks Co. FFA degree recipients from each chapter. Degree winners were; Kevin Zimmerman, Susan Gromis, Rodney Salem, Henry Noss and Tim Deamer all from Conrad Weiser; Steve Shaw and Scott - Hauseman of Oley Valley; Bruce Latshaw, Keith Flicker, Dean Shoemaker, Carl Lutz, Gerald Haas, Timothy Behm, Bill Zollers and Keenan Hilbert from Kutztown; Laura Miller, Barry Ziegler, Troy Luckenbill, Gary Parker and Ron Swope of Tulpehocken; also Thomas Wolfe, Martin Miller, Sue Ford, Linda Robinson, Jodi Yohn, Steve Kearns, Mike Williams, Brett Strough, Donna Devine, and Mike Ott from Twin Valley.

Steve Miller and Ken Heimbach, president and treasurer respectively of the Berks County Ag Teachers

Association then presented trophies to winners of county and area contests. Dairy Judging trophies were presented to Scott Hauseman, Oley Valley and Tim Kurtz and Steve Snyder of Twin Valley. Gerald Haas of Kutztown received a trophy for first place in the area agronomy contest. Area contest trophies were also presented to Linda Robinson for pleasure horse, Donald Kercher for dairy foods and Donna Devine for meats. All three students are from Twin Valley.

Other trophy winners were. Dean Bruno of Kutztown, ag mechanics; senior basket ball team, Kutztown; junior basketball team, Conrad Weiser; senior and junior volleyball teams, Conrad Weiser FFA; general public speaking — Steve Imes, Oley; Debra Miller, Conrad Weiser and Mike Mertz, Kutztown. In extemporaneous speaking, trophies were presented to Howard Griest of Twin Valley and Bruce Latshaw and Richard Hershberger of Kutztown. Conservation speaking contest trophies went to Steve Kearns and Roger Stoltzfus of Twin Valley and Bruce Latshaw of Kutztown. Trophies for the

first place chapter scrapbook and first place parliamentary procedure team were also presented to the Twin Valley Chapter Charles Suloff, representing the Berks County Production Credit Association presented the county PCA award to Ernest Gelsinger of Conrad Weiser, with the Central Eastern Pennsylvania region award going to Dean Bruno of Kutztown. These awards signify excellence in records of farming programs.

Bruce Latshaw and Ernest Gelsinger presented certificates of appreciation to Mary Ann Rimby, chairman of the Berks County Conservation District, who has served as a judge for the county public speaking contest for several years; Mr and Mrs. David Steigerwalt who hosted the area pleasure horse judging contest; and Mr. and Mrs. Lester Gelsinger who hosted the land judging contest.

The County officers then conferred the honorary county degree upon Heindel Farms which hosted the area dairy judging last fall; Duane Pysker, who has officiated the land judging contests in his capacity as Berks County soil conservationist; Kenneth

Heimbach, vocational agriculture teacher at Kutztown High School; and Stephen Miller, vocational agriculture teacher at Conrad Weiser high school.

Lewis Kohl, county treasurer, then recognized the following star chapter greenhands: Scott Troutman, Conrad Weiser; Todd Miller, Hamburg; Mark Latshaw, Kutztown; Phillip Levan, Oley; William Lester, Tulpehocken; and Pan Trostle, Twin Valley. Star greenhands are the top first year FFA members as selected by their respective chapters.

Kohl also recognized Star

Chapter farmers and agribusinessmen by presenting them with a fifty dollar savings bond each. Star Chapter farmers are those members chosen by each chapter for their outstanding farming programs and leadership. Following are the 1980 star chapter farmers; Henry Noss, Conrad Weiser; Allan Rohrbach, Hamburg; Dean Bruno, Kutztown; Scott Hauseman, Oley; Penny Bicksler, Tulpehocken; and Howard Greist, Twin Valley. Star Chapter agribusinessmen chosen for their outstanding agribusiness projects were

Debbie Miller, Conrad Weiser; Keith Flicker, Kutztown; Steven Imes, Oley; Barry Ziegler, Tulpehocken; and Thomas Kirk, Twin Valley.

Harvey Smith, vocational consultant for the Pennsylvania Department of Education named the Berks County Star Farmer for 1980 - Howard Greist of Twin Valley and the Star County Agribusinessman - Steve Imes of Oley. He also introduced the 1980 Keystone farmers, Anthony Eberly, Pennsylvania FFA Eastern regional vice-president spoke on behalf of the Pennsylvania FFA.

## Free newsletter available to dairy goat owners in Montgomery County

NORRISTOWN — The Montgomery County Extension Service is seeking to identify county dairy goat owners, whether they own one goat for home milk production or have a larger herd for commercial purposes.

County Agent Nancy Kadwill is coordinating a Dairy Goat Newsletter that would cover educational programs of interest to goat owners, give management tips and announce events such as clinics, shows or sales. Anyone with an interest in this free newsletter should write to Nancy Kadwill, 400 Markley Street, Norristown PA 19401 and

indicate their involvement with goats, the type of programs they would like to see, and their complete name and address.

Boys and girls ages 8 - 19 years old who are interested in goats are invited to join the 4-H Dairy Goat Program. There are clubs meeting in the Boyertown and Harleysville areas. Members and parents learn more about goat care, health, uses of milk, judging and showing in addition to making new friends and being involved in the numerous activities in 4-H.

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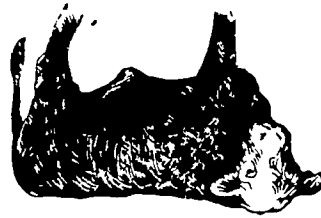
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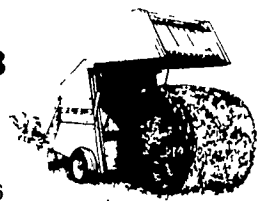
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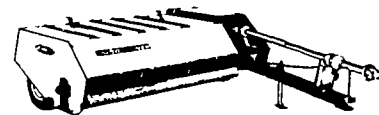
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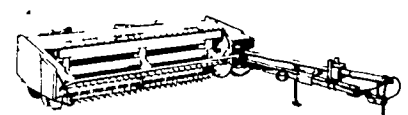
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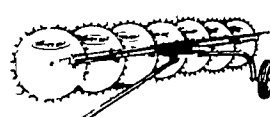
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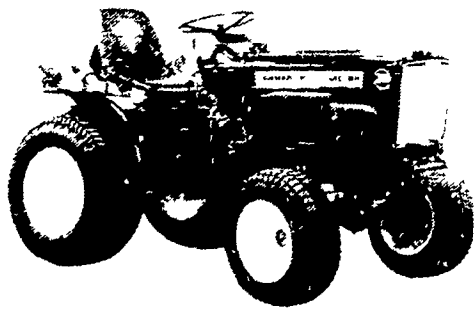


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