



These nine members of the Ephrata Cloister FFA will be attending the National Convention in Kansas City. Going by plane are: (l to r) Steve Smith, Judy Zimmerman, and Donald Good. Traveling by van will be (second row) Bruce Weaver, Dale Gerhart, Roy Weaver, (third row) Cliff Weaver, Marvin Weiler and Galen Sauder. Traveling with them will be Mr. Charles Ackley, vo-ag teacher.

FFA week

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Receiving the degree will be 192 men and women during a ceremony Thursday afternoon, November 13.

The largest number of honorees for this award will be from men like Charles Ackley - vocational agriculture instructors. Seventy-five of the 12,000 vo-ag teachers in the U.S. will be presented the degree in recognition of their work to prepare young farmers for productive and responsible careers in agriculture.

Business leaders, college professors, and agricultural personnel will make up the other 117 recipients.

Curtis Martin, a 1978 graduate of Ephrata High School, will receive the American Farmer Degree, the highest degree a FFA member can earn.

Curtis is one of 781 FFA'ers to receive the award this year out of a possible 481,676 FFA members enrolled in the nation's 8,236 high school vocational agriculture departments. Pennsylvania sports 21 winners this year.

Each recipient of the American Farmer degree is presented a gold key and a certification in recognition of his or her accomplishments. If he attends the convention, he is presented a check from the FFA Foundation to help pay travel expenses.

Curtis is flying to Kansas City along with Steve Smith, Judy Zimmerman and Donald Good.

Steve Smith, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Smith, Denver, is a junior at Ephrata High School.

Steve will be a poultry judge on the state team.

PSU to offer tax course

PITTSBURGH — Penn State will offer a Farm Income Tax and Social Security Short Course December 8 to 12.

The five day course is approved for continuing education credit by the Accreditation Council for Accountancy, Washington, D.C. and is sponsored by the College of Agriculture in cooperation with the Internal Revenue Service, Pittsburgh.

Advance registration is requested, and early registration is advised due to anticipated large attendance.

A 1979 graduate and State FFA secretary, Judy Zimmerman will be an official Pennsylvania FFA delegate.

Judy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman of Ephrata.

Donald Good, a 1979 graduate, is a National Proficiency Award winner in Agricultural Processing for his achievements as a meat cutter at Triple "G" Farms Store and Akron Shop Rite.

Donald is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond T. Good of Ephrata.

The convention, termed the largest youth convention in the U.S., has been conducted since 1928 and this year is expecting 22,000 to attend.

Major highlights of the convention will be:

National Agricultural Career Show - This show provides information about a great number of agricultural occupations as well as information regarding technical advancements in agriculture;

Hall of States Exhibit - Exhibits will be depicting achievements in the individual states;

election of national FFA officers on Friday;

various contests for FFA members - farm business management, milk quality and dairy foods, dairy cattle, agricultural mechanics, extemporaneous public speaking, prepared public speaking, livestock, poultry, and nursery landscape;

leadership workshops on Wednesday and Thursday afternoons;

FFA talent show on Thursday evening;

and trips to area points of interest, such as the National Agricultural Hall of Fame, Kansas City Stockyards and Livestock Exchange, Truman Library and Swope Park.

Ephrata FFA members traveling by van also will be stopping to see Churchill Downs and the Kentucky Derby Museum in Louisville, the Memorial Arch "Gateway to the West" in St. Louis, and Mark Twain's home and cave in Hannibal, Mo.

The six members traveling by van will be receiving the Silver Emblem National Award for Chapter Excellence. They are:

Dale Gerhart, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gerhart, Reinholds; Galen Sauder, son of Mr. and Mrs. Christ Sauder, Ephrata; Bruce Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver, Ephrata; Clifford Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Weaver, Ephrata; Roy Weaver, son of Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Weaver, Denver; and Marvin Weiler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Eli Weiler, Stevens.

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