

3 Extension staff members receive awards

UNIVERSITY PARK — Three members of Penn State's Extension Service staff have been named recipients of Distinguished Service Awards presented by the National Association of Extension 4-H Agents.

Receiving awards Thursday at the association's annual

meeting in Detroit, Mich. were Mae D. Bleiler, Berks County Extension home economist; Carroll L. Howes, associate state 4-H program director at Penn State; and Jared K. Tyson, Adams County Extension agent.

According to Carol J. Schurman, Indiana County

Extension agent and state awards committee chairman, each will receive a plaque "for outstanding achievements in youth programming."

Berks County Extension home economist since 1970, Mae D. Bleiler serves as coordinator of the 4-H program. During her tenure

in the county, 4-H membership has increased by more than 1000 members.

Miss Bleiler developed an extensive 4-H volunteer committee structure with the 4-H Development Council and 12 subcommittees.

The Berks County home economist worked with the county 4-H leadership

committee, a part of the 4-H Development Council, in implementing nine voluntary "4-H area coordinator" positions to serve as a communications link between the 4-H staff and local leaders.

The award winner assisted in developing cultural exchange programs, including international farm youth exchanges.

She encouraged both



CARROLL L. HOWES

leaders and 4-H members to attend special training workshops at county, regional, and state levels. At these meetings, participants evaluate ideas for incorporation into the county 4-H program.

Miss Bleiler worked with the Berks County 4-H public relations committee in developing a 4-H publicity poster and speakers bureau. She also helped develop a regional program to give teenagers additional training in public speaking.

She served as advisor to the Pennsylvania 4-H Leadership Congress, was a member of the State 4-H Capital Days planning committee, served as a staff member at National 4-H Congress in Chicago, and chaired the southeast 4-H program planning committee.

Miss Bleiler is president of the Pennsylvania Association of 4-H and Youth Workers and is a member of the National Association of Extension Home Economists, American Home Economics Association, Pennsylvania Home Economics Association, and Kappa Omicron Phi society.

A member of the Penn State 4-H staff since 1956, Carroll L. Howes assisted in developing the state 4-H livestock program and numerous statewide youth events including State 4-H Capital Days, Pennsylvania 4-H Leadership Congress, and State 4-H Achievement Days. He serves as National 4-H Congress and National 4-H Awards coordinator.

Howes was instrumental in establishing the County 4-H Reporters program in the state. This program involves training young adults in communications to help promote 4-H in their county and region and provide a more positive awareness of the 4-H program.

The youth program director has been involved in the development of competitive events and curriculum programming for teen leaders.

Howes works closely with livestock specialists in developing educational youth publications and curriculums and helps organize regional and state training sessions for Extension agents.

He also helped establish the Bob Evans quarter Horse Award Program for Pennsylvania and assisted in developing the National 4-H Horse Roundup. In 1973, he was chairman of the Northeastern States Teen Agribusiness Conference

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