

County FFA land judging

Penn Manor captures first place

LANCASTER — Members of Penn Manor's FFA club received first place at the County FFA land judging contest, Thursday at the Franklin Myers Farm. The team, consisting of Karen Long, Jeff Ebersole

and Jere Neff won with 1196 points, 82 points over second place winners, Brian King, Daryl Martin and Mike Pfautz of Ephrata. In individual placings were champion Steve Moyer, Ephrata with 422

points and Darrell Martin also of Ephrata in second place with 414 points. Moyer and Martin each received plaques from Tom Johnson, administrator of Soil Conservation Services of Lancaster. Johnson, Latitz,

has served in this position for two and a half years.

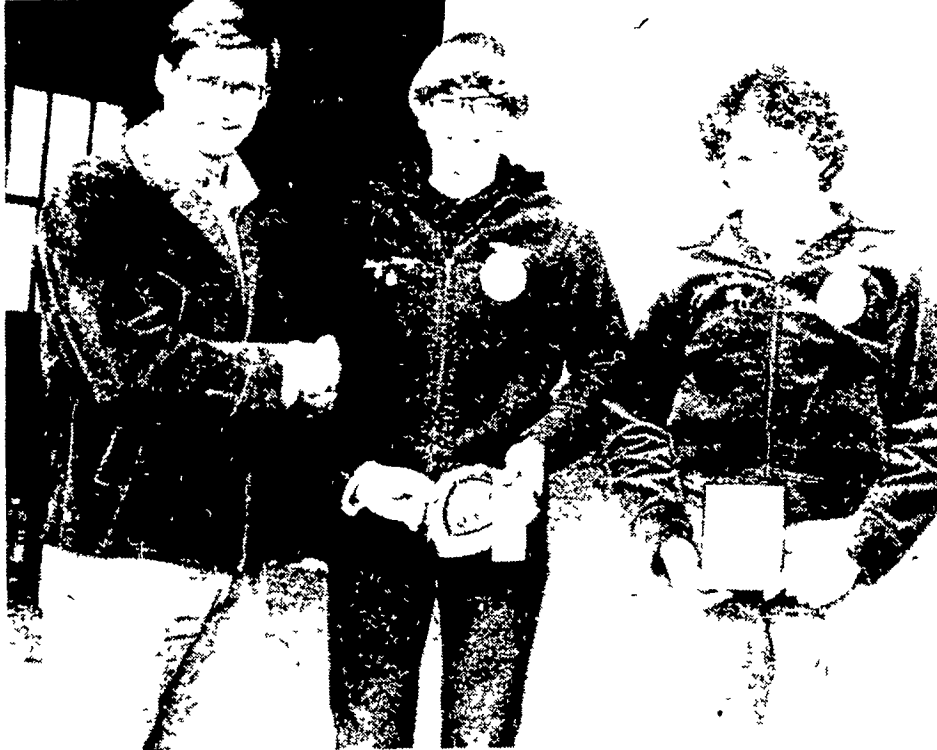
Bill Fred, Quarryville, was judge for the event. Fred who considers himself "semi-retired," is the former leader of national land judging teams, having served as vo-ag teacher at Solanco for twenty years. He resides in Quarryville with his wife Frances.

The FFA members were judged on their skill at determining land use and management for five different sites. Their ratings of each site were then compared to Judge Fred's.

Some of the categories they were judged on were land capability, possible adaptation to crops, conservation practices, stoniness, texture of surface

soil, depth of soil and internal drainage.

Members from four schools participated. They are: Steve Moyer, Ephrata; Darrell Martin, Ephrata; Jere Neff, Penn Manor; Jeff Ebersole, Penn Manor; Michele Garman, Ephrata; Ken Miller, Solanco; Greg Meckley, Ephrata; Karen Long, Penn Manor; Ron Warner, Ephrata; Ted Shaffer, Solanco.



Steve Moyer and Darrell Martin received first and second place respectively at the FFA county land judging contest. Tom Johnson was on hand to give awards.



Members of the winning team at the land judging contest, Thursday, are (left to right) Jeff Ebersole, Karen Long, and Jere Neff. Giving them the award is Tom Johnson of Soil Conservation Services.

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