

FFA convention

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Hank Aaron, and University of Nebraska athletic director Bob Devaney.

Entertainment was provided by more than 300 FFA members in the band, chorus and talent review. Two members from the chorus and two from the band were Pennsylvania FFA members.

Chapters from across the nation received awards for outstanding safety and community development programs and chapter projects. The Monroeville, Ohio, Chapter won the national Building Our American Communities award.

Winners in 22 different areas

of agricultural proficiency were named.

Steve Vaughan, a 21-year-old dairyman from Hartsville, Ohio, was named Star Farmer of America, and Jack Baber, Jr., 19, Colusa, California, who cooperates in a rice drying and storage operation, was named Star Agribusinessman of America.

These Stars Over America are the best in production agriculture and agribusiness of the 783 men and women who received the American Farmer degree.

Six young people were chosen to serve the FFA organization as national officers for the coming year. Mark Herndon, 20 of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma,

was elected National FFA President and Robert Quick, 20, of Bement, Illinois, is the new National Secretary. David Pearce, 20, Warrensburg, Missouri; Susie Barrett, 20 Vincent, Ohio; Glenn Caves, 20, Laurel, Mississippi, and David Alders, 19, of Nacogdoches, Texas, were named vice presidents of the Central, Eastern, Southern and Western Regions respectively.

David Steakley, 18, of Grandview Texas won the 50th national FFA prepared public speaking contest. He spoke on "The Challenge of Our Age - World Starvation and Malnutrition."

Ron Wineinger, 17, Marion, Kansas won the extemporaneous speaking contest with the topic "Effective Management in Agribusiness."



Arlen Keener (far left), E-town, was a runner up in the national dairy production contest at the FFA convention, representing the eastern region. The other members are Jeff Schnipkoweit, John Darnall and Bruce Tillman.



The convention over, awards all received and Kansas City now a memory, tired members of the Ephrata FFA journey home. According to Charles Ackley, their vo-ag instructor, it was a very busy week for the members, from seven in the morning till ten at night, every day. Pictured at (left to right) Marvin Weiler, Clifford Weaver and Bruce Weaver.



Marvin Weiler (center) of the Ephrata FFA receives the Silver Emblem award for his chapter at the National Chapter Awards program during the FFA convention in Kansas City.



Four Vocational Agriculture teachers of Pennsylvania received the Honorary American Farmer Degree at the FFA National Convention in Kansas City. They are (left to right) Donald W. Reinert, Lowell Morton, Frederic Stillwagen, and Charles Ackley.



Northern Lebanon chapter representatives Mike Grill, and J. Ray Bickel Vocational Agriculture Instructor met (far left to right) H. Alan Brock, Deputy Administrator, Farmers Home Administration, USDA, and James T. Schmuck, Group Vice President of Del Monte Corporation, at the 10th Annual BOAC Awards Banquet held at the Hyatt Regency Hotel during the National FFA Convention. The chapter was presented the new BOAC meda kit recently developed and distributed through the cooperation of R.J. Reynolds Industries.



Marcus Herrold, Mifflinburg, receives the Honorary American Farmer Degree from Charles Lebo (right), Assistant State Supervisor of Vocational Agriculture in Pennsylvania.

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