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DEAN PATCHES Northern Lebanon **High School** Public speaking has

figured prominently into the FFA activities for Dean, the son of Mr. and Mrs Leroy Patches, 50 E. Horst Drive, Lebanon.

In 1979 and 1980, he took first place in the county extemporaneous speaking competition. He was a





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member of the parliamentary procedure team that finished second in the state both years. Last year, he also was awarded a second in county dairy judging.

In addition to projects in dairying, he has cropped alfalfa, corn, wheat and oats. Among his leadership

posts have been chapter sentinel and president and county vice president presently.

He served on the National FFA Week Committee, assisted with the Lebanon Area Fair and Alumni Relations.

In addition to being president of the National Honor Society, he is a member of the Midway Church of the Brethren He plans to continue dairy

farming with his father and work towards owning his own operation

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DENNIS FIDLER

Blue Mountain High School Dennis Fidler, son of

Stanley and Joan Fidler of Pottsville, was selected as one of Schuylkill County's Keystone Farmer Degree recipients.

Dennis has been a member of the Blue Mountain FFA Chapter for four years and has served as treasurer, vice president and president.

Having handled such projects as dairy cows and calves, steers, Duroc pigs, corn and bull calves, Dennis has earned the Greenhand Degree, the Chapter Farmer Degree, the Dairy Production Award and the Diversified Livestock Production Award

In the future, Dennis hopes to "milk 70 head of cattle with a herd average of 18,000 pounds of milk.'

> **KENT HEFFNER** Blue Mountain

High School Kent Heffner, son of Mr and Mrs. Ralph Heffner, hopes to attend college and major in dairy production someday

As a four year member of the Blue Mountain FFA Chapter, Kent has had such



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projects as purebred registered Jerseys and potatoes.

Besides serving on the BOAC committee and the banquet committee, Kent has held positions of secretary and president for his chapter. He also has received the Schuylkill County Degree, the Dairy Proficiency Award and the County Dairy Award.

Kent enjoys hunting and running on the cross country team.



Michael Musser MICHAEL MASSER

Tri-Valley High School Michael's supervised farming project program has included 15 acres of corn, six of hay, $4^{1/2}$ in oats, 112 of potatoes and a halfacre of cabbage

Son of Mr and Mrs Timothy Masser, of Pitman, Michael has participated in public speaking, tractor driving, record book and has served on the parliamentary procedure team, banquet food and activities committees.

In addition to serving as chapter chaplain and treasurer, he has been county reporter. Among his awards have been those in vegetable production and crop production He received gold and bronze medals for his project book In other activities in

school, he is a member of the

varsity basketball team, the marching and concert band and the Honor Society.

Presently, he plans to work on his brother's farm and also farm rented land on his own Hobbies include hunting and cycling



JEFF SCHWARTZ

Tri-Valley High School Jeff has held a variety of leadership posts during his four years in the Tri-Valley FFA Chapter

Son of Mr and Mrs. Chester Schwartz, R1 Hegins, he has served as chapter conductor, sentinel and president and as county sentinel.

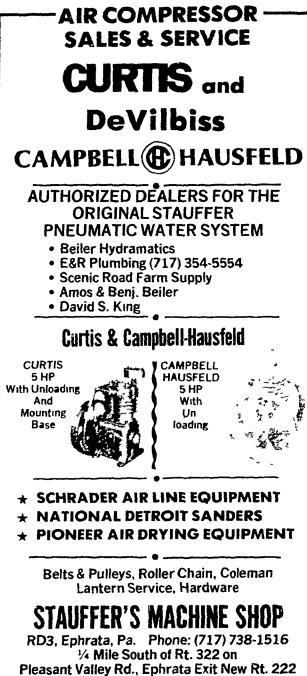
His projects have involved cabbage and potato growing He received the crop production award, production credit award and firsts in the country and state project record contest

Chapter activities range from membership on the pig committee and parliamentary procedure team to involvement in leadership training and Gratz Fair judging contests

In other activities he is a member of the Tri-Valley **Community Fair Association** and the Pennsylvania Trappers Association.

He plans to farm in partnership with his father and later on his own

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