

FFA awards

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complishments in the farming business.

Special speaker for the event was Byron Rawls, national FFA advisor, who spoke to the future farmers on the subject of accomplishment and moving ahead in farming, saying, "It doesn't take long to realize how out of date you are until you walk through Farm Show. It's important to stay active and up to date when you farm."

Rawls, a native of Alabama, is only the second FFA advisor to ever have been an FFA member.

Parents had their share of attention as special awards for support and citations for having three or more children to have received the Keystone Degree were dispersed.

Thirty-five Honorary

Keystone Farmer Degrees were awarded to those businesses and farming operations that have supported FFA's endeavors in the past year.

Proficiency awards were given to FFA'ers in 18 separate categories for special achievement in farming.

A parade of platform guests also attended the ceremony. Included among these were Mrs. Ginny Thornburgh; Robert G. Scanlon, Secretary of Education; Penrose Hollowell, Secretary of Agriculture; and Russell Redding, President, Collegiate FFA Chapter, Penn State University.

Opening and closing music was provided by the State FFA band, directed by Ned Diehl of the Penn State Blue Band.

FARM SHOW — An 18-year-old Lancaster County youth was named FFA State



Steve Kauffman

Star Farmer for 1981.

Steve Kauffman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kauffman of RD 1, Elizabethtown, received the award at the Pennsylvania FFA's 52nd Mid-Winter Convention in the Forum of the Education Building, held in conjunction with the 65th Pennsylvania Farm Show. This is the highest agriculture award possible through the Pennsylvania Future Farmers of America.

Steve, a graduate of Elizabethtown Area High

School, is a member of the Elizabethtown FFA Chapter. Steve is in charge of the crops and farm machinery on his parents farm. In addition, he owns twenty one head of Holstein dairy cattle. He served as president and reporter of his local FFA Chapter.

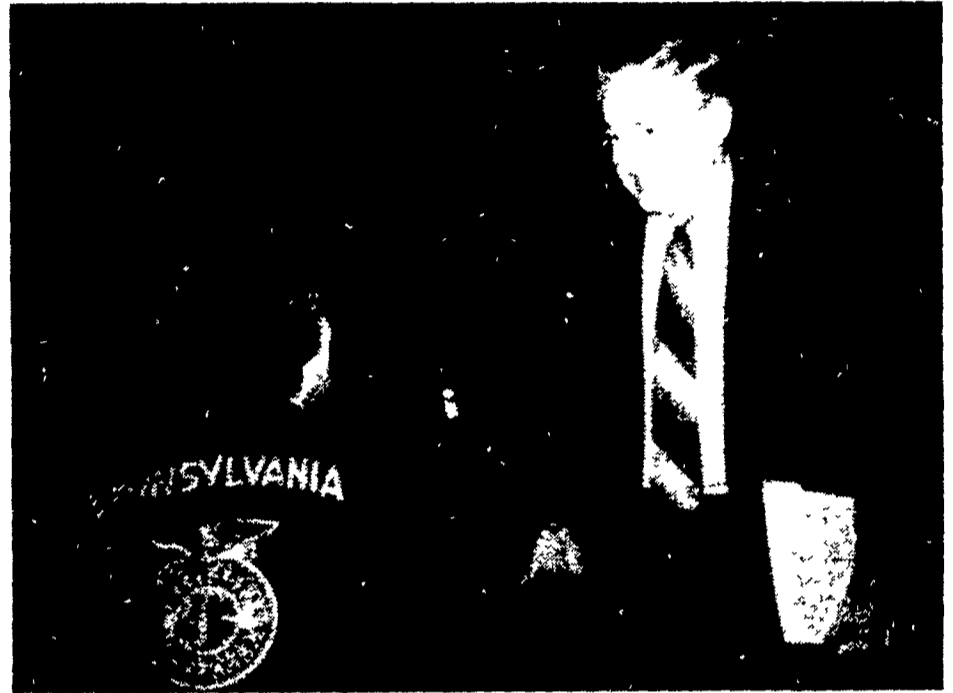
The State Star Farmer Award puts Steve in the running for additional honors later this year. He will represent Pennsylvania in September for the title of

Star Farmer of the North Atlantic Region, against similar winners from the sixteen northeastern states.

Competing against Steve this year for the FFA State Star Farmer title were: Karl L. Torrey of R2, Couderport, Potter County, North Central Region; Cynthia L. Urbanick of R2, Conneautville, Crawford County, Western Region; and Bently Gamble of Concord, Franklin County, South Central Region.



The State FFA band entertained members and guests at the convention. The band was led by Ned Diehl of the Penn State Blue Band.

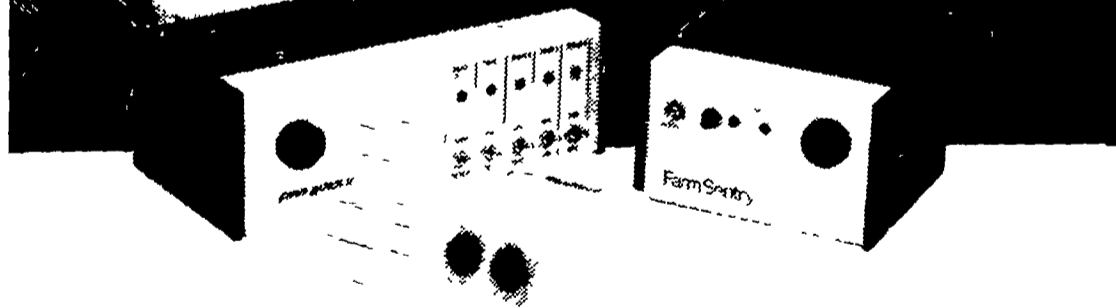


Byron Rawls, national FFA advisor, was special speaker at the 52nd annual convention held Wednesday at the Forum.



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