

Twin Valley FFA honors outstanding members

ELVERSON — On Friday, March 6, approximately 180 members, friends, and guests attended the 16th annual Twin Valley FFA Banquet in the cafeteria of Twin Valley High School.

Following opening ceremonies by the chapter officers and invocation by John Parnick, chapter chaplain, a baked ham and chicken dinner was served by Wegman's Catering Service. The Twin Valley jazzband provided dinner music.

Following the meal and music, President Don Stoltzfus extended a welcome to the banquet. Chapter secretary Sue Ford introduced special guests. Chapter sentinel Nelson Beam and Reporter Diane Stoltzfus presented Certificates of Appreciation to persons who have substantially aided the chapter during the last year. Recognized were Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Kurtz, who provided ground for the chapter field corn test plot; Dependable Motors, who provided a tractor and spreader for our

annual tractor driving contest; Vernon Orr, Ira Nissley, Elmer Hertzler, Smith Brothers, Titus Beam, and Christ Esh, all local seed corn dealers who provided corn for the test plot and for individual members projects; and Roy Malick and Mrs. Jane Pepple, who helped to coach the Chapter Dairy Judging Team which participated in the national FFA Contest.

Chapter officers recognized several persons as Honorary Chapter members. These persons were recognized for their continuing support of chapter activities and programs. Receiving the Honorary Chapter Degree were Mr. and Mrs. Harvey W. Stoltzfus, parents of chapter President Don Stoltzfus; Charles Dombay, Principal of Twin Valley High School; Lyle Bliss, Curriculum Coordinator for Twin Valley School District; Dr. John Baillie, Superintendent of Twin Valley School District; and Milton Howe, Pioneer seed corn dealer.

Each recipient received a plaque to signify this honor.

James Tretter, State wide Vice-President of the Pennsylvania FFA, delivered an address to the banquet. Larry Shrawder recognized the Twin Valley Dairy Cattle Judging Team, which placed first in the Pennsylvania FFA Contest and represented the state of Pennsylvania in the national contest. Team members Don Stoltzfus and Steve Snyder received silver medals in the national contest, with Tim Kurtz winning a gold medal, and the team received a gold medal for placing fifth in team standings.

Chapter Advisor Ronald Frederick presented foundation awards to the following members for the areas listed. Agricultural mechanics to Duane Aulenbach. Agricultural Sales and Service to Brett Strought. Beef Production to Thomas Hornberger. Crop Production to Nelson Beam. Dairy Production to Don Stoltzfus and Steve Kearns. Fish and Wildlife

Management to Wade Bernard. Floriculture to Kim Noyes. Forest Management to Wade Bernard. Horse Proficiency to Brenda Werner. Livestock Production to Nelson Beam. Ornamental Horticulture to Vickie Walters. Outdoor Recreation to Diane Stoltzfus and John Parnick. Placement in agricultural production to Jeff Wolfe. Poultry Production to David Noyes. Public Speaking to Steve Kearns. Soil and Water Management to Kim Noyes. Swine Production to Nelson Beam. Proficiency awards are given in individual areas to signify special student achievement in these areas.

Jim Tretter presented special trophies to three Keystone Farmers for 1981, Steve Kearns, Roger Stoltzfus, and Don Stoltzfus. Frederick presented awards to all students who had won county, area, and state awards. Certificates were presented to those students who won their division of the Berks County FFA project

book contest, including Brian Snyder, work experience; Cliff Miller, rabbits; Nelson Beam, farming program; Kim Noyes, sheep; Bill Kirk, work experience; Brenda Werner, pleasure horse; and Steve Kearns, dairy heifers.

Students who earned medals in the state project book contest were also recognized: Steve Kearns, Bill Kirk, Tim Kurtz, Jeff Wolfe, and Eric Wright. Special recognition was given to chapter historian Wade Bernard who constructed the chapter scrapbook, which won first in Berks County and second in the state FFA Contest. Trophies were presented to students who won judging contest during the past year; Scott Stoltzfus, who was first in livestock at Allentown Fair, Tim Kurtz - in dairy judging at the Allentown Fair, Kim Noyes, first in dairy judging at the Reading Fair; and Steve Snyder, first in livestock judging at the Kutztown Fair. Howard Griest also received a trophy in recognition of being named FFA Boy for the Reading Fair. Pins were presented to those chapter members who participated in the Pennsylvania FFA Band; Jeff Wolfe, Brenda Werner, Bill Kirk, and Kenneth Switzer.

Special plaques were presented to each chapter member who earned recognition in the state FFA contests at Penn State last June. Special trophy plaques went to Linda Robinson, who placed

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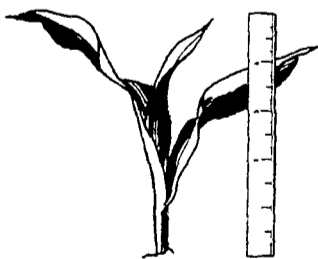
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