Brothers add poetic touch to Manheim FFA banquet

MANHEIM — Brothers Earl and Barry Geib added a poetic touch to the annual banquet of the Manheim Chapter of Future Farmers of America on Friday, March 13.

Earl, a graduate of the FFA program, brought greetings from the Manheim Young Farmers. He began the rhyming portion of the program as he paid tribute to the Chapter's softball team, which he managed. The team has won the Lancaster County championship the past two years.

Brother Barry, retiring Chapter

president, continued the poetic presentation in the introduction of the recipients of Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees, which included their father, Clarence.

Barry also closed the program with an inspirational poem

Kevin Moyer, as Star Greenhand, led the group of firstyear degree recipients, including Robert Carnathan, David Dunstan, Dale Engle, Dwayne Gernert, Randy Gibble, Ray Ginder, Bill Kauffman, Caleb Kover, Ron Legerlotz, Brian Lowe, Howard Miller, Darvin Myer, John Port,



Chapter Star Farmer named at annual Manheim FFA banquet is Gail Ginder and Star Greenhand is Kevin Moyer.



Recipients of Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees at Manheim FFA banquet include, from the left, James Codwen, chapter advisor; Clarence Geib, R4 Manheim, father of retiring

president Barry Geib; and J. Kenneth Miller, R2 Manheim, dairy farmer and father of retiring secretary and new president, Kervin Miller.

Bill Prout, Bill Rohrer, Steve Sachs, Duane Shelly.

Also, Stacey Shenk, Duane Stormfeltz, David Wells, Gerald Wenger, Gary Wiegand, David Winters, Scott Stuber, Charles Greenly, Tim Good, Mike Bode, Anna Hawkins, Richard High and Patrick Bryant

Chapter Star Farmer Gail Ginder was accompanied in the Chapter Farmer Degree group by Don Slack, Glenn Brandt, Steven Brenner, Eric Eichelberger, Bruce Cressley, Vernon Heisey, Gerald Hoover, Robert Keeney, Barry E Little, Mark S Peters, Michael Pflieger, Brian Ruhl and Edward Sensenich

This year's Red Rose Degree recipients were David Kulp, Star Farmer, Donald Groff, Star Agribusinessman, Richard Hess, Kervin Miller and David Stoltzfus

Receiving Keystone Farmer Degrees were Barry Geib, Duane Martin, Terry Ebersole and Mike Hess. Steve Hershey and David Keller received their American Farmer Degrees.

In addition to Clarence Geib, R4 Manheim, Honorary Chapter Farmer Degrees went to J. Kenneth Miller, R2 Manheim, dairy farmer and father of chapter secretary Kervin Miller, and James Cowden, Chapter advisor.

Citation awards going to local businesses in honor of their support of chapter activities include N.G. Hershey and Son, Shotzbergers, J. H. Brubaker, Inc. and James L. Balmer.

Foundation award winners included Anna Hawkins, agricultural processing; Eric Eichelberger, fish and wildlife management, Mike Pflieger, home and farmstead improvement, Barry Geib, beef production, Ed Sensenich, diversified livestock production, Jim Hess, crop production; Mike

Hess, swine production; Kervin Miller, dairy production.

Also, Vernon Heisey, placement in agricultural production; Duane Martin, sheep production; John Stepanchak, agricultural electrification; Brian Lowe, public speaking; Jeff Shenk, poultry production; and Donald Groff, soil and water management

The Lancaster County Bankers' Award went to Barry Geib and the Lancaster Farm Credit project book award to Ed Sensenich.

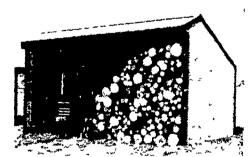
Recognized for attaining the Honor Roll were Barry Geib, Michael Hess, Duane Martin, Timothy Good, Jeff Shenk, Gail Ginder, Edward Sensenich, John Stepanchak and Brian Lowe.

Chain animal recipients included Gail Ginder and Kervin Miller, dairy calves; and Tim Good, market lambs.

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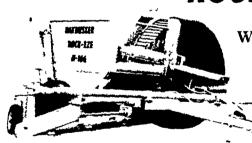
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