

State FFA officers address Conrad Weiser

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ROBESONIA — Members of the Conrad Weiser FFA Chapter gathered March 11th for their annual banquet at the High School. During the evening members were presented with awards for their outstanding achievements and given advice by State FFA officers.

State FFA president Larry Shrawder told his fellow members that to be successful in the FFA they must set standards, look for help, and have the right attitude. Set intermediate and long range goals now, he advised, this will help to keep you on a straight path to success, otherwise you may be sidetracked with unimportant details. Shrawder also told his colleagues "Persistence and determination are un-

conquerable."

In the same theme, State FFA Treasurer Robert Kreider also advised the members in attendance to set goals and seek help when it is needed. "We all need help at some time," he admitted.

Debbie Miller, a graduate of Conrad Weiser and Penn State College FFA member addressed the banquet also. Debbie emphasized the importance of attitudes. "What you think of yourself is what you will be," she stated. "Nothing is impossible, she continued, "if you want to do something bad enough you can get it done, it just takes the right attitude."

Miller related an incident in which her attitude needed to be changed to accomplish a task she wanted to do. Learning from the experience, Miller tried to teach

the FFA members what she had learned. "Believe in yourself," she urged, "what you are and what you can be is determined by your attitude."

Officers of the Conrad Weiser FFA presented certificates of appreciation and special awards to several people and other school departments for their assistance during the past year. Among the recipients were the home economics department and business department. Distinguished service awards and desk plaques were given to the secretaries of the school.

Honorary degrees were bestowed upon Albert Bos, manager of Dutchmill Bulbs; George Landis, county editor of the Reading Eagle, Mr and Mrs. Henry Noss, parents of the chapter President and host of the chapter Tractor driving contest, Owen Stoudt, freelance photographer for the Reading Eagle, and Roger Heller, member of the Ag Advisory Board. It was also noted that Landis and Heller were also distinguished with Honorary Keystone Farmer Degrees.

Receiving the coveted Star Greenhand and Chapter Farmer awards were Troy Cox, R1 Robesonia and Tim Deamer, Womelsdorf, respectively. The outstanding senior receiving the Dekalb Award was chapter president, Henry Noss, Sinking Spring. Deamer also received the Leadership Award, was second in Citrus Sales, and received a Foundation award for placement in Agriculture.

Noss received awards for State Project Book Contest, and Chapter Tractor Driving Contest,



Among the top winners at the Conrad Weiser FFA banquet were, from the right, Troy Cox, Star Greenhand; Tim Deamer, Star Chapter Farmer; and Henry Noss, recipient of the Dekalb Award.

Floriculture, swine production, and land judging for which he received a gold medal in state competition.

Other award recipients were Mike Gelsinger, Wernersville, 8th Grade Ag Club, Brian Schaeffer, Wernersville, 1st in Citrus Sales and swine production, Mark Garber, Robesonia, Ag Mechanics, small engines, bronze medal winner, Mike Miller, Womelsdorf, crop production, Scott Troutman, Myerstown, dairy production, Chris Behney, Wernersville, Scholarship Award, public speaking; Joe Gingrich, Robesonia, Scholarship Award, vegetable production; Phyllis Schoennagel, floriculture and

public speaking, Kevin Zimmerman, Sinking Springs, placement in ag production, Charles Nolt, Wernersville, public speaking; and Walter Snyder, Wernersville, turf and landscape management.

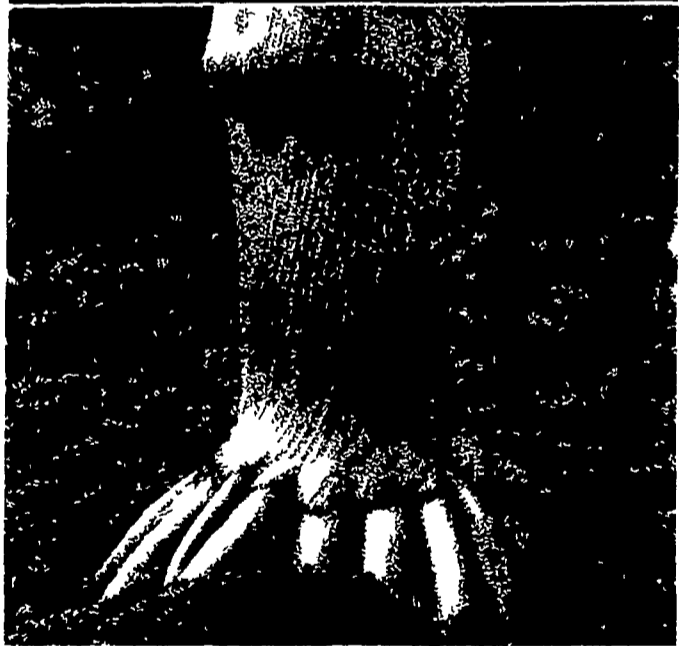
Noss, Deamer, and Garber received retiring officer plaques, and the following graduates were recognized for state contest medals: Kevin Sattazahn, Womelsdorf, dairy cattle judging, gold; Sue Gromis, farm management, bronze; Debbie Miller, Keystone Farmer Magazine and public speaking, golds; David Schaeffer, land judging, gold; Ernest Gelsinger,

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Retiring officers of the Conrad Weiser FFA Chapter include, from the left, Henry Noss, president; Tim Deamer, vice president; and Mark Garber, treasurer.

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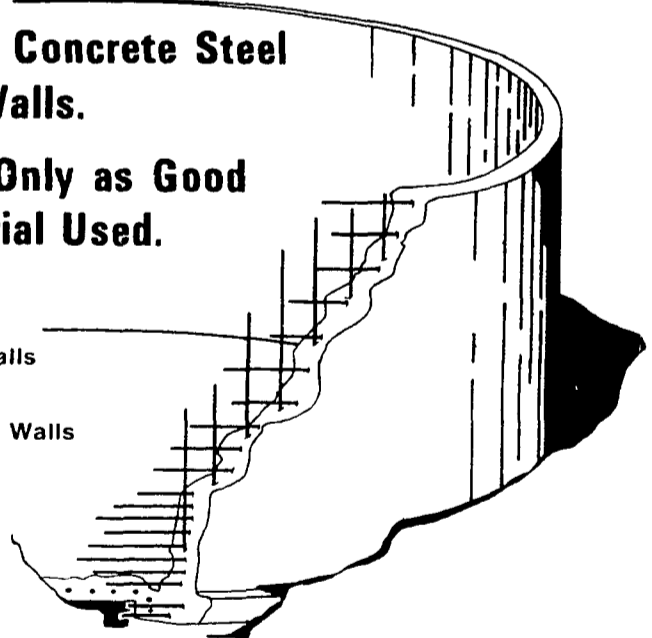
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