

Tulpehocken FFA holds banquet

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NEW SCHAEFFERSTOWN — Members of the Tulpehocken FFA recently celebrated their 38th anniversary with an awards banquet. In attendance were three state officers, who gave their fellow FFA members advice on how to be successful by never giving up or quitting.

"Be more than just an FFA member," advised Judy Zimmerman, State FFA Secretary, "in the FFA you learn how to use your time, not save it."

Other State officers attending the banquet were Robert Kreider and James Tretter.

The chapter presented an Honorary degree to Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leshar, R1 Bernville, parents of William Leshar, chapter Vice-President, and recipient of a Star Agribusinessman award. Leshar also received dairy farming and county land judging medals.

Daniel Moyer, Bernville, was also a recipient of a Star Agribusinessman award and proficiency award in beef production. Star Chapter Farmer was Laura Miller, chapter president. Miller also received a retiring president plaque, and third-year sweetheart pin.

This year's Star Greenhand was awarded to Robert Hunsicker,

Bethel. Receiving proficiency awards in agricultural mechanics, and beef production and high bulb sales was Rodney Hollenbach, Bethel. Ray Hershey, also of Bethel, was awarded high citrus sales and cited for tagging the largest buck in the chapter hunting contest.

Other awards were presented to Donna Stump, Bernville, dairy judging and dairy production; Penny Bicksler, Richland, showmanship; Michael Hoffert, Bernville, chapter transportation; Tim Deck, Bernville, bow and arrow - button buck; Gary Deck, Bernville, and Craig Shollenburg, Bethel, pheasant season awards; Ricky Schadler, Bernville, and Chris Dierson, Bernville, diversified livestock production; Ronald Swope, Bernville, poultry production and ag mechanics; David Evans, Mt. Pleasant, soil and water management; Clark Sattazahn, Womelsdorf, crop production; Ray Huber, Bethel, and Chris Kauffman, Rehersburg, swine production; and Jay Bicksler, Richland, dairy production.

Second year sweetheart pins were given to Donna Stump, Bernville; Dawn Bicksler, Richland; and Kellie LaFollette, Bernville.



Among the top award winners at the annual parent-member banquet of the Tulpehocken FFA Chapter, from the left, are Laura Miller, Star Chapter Farmer; Daniel Moyer, Star

Agribusinessman; Robert Hunsicker, Star Greenhand; and William Leshar, Star Agribusinessman.

Rain benefits many northern hemisphere crops

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Rain in the United States, Morocco, China and Europe benefited winter grains last week, according to a weekly report issued today by the Joint Agricultural Weather Facility of the U.S. Department of Commerce and Agriculture.

Prospects for South American crops remain excellent as the harvest gets underway.

Highlights of the report follow:

—**United States.** Some portions of the Corn Belt received beneficial rain late in the week from a major storm.

Moderate to heavy rains in the winter wheat region maintained adequate soil moisture and some spring wheat areas in North Dakota saw improved moisture conditions.

Warmer temperatures were recorded in most of the country, leaving only the southeastern quadrant cooler than normal.

Winter grain growth resumed to the North. In the northwest, abundant precipitation improved conditions where mountain snowpack had been far short of normal.

—**USSR.** Temperatures early in the week surged much above normal, probably causing winter grains to green-up across the

southern half of the winter grain belt. But colder air over the weekend slowed growth markedly.

Minimal rainfall permitted increased fieldwork.

—**Europe.** Warm, wet weather across the northern countries kept winter grains developing more rapidly than normal. Little rain fell in the southeastern countries.

Late in the week, a storm doused the Iberian Peninsula, improving the outlook for spring planting in this area where subsoil moisture remains very short. Winter grains are too damaged to benefit much from the moisture.

—**China.** More rainfall is needed in Hebei despite recent light precipitation. Abundant moisture south of the Yellow River kept winter grains in good condition.

Very wet weather continued in the South, creating conditions that are wetter than optimal for newly-planted crops.

—**Northwestern Africa.** Continued light rain prevented further declines in potential Moroccan winter grain yields, but prospects already were substantially below normal.

Poor yields can be expected from the southern part of the country. Soil moisture should

remain adequate in nearly all crop areas of Algeria and Tunisia.

—**India.** Most winter grain areas of India and Pakistan remained dry, favoring the maturation of crops on the plains in the north. Showers in the Himalayan foothills benefited late filling of grains.

—**South America.** Dryness in Brazil's Rio Grande do Sul may be interfering slightly with late filling of soybeans. Crop prospects remain excellent as the harvest begins in Rio Grande do Sul and is nearly half finished in Parana.

The outlook in Argentina also is excellent. Weekend rain in northern Buenos Aires may have slowed the corn harvest, but no further problems were caused by the moderate amounts of precipitation.

—**South Africa.** Heavy rains which fell over much of the Maize Triangle, unless accompanied by heavy winds, probably did little damage to the crop last week.

—**Mexico.** Dry warm weather provided excellent spring crop planting conditions. Vegetables and early corn and grain sorghum in the coastal states are progressing well with a generally adequate irrigation supply.



Honorary Degree recipients at annual banquet of the Tulpehocken FFA Chapter are Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Leshar, of R1 Bernville.

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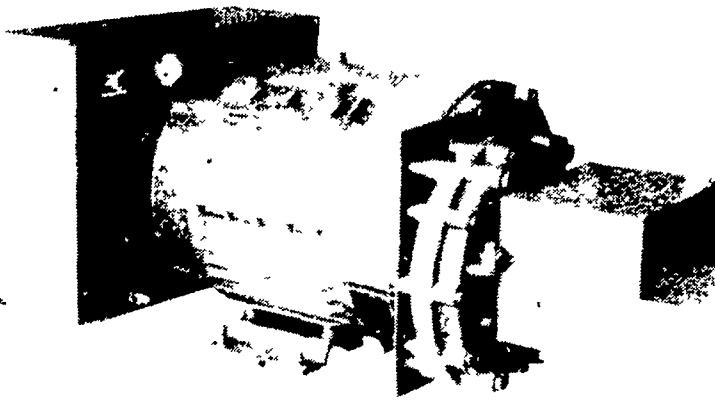


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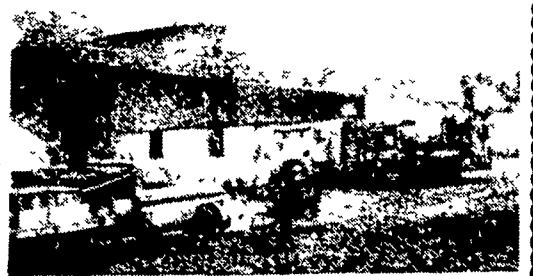
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