

Oxford FFA honors top members at banquet

BY SUSAN KAUFFMAN
Staff Correspondent

OXFORD — The Oxford Chapter of the Future Farmers of America held their thirty-second annual banquet at the high school cafeteria last week to honor its members and community supporters.

President of the local chapter, Carol Carter presided over the dinner meeting, calling upon the officers to assist her throughout the evening. Giving out the awards were Scott Gold and D. Kenneth Thompson, FFA teachers at Oxford.

Inducted into the chapter as Honorary members were two community supporters. Richard Weaver, fieldman for Inter-State milk Producers, and Lawrence (Bud) Wood were recognized for their special efforts on the chapter's behalf.

Several seniors received multiple awards capping off several years involvement in the organization. President Carol Carter received her Keystone farmer pin, first place award in the county recordbook contest and a special award for her leadership as president of the chapter. Carol served as county vice-president.

Another Senior, Charles Astle, also received his Keystone Farmer pin, first place in the county recordbook contest and recognition as star chapter farmer. He placed second with his recordbook on the state level. Astle served as county student advisor this past year. He was the local chapter's vice-president.

Bonnie Lamborn, chapter secretary, was awarded her Keystone Farmer pin, first-place county recordbook and star chapter farmer award. She also received a foundation award for dairy production and a Dekalb award. Bonnie served as county chaplain this year.

John Hostetter, a sophomore, was cited for placing fifth out of 208 contestants in dairy judging at Springfield, Mass.

Other seniors receiving awards included Nancy Yarnall, dairy production foundation award and first place county recordbook; Tom Williams, crop production, dairy production, first-place county recordbook and silver in state recordbook competition; and Deanna Willis, sales and service foundation award and first-place county recordbook.

Additional seniors recognized were Valerie Weaver, Keystone Farmer, public speaking and first-place county recordbook; Sandy Peterson, ag production and first-place county recordbook; and Robert Parry, ag production and gold state recordbook.

Danny Miller, also a senior, received an ag production award and an ag mechanics award along with a gold placement in state recordbook competition. David Ham, also a senior, received an ag production award and a first-place county recordbook award. Bonnie Arrowood, chapter treasurer, received a foundation award in ag processing.

Two members out of school were also recognized. Alan Mason had a gold recordbook in state competition. Charles Hayes received a bronze award in the state recordbook contest.

Underclassmen who received foundation awards include Rodney Weitzel, ag mechanics; Craig Dixon, shop safety; poultry production, Harvey England; sales and service, Danny Luoto; public speaking, Valerie Weaver; shop safety, Donald Poorman; Arnold Davis, ag mechanics; Bonnie Browning, ag production and soil and water management; Steve Brown, ag mechanics; Sue Dougherty, soil and water management and public speaking; and Terry King, soil and water management and public speaking. Allen Fowler received a foundation award in sales and service and Dan Osborne received one in dairy production.

Alvin Miller was given a soil and water management foundation award. Bill Wylie received awards in swine production and beef production. Steve England accepted a dairy production and vegetable production award.

County recordbook winners:
First, blue - Clarence Monger, Alan Mason, Alvin Miller, Allen Fowler, Joe White, Chuck Shelton, Arnold Davis, Terry King, Tim Siple, John Hostetter, Steve Brown, Dan Osborne, Gordon Gates, Bonnie Browning, Carol Carter, Bill Wylie, Kim McMaster, Tracy McKinney, Melinda Brown, Charles Astle, Sam Norton, David Ham, Daniel Miller, Tom Williams, Sandy Peterson, Nancy Yarnall, Bonnie Lamborn, Robert Parry, Charles Hayes, Deanna Willis and Valerie Weaver.
Second, red - Harvey England,



Keystone Farmers who were recognized during the annual awards program of the Oxford FFA Chapter include, from the left, Carol Carter, Bonnie Lamborn, Charles Astle, Bonnie Arrowood, and Valerie Weaver.



Assisting with the annual banquet and awards program of the Oxford FFA were chapter sweethearts, from the left, Carol Carter, Bonnie Lamborn, Bonnie Arrowood, Valerie Weaver and Deanna Willis.

Steve England, Donald Poorman, Lori England, Mike Evosirch, Jerry Townsend, Charles Pierce, Bill Wylie and John Hostetter, bronze. Star Chapter farmers were Charles Astle and Bonnie Lamborn. County Farmers were Bonnie Lamborn, Carol Carter, Bonnie Arrowood, Charles Astle and Valerie Weaver. Star Greenhands were Craig Dixon and Renee Sturgill.

Speaking winners announced

ELVERSON — The FFA public speaking contest for Berks, Lebanon and Schuylkill counties was recently held at the Pennsylvania Agricultural Center.

The creed category was a new area of competition this year. The top three winners were Andrew Hess, of Conrad Weiser; Kevin Griest, of Twin Valley; and Ray Kamp, of Kutztown. Troy Cox of Conrad Weiser placed fourth and fifth place went to Kutztown's Terry Wiser. Dolores McDermott, of Twin Valley, and Ronnie Burrell, of Oley, placed sixth and seventh, respectively.

In the conservation category Scott Hauseman placed first with his speech "Ethanol Now." Dave Rice's speech "Land For Survival" placed second. In third place was Mark Latshaw with his speech "Soil Conservation Then and Now." Beata Schaffer placed fourth with her speech "Watch that Leak."

In the extemporaneous category the top three places went to Kutztown, including Bruce Latshaw, first; Rich Hershberger, second; and Heidi Springer, third. Ronnie Burrell, of Oley, placed fourth. Fifth and sixth places went to two Twin Valley students, Nelson

Beam and Steve Kearns. Den Shoemaker placed seventh and Rich Savidge placed eighth, both members of Kutztown.

Chris Belney, of Conrad Weiser, placed first in the general category. Steve Shaw, of Oley, placed second with his speech "Embryo Transfer: Today and Tomorrow."

Roberts team places 2nd

POTTSTOWN — The Owen J. Roberts FFA participated in the Regional Contest for Parliamentary Procedure held at Kutztown State College on May 7.

The members of the team were Kenneth Adams, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Adams, Ellis Woods Rd., Pottstown; Andrew Batdorf, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Batdorf, East Cedarville Rd., Pottstown; Alan Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Golden, R1, Spring City; Darrell Guest, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Guest, R2, Pottstown; Michael Jankowski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Jankowski, R2, Blackhorse Lane, Cnester Springs; Karen John, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard John, Creamery Road, Spring City; Loren Ruth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ruth,

Twin Valley's Don Stoltzfus placed third with his speech on "Improving Fuel Efficiency." Fourth place went to Mike Mertz, of Kutztown. Tim Kurtz, of Twin Valley, placed fifth. Todd Benjamin, of Kutztown, placed sixth. Lisa Yoder, of Twin Valley, placed seventh, and Ted Kleinsmunt, of Kutztown, placed eighth.

R1, Spring City; and Christina and Kathryn Soltys, daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Chester H. Soltys Jr., 876 New Schuylkill Rd., Spring City.

Owen J. Roberts placed second out of eight teams. The FFA Chapter from Northern Lebanon placed first. The Owen J. Roberts Chapter now moves on the State Finals to be held at Penn State in June.

Tom Roth, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Roth, Star Route, Pottstown, placed sixth in the Public Speaking Contest.

This is only the second time that the Owen J. Roberts Parliamentary Procedure team reached the Regional FFA Contest. This is the first time that they have had the opportunity to go to the State Contest at Penn State.



Star Chapter Farmers honored at the annual banquet of the Oxford FFA were Charles Astle and Bonnie Lamborn.