

## Burkhart's career

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annual banquet and was presented a certificate of appreciation.

But she claims the work is enjoyable because she has a "great group of directors to work with. And Tom (Johnston), my boss, is a great person. I really enjoy it."

"Something different happens everyday. It's very challenging. I like working with the farmers and landowners who come through my door. I try to encourage good, sound conservation practices with them," she adds.

She further explained that her work includes helping people become cooperators with the conservation district.

"I assist them by explaining our programs and I get the boundaries of their farm and any special problems they may have that require Tom's guidance," she said.

This month, Nancy's workload increased immensely. Promotion of Soil Stewardship Week is no easy job. She had to mail 31 booklets, 1450 church bulletins, 1200 inserts and poems and 800 letters to ministers, friends, farmers, landowners and publications.

In addition, Nancy serves as treasurer for the board of directors, serves on the banquet committee each year (and makes all the candy mints for the occasion) and helps to co-chair the tree seedling sale.

The dedication to soil conservation in the Burkhart family has spread to son Douglas who is

currently majoring in horticulture at Penn State.

"I guess he just grew up with it," Nancy added smiling.

Do the Burkharts take their work seriously? Yes, says Nancy.

"We recently took a trip to Florida and were impressed with all the bulldozing going on. We did notice some places where the waterways were not properly maintained, however. We often notice these things when out driving," she laughed.

Nancy says she feels that people in Lancaster County are very good tillers of the soil.

"We talk to a lot of people in other counties and in comparison I feel we have a lot of farmers who are conservation-minded. I think we would excel any other county," she proudly states.

"About 65 percent of the farmers in Lancaster County are cooperators, which is fairly good but we encourage everybody to come to us," she adds.

To become a cooperator, one need only go to the office at the Farm and Home Center, give a big, friendly "hi" to Nancy and fill out a form stating any problems you may have such as surface water control, sedimentation control, irrigation systems or cropland management.



## Lehigh FFA wins in livestock contest

DOYLESTOWN — The Lehigh County FFA Chapter competed in the Southeast Livestock Judging Contest held recently at Delaware Valley College. A total of 22 members attended from different chapters.

The top ten placings were 1st, Cheryl Wessner; 2nd, Bryon Jones; 3rd, Lance Forster; 4th, Drucinda Smart; 5th, Wally Fritsch; 6th, Marty Baker; 7th, Dale Kressley; 8th, Brenda Glass; 9th, Brian Godfrey; 10th, Ginny Rocchino.

The first-place team was from Lehigh County Chapter which consisted of Cheryl Wessner, Wally Fritsch, and Dale Kressley. The second-place team was from Philadelphia and the members consisted of Lance Forster, Drucinda Smart, and Marty Baker. The third-place team from Upper Bucks consisted of Ginny Rocchino, Denise Johnson, and Kris Shrive. The students judged three classes of beef animals, three classes of sheep, and two classes of hogs.

The Lehigh County FFA Chapter also competed in the Southeast Area Dairy Judging Contest held at the college. A total of 20 members attended from different chapters. The top ten were 1st,

Marty Baker, Philadelphia; 2nd, Lance Forster, Philadelphia; 3rd, Brian Dietrich, Lehigh; 4th, Ron Geissinger, Upper Bucks; 5th, Zulma Jorge, Philadelphia; 6th, Dan Romdnyzym, Lehigh; 7th, Ted Waters, Philadelphia; 8th, Ed Rick, Upper Bucks; 9th, Brian Godfrey, Philadelphia; 10th, Henry Heyer, Lehigh.

The first-place team from the Philadelphia chapter consisted of

Marty Baker, Lance Forster and Zulma Jorge. The second-place team consisted of Brian Dietrich, Dan Romdnyzym and Henry Heyer. The third-place team from Upper Bucks consisted of Ron Geissinger, Ed Rick and Kris Shive.

The Lehigh County FFA Chapter will select certain people from each team to compete in the State Judging Contest at Penn State in June.

## Parliamentary winner

MIDDLEBURG — The Middleburg FFA Chapter Parliamentary Procedure Team won first place at the North Central Regional Contest held May 7 at the Montoursville High School.

A total of eight teams competed in the contest.

Members of the Middleburg team included Dave Ebricht,

president; Kenneth Blank, vice-president; Dennis Feltman, sentinel; Luke Howard, reporter; Barb Maneval, treasurer; Scott Kerstetter, secretary; Tommy Benfer, chaplain; and John Reigle, advisor.

The team is scheduled to compete at the state contest at Penn State during FFA Week June 16-18.

## Hunting season, limits

### to be set at public meeting

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Game Commission will establish hunting and trapping seasons and bag limits on Wed-

nesday, June 3, for the 1981-82 hunting license year.

The meeting, which will be open to the public, will be held at 8:30 a.m. at the Game Commission's headquarters, 8000 Derry Street, Harrisburg.

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