Packed Forum honors Pa.'s FFA finest

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN

FARM SHOW — The Blue and Gold shone brightly beneath the ornate dome of the Forum in the Capitol Complex in downtown Harrisburg on Wednesday afternoon.

The large auditorium was filled with the best of Pennsylvania's Future Farmers of America, their advisors, parents, friends and supporters as the blue and goldjacketed organization gathered for its 54th mid-winter convention.

Highlights of the afternoon-long program were the conferring of

Keystone Degrees to more than 300 of Pa.'s FFA Best and presentation of awards to parents and supporters of the ag youth program.

In addition, numerous state dignitaries and a visiting National FFA officer addressed the assembled capacity audience.

From the opening strains of the National Anthem by the State FFA Band to the session was officially closed by President Mike Dilliard, of Penns Valley, Centre County, it was FFA all the way in the state capital.

The only real "surprise" of the



Star Keystone Agribusinessman Andy Hess, of Conrad Weiser Chapter, with his father, Frank, R1 Robesonia.



Before addressing State FFA Convention Bryan Stamps, third from left, National Vice President from Mississippi, visited Lancaster County. Among stops was Victor F. Weaver's in New Holland, sponsor of national poultry proficiency competition. With Stamps, from left, are Allon Lefever, vice president of operations; Ron Martin, of Grassland Chapter, county FFA president; and Carolyn Witmer, county vice president and chapter president.

afternoon came with the announcing of the Keystone Star Farmer and Agribusiness honor recipients from the four regional candidates in each category.

State Star Farmer is David Glick, of the Big Valley Chapter at the Juniata-Mifflin Co. AVTS. State Star Agribusinessman is C.

Andrew Hess, of the Conrad Weiser Chapter in Berks County. Glick is the son of Sherman and Kay M. Glick, R3 Lewistown. He has served his chapter as president for two years and also as student advisor. He was both the Star

Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer.

He is a director of the Mifflin tension Committee.

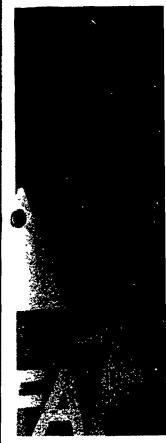
He has conducted FFA projects in dairy, beef, swine and field corn. He plans to continue in the County Holstein Club and of the family dairy operation and build Mifflin County Executive Ex- up his own herd of Red and Whites. (Turn to Page A21)



Andy Hess, son of Frank Monica A. Hess, R1 Robeson been working as butcher as and wants to one day have h

He was his chapter's Agribusinessman and reprethe Eastern Region.

Besides serving as Cl Reporter, he is a frequent



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