

Pa. FFA

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Andy Hess, son of Frank B. and Monica A. Hess, R1 Robesonia, has been working as butcher assistant and wants to one day have his own shop.

He was his chapter's Star Agribusinessman and represented the Eastern Region.

Besides serving as Chapter Reporter, he is a frequent steer

competitor at local fairs. Also active in 4-H, he was his chapter's Creed speaking winner.

Opening speaker at the convention was Dr. Robert Scanlon, State Secretary of Education, who pledged a continuing close alliance between his department and agriculture.

He praised the FFA and its

members for their commitment to accept and even inspire change.

"Keep up your enthusiasm, creativity and innovation," he said.

"Your belief in the ideals and goals of the FFA will make a difference in the future of Pennsylvania."

State Rep. Sam Hayes Jr., who just received his American Degree at the national convention, addressed the group clad in his FFA jacket.

Hayes referred to the convention motto "I want to live."

"You must do more than just live and I know you will," he said.

Pennsylvania and American depends on how you live."

Dean Sam Smith of Penn State's College of Agriculture, told the assembled FFA'ers that they not only have an opportunity to be tomorrow's leaders, but also a responsibility.

"People talk about the problems of today, but as I travel across the state and nation, I see an optimism and cussed determination to keep our agriculture the best in the world," Smith said.

"The decade of the 80's will have as its greatest strength this country's ability to be an efficient producer of food and fiber."

And all the way from Mississippi came Bryan Stamps, National FFA Vice President for the Southern Region.

He likened people to cars.

"We're like autos in the way we operate," he said.

"Some of us can take hills without a groan.

"Others can only go downhill.

"And when we have problems, you hear knocking and that comes from our attitudes."

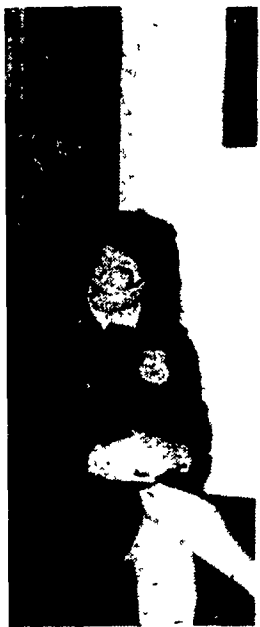
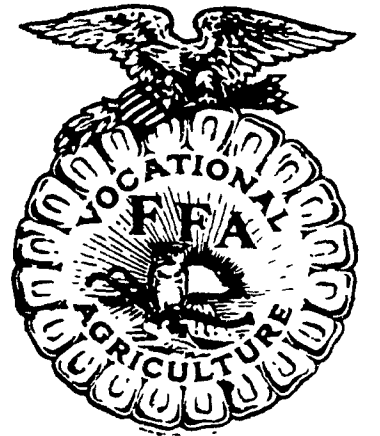
He called on his fellow FFA'ers to always fine tune their attitudes to make certain they are positive in nature.

Also speaking to the group was

Glenn Wenger of the ELCO Chapter in Lebanon County, immediate past vice president of the State FFA Association, and currently president of the State Alumni Association.

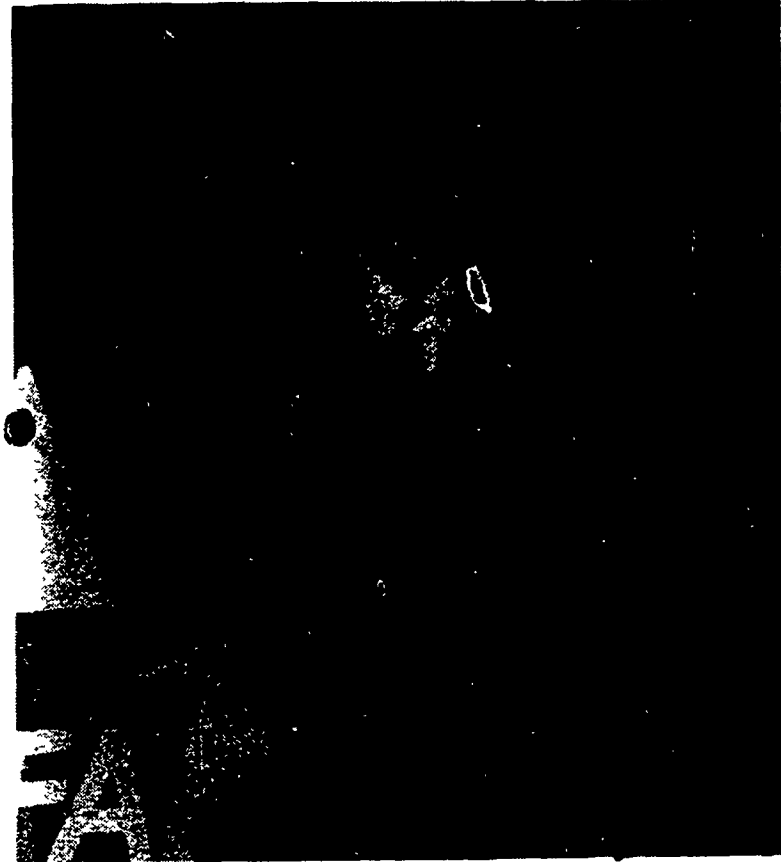
He spoke of current efforts to build up the FFA alumni in Pennsylvania by organizing new affiliates throughout the state.

He called on FFA supporters and graduates throughout Pennsylvania to become fully active again in their FFA by organizing Alumni affiliates.



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Star Keystone Farmer David Glick of Big Valley Chapter, Mifflin County.



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