

Blue Mountain FFA

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awarded the bronze state pin in Land Judging and received a plaque for outstanding agricultural production. Ron is also the Vice President of the Blue Mountain Chapter.

Those who accomplished the first step in FFA, the Greenhand Degree, included Paul Laubenstein, Randy Miller, Greg Hollenbach, Kevin Dubwich, and Joel Herring. These freshmen received a bronze pin. "It is indeed unfortunate", concluded Heim, as he acknowledged that no one was able to qualify for the top award of Star Greenhand.

Chapter Farmer degrees were bestowed upon Jeff Shoener, Jay Fenninger, Jr., Rich Fryer, Tom Fidler, Lester Hartranft, Jr., Lou Ann Purcell, Tom Ritchie, and Robert Umbrell, Jr. For their 50 hours of labor or \$50.00 of investment which leads towards this degree, those youths received a silver pin.

Receiving recognition as Honorary Chapter Farmers were Debra Heim, Paul Snyder, and Dave Hunsinger. Mrs. Heim, wife of FFA Advisor, Charles Heim, was again thanked for her help with the petting zoo project and also with the banquet in addition to assisting in many other projects.

Paul Snyder, a member of the Ag Advisory Committee, and Hunsinger, a member of the Conservation District Committee, were honored for "rendering outstanding service to FFA".

Honored with Keystone Farmer certificates were Ralph Heffner, the father of Karl Heffner, current President of the Blue Mountain Chapter, and Kent Heffner, State Chaplain 1981-82, and Carl Brown, father of Kevin Brown. This presentation was followed by a salute to all parents for their help and contributions to FFA.

Other award winners of the evening were Paul Laubenstein, Foundation award in Ag Production; Joel Herring, Swine; Lou Ann Purcell, Recreation; Lester Hartranft, 4th place, 1 enterprise; Tom Ritchie, 4th place project book, Home Improvement; Rich Fryer, 2nd place, Ag Sales; Mike Schrack, 4th place, Farm Work experience; Howard Harig, 3rd place; Ronald Phillips, 3rd place, Work experience with strawberries and turkeys; Kevin Brown, 4th place, work experience; Kevin Geiger, 2nd place working with Christmas trees; Kent Heffner, 1st place work experience on farm.

Kevin Starr received the state Music award. Starr was also

recognized as being one of seven finalists who are sending in tape recordings for the tryouts for National chorus. His current goal is to be one of the three to be chosen to represent Pennsylvania in November at Kansas City.

Floyd Seltzer, working with swine and beehives, received 4th place with two enterprises, and received the bronze pin state award in Land Judging. Christine Seltzer received the Dairy Award for her work with dairy goats. Robert Umbrell, the supplier of the calves for the chapter's petting zoo, received 2nd place in Dairy, the Foundation Award in public speaking and 3rd place work experience. Jay Fenninger received, 2nd place work experience, working in golf course maintenance, and beef, and the Foundation award in Crops and Vegetables.

Throughout the evening these FFA'ers displayed the outlook of "trying harder next time." Just as the Chapter was praised for having past leaders in Soil Conservation, church activities, fire companies, businesses, school boards, and county extension offices, the youths were lauded for their present accomplishments and encouraged to reach out for that "next goal."

Tulpehocken marks National FFA Week



Shown with outside bulletin board that carries special ag message is George Mason, of Tulpehocken FFA.

BERNVILLE — The Tulpehocken Chapter promoted the FFA program and agriculture during National FFA Week, Feb. 19-26, at the school.

In keeping with the school's goal of increasing student awareness of

all curriculums and to promote the new scheduling, a large poster was displayed showing the areas of farming and agribusiness in which the FFA and vo-ag students can become involved.

A display window was placed in the school lobby, presenting this year's FFA theme: "Educating through Experience."

Chapter members also placed a slogan, "Farming, A Proud Profession," on the school's outdoor bulletin board for the public to view.

Chapter officers include William Leshner, president; Jay Bicksler, vice president; Clark Sattazahn, secretary; Stephanie Luckenbill, treasurer; Chris Pierson, reporter; Lew Moyer, sentinel; Mike Saby, chaplain; Scott Snyder, student advisor; and Connie Strunk, historian.

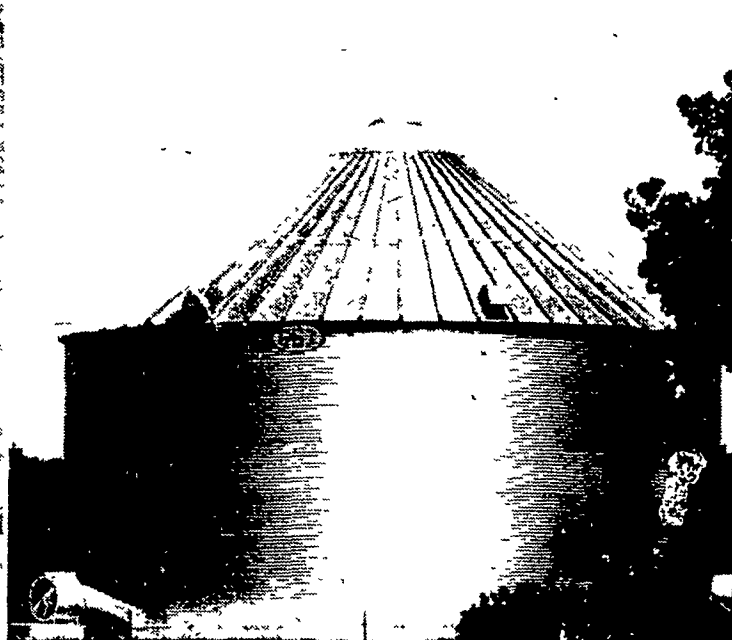
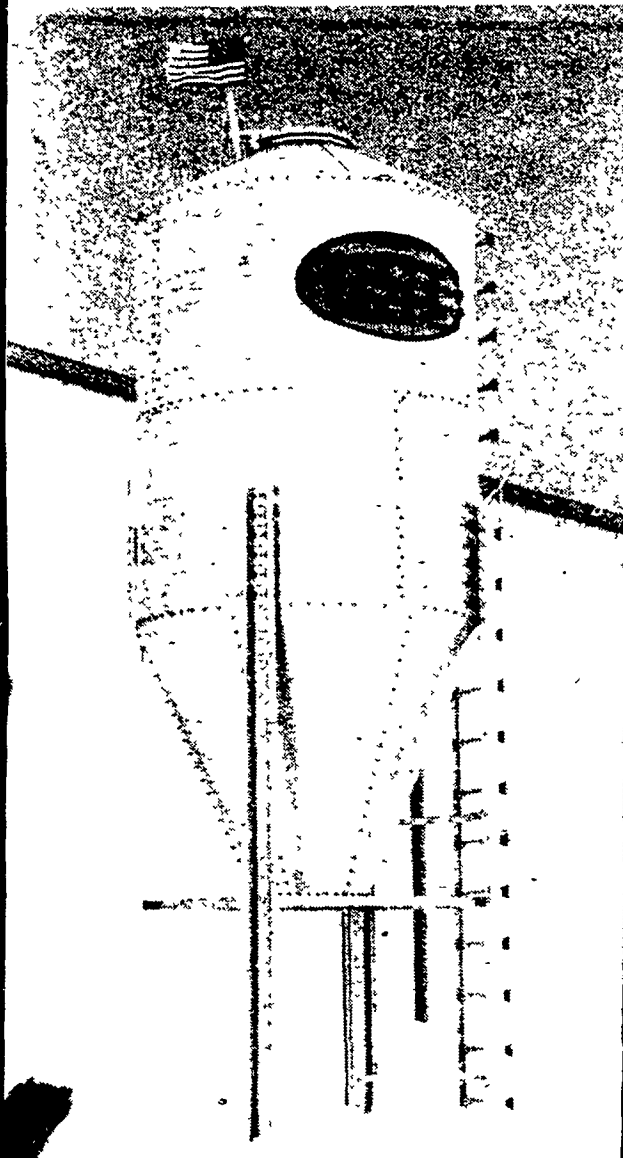
The officers are now making preparation for the chapter's annual banquet on March 25.

Members are also preparing for the upcoming county speaking contest.

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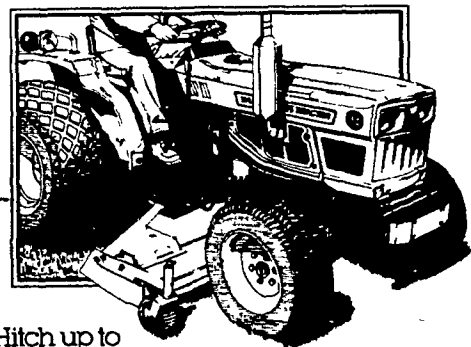
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