

## Elco FFA honors 1982-83's best at annual banquet

MYERSTOWN — Friends, supporters and parents gathered Tuesday night at the Eastern Lebanon County Middle School to help honor those outstanding members of the Elco FFA Chapter who recorded noteworthy achievements and activities during the past year.

At the head of the impressive list of award winners were the chapter's "stars."

Jeff Balmer and Melody Herr were named Chapter Star Greenhands.

Norma Kurtz received Chapter Star Agribusinessperson honors.

And Chapter Star Farmer for 1983 is Bruce Heiling.

Featured speaker at the banquet

was Bruce R. Kettler, National FFA Eastern Region Vice President. He called on the Elco FFA Chapter members to follow a simple but important equation for their lives ahead: "Youth plus Opportunity equals America."

Greetings from the State FFA Association were brought by Deborah Lee Miller, State Reporter.

Also addressing the group was Glenn Wenger, immediate past state vice president and now president of the State FFA Alumni Association. He outlined to the group the resurgence of the FFA Alumni as a force in the state to support the Future Farmers of American program. Wenger also

heads the Elco FFA Alumni, which has recently been reinstated. Among its project is a Junior FFA program in the school district.

Among the awards presented by Gerald Strickler, chapter advisor and vo-ag instructor, were:

Lebanon County Project Book Contest:

Blue Ribbon winners include Norma Kurtz, Bruce Heiling, Karl Smith, Charlie Kline, Diane Hackman, Donna Stauffer, Darlene Kurtz, Lisa Gettle, Philip Balsbaugh, William Parks.

Red Ribbon winners include David Prince, Dale Weaver, Joe Gingrich, David Balmer, Philip Balsbaugh, Bryan Eberly, Norma Kurtz, Charlie Kline.

White Ribbon winners include Bryan Eberly, Diane Hackman, Frank Sauter, Scott Berger, Scott Condran, David Balmer, Carl Detwiler, Karl Smith, Lisa Gettle, Lisa Gettle.

State Project Book Contest:

Gold Medal winners include Karl Smith, Philip Balsbaugh, Bryan Eberly, Donna Stauffer, Bruce Heiling.

Silver Medal winners include Norma Kurtz, Joe Gingrich, Bryan Eberly, Diane Hackman, Diane Hackman, Bruce Heiling.

A Bronze medal winner is Darlene Kurtz.

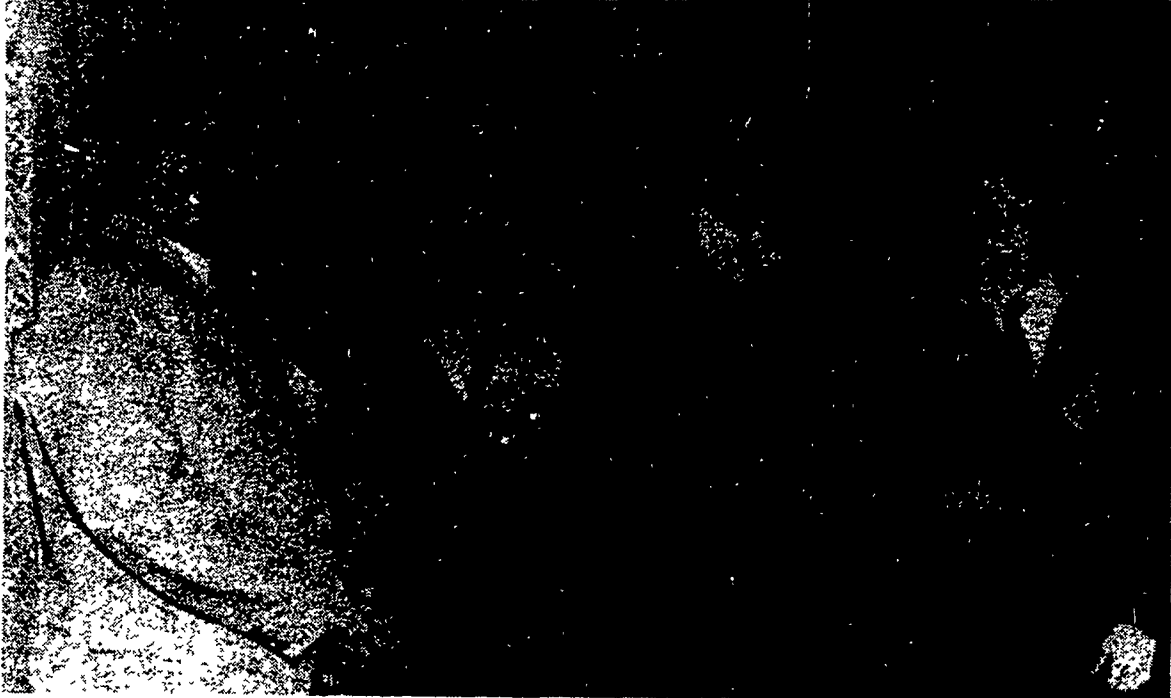
Scholarship pins went to Donna Stauffer, David Hull, Norma Kurtz, and Nick Trump.

Special Recognition Plaques for outstanding proficiency were awarded to Diane Hackman, Charlie Kline, Philip Balsbaugh, Darlene Kurtz, Joe Gingrich, David Prince, Scott Condran, Joe Gingrich, Karl Smith, Bryan Eberly, Charlie Kline, Norma Kurtz.

Students who will have their names inscribed on the permanent trophies in the classroom include Norma Kurtz, Diane Hackman, Karl Smith, Norma Kurtz, Bryan Eberly, Bryan Eberly.

National FFA Foundation Proficiency Award Medals went to: Diane Hackman, Dairy Production; Lisa Gettle, Dairy

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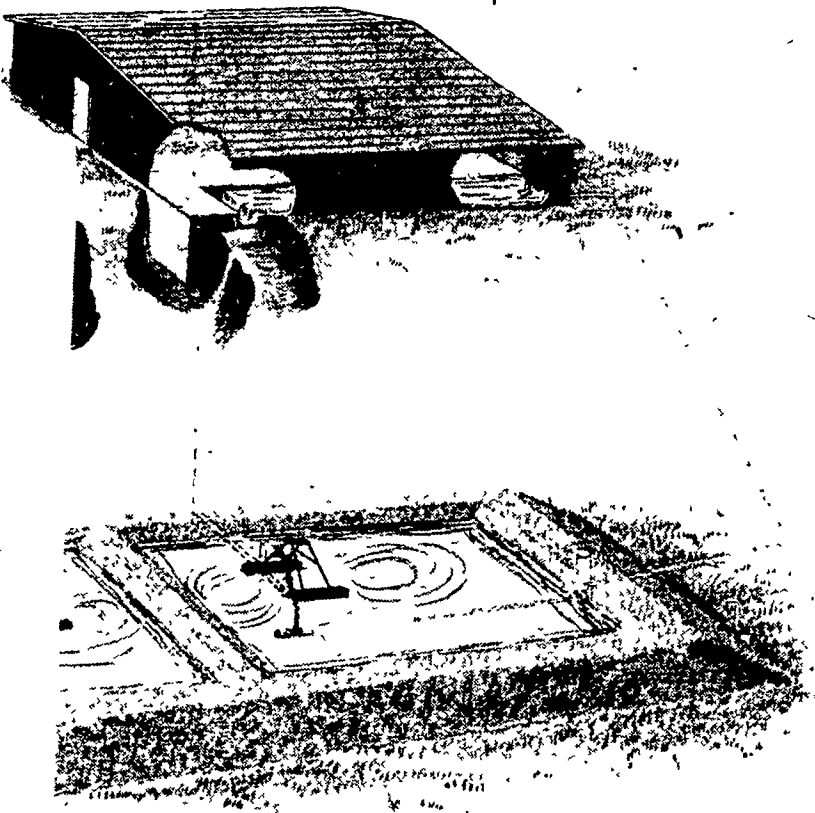


Participants in the Star Greenhand presentations at Elco FFA are, from the left, Gerald Strickler, advisor; Melody Herr and Jeff Balmer, recipients; and Charles Kline, last year's Star Greenhand.



Norma Kurtz receives the Star Agribusinessperson Award of Elco FFA from Glenn Wenger, president of the State FFA Alumni.

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