

## N. Lebanon FFA cites 5 Stars among top members

FREDERICKSBURG — Five members of the Northern Lebanon Chapter of the Future Farmers of America were granted "Star" status at the chapter's annual banquet held at Northern Lebanon High School Auditorium on March 11.

Randy Erb, a senior, was named the school's chapter farmer; while Heather Hernley took star Farmer honors at the 11th grade level. Nelson Bomgardner and Wesley Harding Jr. were named chapter Star Farmers of the 10th grade class. Steve Murray, a ninth grader, was named Chapter Star Greenhand.

Speakers for the evening were Miss Deborah Miller, State FFA Reporter, and Miss Lisa Weikel, National Poultry Proficiency Award Winner. Lisa showed slides and told us about her FFA sponsored trip to Europe.

Steve Murray narrated the creed and Harvey Smith, area consultant, presented Keystone Farmer Degree pins to Randy Erb and Lisa Weikel. Ray and Brenda Reinbold, Frank Mohn, and Steve Murray received medals for participating in the State FFA band.

Honorary Membership was conferred upon Mr. and Mrs. Walter Weikel, Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Erb Jr., Eugene Krall, and Thomas Rank.

Citation awards were presented

to Cassandra Edris and Delmas Hernley. Hernley also received the Distinguished Service Award for his aid to chapter members throughout the previous year.

Tim Blatt received a trophy and watch for being the highest cider and candy salesman. Heather Hernley earned the trophy for being the highest citrus fruit salesperson, while Eugene Ditzler and Eric Sweinhart received trophies for selling more than 50 crates. John Rupp received trophies for selling the most flower bulbs. Tim Blatt also received the Edward A. West Memorial Tractor Driving Trophy.

FFA Foundation Medal winners were Heather Hernley, Dairy and Nursery Operations; Russ Wolfe, Horse Production; John Rupp, Ornamental Horticulture; Randy Erb, Farm Mechanics; Marlin Deaven, Dairy; Tom Miller, Beef; Nelson Bomgardner, Livestock; Patrick Piergallini, Soil and Water Conservation; Robert Hunsicker, Poultry; Randy Erb, Public Speaking; Wesley Harding, Crop Production; Mike Saphore, Outdoor Recreation; Dwayne Weaver, Sales and Service; Tim Blatt, Swine; Mark Long, Floriculture; Bill Beatty, Forest Management; and Ray Reinbold, Vegetable Production.

Members of the parliamentary procedure team, who placed first in the region and second in the

state, were also honored with plaques and medals.

State Project Book contest winners were Robert Hunsicker, Poultry, Silver; Tim Blatt, Swine

Breeding, Gold; Nelson Bomgardner, Dairy Heifer, second, Gold; Wesley Harding, Jr., Two enterprises, Silver, second; Ray Reinbold, Home Garden,

Silver and Russ Wolfe, Bronzed; and Randy Erb, State Beekeeping award, Gold.

The Chapter is under the advisement of J. Ray Bickel.



Northern Lebanon FFA Alumni President Shawn Hernley presents Star awards to, from left, Randy Erb, 12th grade; Heather Hernley, 11th grade; Nelson Bomgardner and Wes Harding, 10th grade; and Steve Murray, Star Greenhand from 9th grade.

## 12 win tobacco awards

MILLERSVILLE — R.J. Reynolds Tobacco Production Awards were presented recently to 12 young Pennsylvania tobacco farmers during an awards banquet for the Manor Chapter, Future Farmers of America.

This was the first FFA tobacco production awards presentation in Pennsylvania.

The first place winner, Barry Geib, of Manheim Central High School, received a plaque and a cash award of \$200. Tanya Green of Penn Manor High School won second place and a cash award of \$150. The third place winner, Steve Main of Penn Manor High School,

received \$100.

In fourth and fifth place were Jay Frey and Jere Hoover, both of Penn Manor High School. Each received \$75. Other winners, each of whom received \$50, were Jay Waltz, Manheim Central High School, and Jim Musser, Gerald Frey, Merv Keagy, John Wiker, Jeff Gerlach, and Kevin Bauman, all of Penn Manor High School.

Penn Manor High School won the Chapter Award and \$200.

Ms. Leslie S. Lewis, Agricultural R & D Coordinator at R.J. Reynolds, presented the awards. The company sponsors FFA tobacco production awards in eleven states.

## Kettler visits Cedar Crest FFA

LEBANON — On Wednesday, March 16, Bruce Kettler, National Eastern Region Vice-President, visited the Cedar Crest FFA.

He is a member of the Anna, Ohio Chapter, where he was chapter president twice. He also earned his State Degree and the highest degree in the FFA, the

American Farmer Degree.

Kettler attended a chapter meeting and presented an inspiring talk to the Cedar Crest FFA members. Harold Berkheiser, chapter advisor, and several members accompanied Kettler on a tour of the high school. Also, he toured two work ex-

perience projects—Rick Houser's project at Eugene Martin's Farm, and Heidi Peiffer's project at Laysen's Flowers in Myerstown.

Kettler was impressed with the rural beauty of the Lebanon area. He will continue to visit FFA Chapters across the United States.

## Twin Valley FFA Jr.'s win

ELVERSON — In heavily contested annual competition the members of the junior basketball team of the Twin Valley FFA emerged victorious at Conrad Weiser High School. The senior team upheld their perfect record

by losing their first two games, and thus being eliminated from the contest.

Both contests, organized by the Berks County FFA and hosted by the Conrad Weiser Chapter included teams from each of the six

Berks County schools.

Members of the winning Twin Valley team were Chris Werner, Chris Coblentz, Mike Snyder, Gail Raser, Glenn Stoltzfus, Mark Zerr, Chuch Reiff, Steve Plank, and Tammy Lush.

## Adams Star Farmer



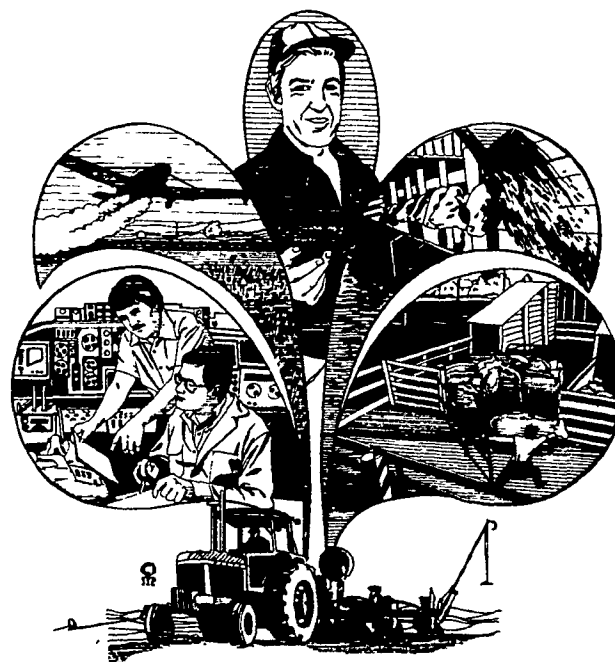
The FFA Battlefield Chapter vice-president, Ed Wilkinson, R4 Gettysburg, was presented the Adams County Star Farmer Award at the recent Adams County Degree Banquet. Wilkinson is a junior at Gettysburg Senior High School. He was one of ten Battlefield Chapter members who were Apple Degree recipients.

SCHNECKSVILLE — The Lehigh County FFA Vo-Ag students visited the state capitol in observance of National Agriculture Day. They were met by Representative Donald Snyder of District 134 who conducted them on a tour of the capitol.

Mr. Ken Hickey, Pa. Department of Agriculture, presented a slide program describing the various laboratories and their responsibilities. Later, small groups toured the Food and Chemistry, the Botany and Seeds

and the Plant Pathology laboratories.

The students toured the William Penn Memorial Museum where they saw the influence of art, history, industry, natural science and ecology on Pa. agriculture.



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