

Solanco FFA Honors Outstanding Members

QUARRYVILLE — The annual Solanco FFA Parent-Member Banquet and Awards Program was held March 8 at Solanco High School with approximately 290 members, parents and guests attending.

The Greenhand Degree was awarded to 28 first-year members and the Chapter Degree went to 17 second-year members who completed the requirements for the degree. The Lancaster County Red Rose Degree was presented to Lester Davis, Tracy Landis, Kris Esbenshade, Kenneth Trout and Fritz Frey. Keystone Degrees were presented to Jamie Frey, Bruce Cantey, Mark Welk, Frank

Townewr, John Young, William Rhine and Andy Weaver.

Foundation Medals were presented to Kelly Miller, dairy production; Mark Welk, crop production; Kris Esbenshade, beef production; Tracy Landis, diversified livestock; Rick Baylis; swine production; Andy Weaver, placement in agriculture production, Randy Risser, public speaking; Tim Herr, soil and water conservation; and Ryan Leik and John Riley, agriculture mechanics.

Brian Harnish and Randy Risser were named Star Greenhands for 1983-1984. Brian, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ed Harnish, R1, Christiana, has beef finishing, dairy and

beekeeping as his projects. His participation in the FFA has earned him the opportunity to compete in the state Tractor Driving Contest this summer.

Randy, son of Mr. and Mrs. Mark Risser R1 Holtwood, has beef finishing, swine fattening and rabbits as projects. Additional projects in field crops are also planned. Randy placed first in the county FFA Creed Contest and will next participate in the Area Creed Contest this spring. Both students have exhibited outstanding scholarship achievement in all facets of the agriculture program.

John Riley was named Star Chapter Farmer. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Riley R1, Nottingham. His projects have included beef finishing and work experience. He is currently serving as Chapter Chaplain.

Star Red Rose Farmer was awarded to Fritz Frey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Frey, R2, Quarryville. Fritz is currently serving as chapter student advisor. His projects have included beef breeding, beef finishing and corn. Fritz has participated in state and national livestock judging

contests.

Lancaster Bone Fertilizer Inc. of Quarryville presented the Star Keystone Farmer Award to Jamie Frey. Jamie has been active in the FFA throughout her four years in high school having served as chapter secretary and currently serving as chapter president and county secretary. In previous years, Jamie has been Solanco Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer as well as County Star Red Rose Farmer. Her projects have included greenhouse production, beef finishing and corn. This past year, she was selected as Teen of the Week by Lancaster Newspapers Inc.

George Eager, R1, Quarryville, received the Honorary Chapter Farmer Degree for his dedication to those students who show dairy cattle at regional and state shows.

As an area livestock hauler, Eager has provided at reduced costs, transportation to livestock, especially dairy cattle, for area youth to various local, regional and state cattle shows.

Other awards presented at the banquet were: Mark Welk, Ross H. Rohrer & Bros. Dairy Award; John N. Young, Henry N. Wenger Life Insurance Agency Award; Bruce Cantey, Lancaster County Bankers Award; William Rhine, Farm Women No. 20 Award; A.L. Herr & Bros., Inc. Corn Grain Awards: 1st - Mark Welk, 2nd - Scott Brinton, 3rd - Tim Herr; and Powl's Feed Service Corn Silage Awards: 1st - Kenneth Miller, 2nd - William Rhine.

Following the awards program a slide presentation on past FFA activities was shown for the enjoyment of all.

Livestock Judging

Practices Scheduled

HONESDALE — Wayne County 4-H livestock project members and others interested in learning about hogs, sheep and beef will have an opportunity to learn this skill at some upcoming 4-H livestock judging practice sessions.

These practice sessions will begin in Wayne County during March and early April at area livestock farms.

The first judging meeting will be held March 20 at 8 p.m. at the Clyde and Doris Mead Farm, located at Creamton Corners. Classes of market lambs and breeding ewes will be judged at this meeting.

The second meeting is scheduled for March 28 at 8 p.m. at the Ernie and Mary Rutledge Farm, located near Tyler Hill. Classes of market

beef animals will be judged and discussed.

The third meeting will be held April 4, at 8 p.m. at the Wayne County Extension Office, Courthouse, Honesdale. At this meeting, judging of market and breeding hogs will be reviewed. A hog picture judging contest will also be used at this session.

Wayne County 4-H livestock members and other 4-H members interested in judging livestock will have an opportunity to participate in the annual Block and Bridle Club's Livestock Judging Contest. This contest is scheduled for April 7 at the Penn State University Beef and Sheep Center.

For additional information on 4-H livestock judging, contact the Wayne County Extension Office by dialing 253-5970, extension 114.

Busy Beavers

Joshua Chou and Kevin McFall, members of the Herpetology 4-H Club, were guest speakers at the March meeting of the Busy Beavers 4-H Prep Club. Members were able to feel and touch a

Speckled King Snake, a Smog Turtle and a toad which the guest speakers brought with them. Two new members, Suzanne Stokes and Cristy Richards, joined the club

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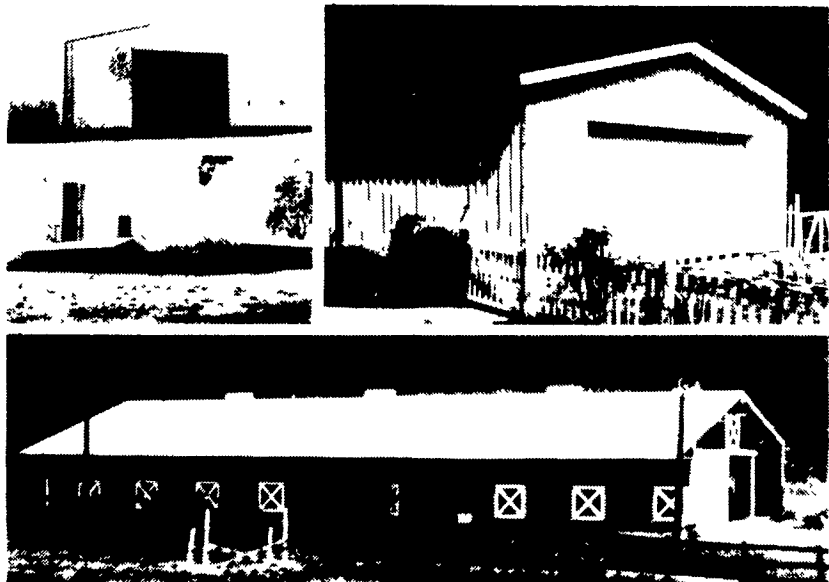
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