

Oley Valley FFA honors its top award winners

PLEASANTVILLE — The Oley Valley FFA Chapter honored its friends and outstanding members at the annual parent and member banquet on March 22 at the Pike Township Sportsman's Club, Pleasantville. "This year was an exceptional year for our chapter," stated James Howe, FFA advisor, referring to the achievements of his students.

"I see some bright things in the future," Howe continued as he awarded the Star Greenhand honors to two ninth graders. Kevin Bieber, Oley, and Missy Spayd, Fleetwood, received the plaques. "For ninth graders to get involved in public speaking and other activities takes a lot of initiative," Howe said about the pair.

Star Chapter Farmer went to Jennifer Jesiolowski, Oley. She also received the outstanding academic achievement in vocational agriculture award for 10th grade.

The Dekalb award for the outstanding senior went to Jim Heffner, Fleetwood. Jim is the current Berks County FFA president. He also received honors for his achievements in livestock judging at the FFA activities week contests, the record book contest, a silver medal for two enterprises, and also attained the Keystone Degree earlier this year.

Other students receiving the academic achievement awards were Bryce Moyer, R2, Oley, grade nine, and Jill Jesiolowski, R1, Oley, grade 11.

FFA foundation medals and certificates were earned by Jill Jesiolowski, prepared public speaking; Randy Martin, R2, Oley, Swine production; John Baker, R2 Oley, horse production; Kevin Guldin, R4 Boyertown, agricultural mechanics; Greg Zook, R2 Oley, diversified livestock production; Kevin Moyer, R3 Boyertown,



Among the major award winners from the Oley Valley FFA Chapter are, from the left, Missy Spayd and Kevin Bieber, Star Greenhands; Jennifer Jesiolowski, Star Chapter Farmer; and Jim Heffner, DeKalb winner.

agricultural electrification; and Bonnie Willman, R3 Boyertown, poultry production.

Trophies for placing first in one or more of the Berks County FFA S.O.E. Record book contest categories were received by: Single enterprise - Terry Triest, R1 Oley; John Baker, R1 Oley; Tim Mast, R1 Oley; Sam Mallatratt, Fleetwood; Dave Wentzel, Fleetwood; and Chris Britton, Boyertown; Three enterprises - Mike Spayd, Fleetwood; Eight enterprises - Kirk Fisher, R1 Oley; Greenhouse Production - Missy Spayd, Fleetwood; Work Experience Record Book - Troy Stoudt, Fleetwood.

Activities week contest winners were Mike Spayd, dairy

showmanship, Jill Jesiolowski, prepared public speaking, Greg Zook, livestock judging.

FFA state S.O.E. record book contest winners were:

Mike Spayd, gold medal, Kevin Schlegel, gold medal, Kirk Fisher, silver medal, Jim Heffner, silver medal, and Tim Shane, silver medal.

Mike Spayd was also recognized for having been selected by the Pennsylvania Flower Growers Association as the state winner for his supervised occupational experience (S.O.E) record book and projects.

Kirk Fisher received special recognition for having been selected as Production Credit Association district winner for his

S.O.E. records and projects.

Sentinel for the chapter, Greg Zook, presented the outstanding service awards to Roger Angstadt, R2 Oley; Wayne Beekman, Boyertown; Dan Mast, Oley; Jim Shaw, Oley; and Louis Elvin, high school principal. "We sincerely appreciate their effort and concern to improve our chapter," stated Zook. These individuals serve on the advisory council for vocational agriculture in the district.

Honorary membership in the Oley Valley FFA was given to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schlegel, R3 Boyertown. They continually help the FFA throughout the year on most of the activities of the chapter.



Honorary Chapter Farmer degree is conveyed by Oley Valley FFA on Mr. and Mrs. Richard Schlegel for their continued support of the chapter.

Tulpehocken FFA honors Orendo as retiring advisor

BERNVILLE — The Tulpehocken FFA Chapter honored its outstanding members and friends at the annual banquet and awards presentation Friday evening, March 23.

"When you work with youth like

we have, there's nothing better," stated Mike Orendo, advisor.

William Palmer, president of the chapter, was named the Star Chapter Farmer.

"He's one of the best presidents we have had," stated Orendo. "He loves farming."

Palmer is the son of Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, R1 Bernville. A senior this year, he also received the Dekalb award and a proficiency award in extemporaneous speaking. Palmer raises beef and hopes to have his own farm after college. He plans to attend Penn State and major in agribusiness.

Star Greenhand went to a veteran showman and 4-Her, Gary Bicksler, R1 Richland. The son of Ray and Barbara Bicksler, Gary says he likes showing the best. He owns five Holsteins of his own and works on the home farm for his father.

Lew Moyer, R2 Bernville, received the Star Agribusinessman award. Lew likes dairy goats and plans to continue farming with his father, Charles Moyer.

A special award was also presented to Mike Orendo, retiring ag teacher, for his dedicated service to FFA. A teacher for 35 years, Orendo stated that the high points in his career was seeing his students get established in agricultural positions.

Orendo grew up in the district and although he spent time away from agriculture, returned to both and "has been doing something I loved ever since," he states. Orendo belongs to the Flying Farmers. After his graduation, he joined the air force and received his pilots training there. He served

five years in the Strategic Air Command, flying B29's in the Korean war.

"Then I decided that's enough for me," he says.

He enrolled in Penn State and graduated in 1952 in ag education. He replaced his ag teacher when he came back to teach at Tulpehocken and although he is retiring says, "I'm going to keep my hands in agriculture."

Other awards went to:

Honorary Chapter members - Robert Sattazahn and Francis McCafferty.

Dairy Judging team awards - William Leshner, Clark Sattazahn.

Certificate of Appreciation - Mr. and Mrs. William Palmer, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Moyer, Nord Parkinson, Oscar Manbeck, David Williams, Jeffrey Keller, Larry Grumbine, Harvey Zimmerman, Steve Miller, William Leshner, Barry Kelner, and Anne Felty.

Proficiency awards went to:

Ag Mechanics, Tim Deck and Jim Beck; crop production, Lew Moyer; swine production, Connie



Star awards of Tulpehocken FFA Chapter go to, from the left, Gary Bicksler, Star Greenhand; William Palmer, Star Chapter Farmer; and Lew Moyer, Star Agribusinessman.

Strunk, James Manbeck; Dairy Production, Scott Snyder, and Scott Bohn; Creed Contest, Gary Bicksler, Curtis Moyer; Ex-

Temporaneous Speaking, Lew Moyer, William Palmer; Record Books, Clark Sattazahn, Gold Medal-R.P.

York FFA winners listed

YORK - York County FFA held its 1984 ag contests recently. In the small engines contest the top five winners were Shone Clements from Kennard-Dale; 2nd, Dave Webb from Kennard-Dale; 3rd, Lloyd Leiphart from Eastern; 4th, Kevin Ritz from Kennard-Dale; and 5th, James Klohold from Eastern.

In Ag Mechanics winners were 1st, Robert Boothe, Kennard-Dale; 2nd, Randy Gross, Kennard-Dale; 3rd, Brian DeVoe, Kennard-Dale.

In Ag. Salesmanship: 1st, Dave Sheppard, Northern; 2nd, Bill Boothe, Kennard-Dale; and 3rd, Keith Harbold, Northern. In the Interview contest: 1st, Lisa Kilgore, Red Lion; 2nd, Bill

Boothe, Kennard-Dale; and 3rd, Vickie Householder Vo-Tech. For the team division on Small Engines Kennard-Dale took 1st and 2nd and Eastern placed 3rd.



Mike Orendo, retiring advisor, was honored for his service to chapter by Tulpehocken FFA.

