

FFA'ers compete in area public speaking contests

BROWNSTOWN — Lancaster and Chester County Future Farmers of America members, vying to compete in the state public speaking contests this summer, moved one step closer to their goal as they participated in area competition last Thursday at the Brownstown Vocational Technical School.

The FFA'ers, working their way through local and county contests, competed for the top spots in the parliamentary procedures, public speaking, extemporaneous speaking and FFA Creed categories. The top winners in this contest will advance to regional competition May 3, at Kutztown.

Keeping its winning ways alive, the parliamentary procedures team from Eastern Lancaster County capped first place in that contest. Team members Kent Halsey, Margaret Herr, Leon Hurst, Nelson Horning, Elaine Zeiset, Jim Weidman, Dave Fisher and Wade Martin.

Earning second place, the Solanco team will advance to regional competition also. Team members are Bryan Whitman, Tracy Landis, Kris Esbenshade, Jamie Frey, Lester Davis, Fritz Frey, John Riley Jr. and Randy Risser.

Judging the parliamentary procedures contest were Caroline Witmer, State FFA president; Ronald Frederick, Twin Valley High School vocational agriculture teacher; and Christine Williams, Kutztown High School vocational agriculture teacher.

First place public speaking honors went to Tom High, Ephrata High School. High's winning speech was "The Grain Surplus." Second place was earned by Greg Musser, Elizabethtown High School, speaking on "Where's the Farmland," and third went to Michelle Dean, Lampeter-Strasburg High School, who spoke on "Preserving the Family Farm."

Judges were Mary Ebersole, Sperry New Holland purchasing department; Forney Longenecker, a farmer and employee for Shearson American Express; and Ron Rill, Warwick High School guidance department.

In the extemporaneous public speaking contest, Julie Hess, Eastern Lancaster County FFA Chapter, emerged as first place

winner with her speech on the importance of parliamentary procedures. Second place winner Tim Pfautz, Ephrata High School, was asked to speak on the importance of supervised occupational experience programs, while third place finisher George Metzler, Octorara High School, outlined the careers in agribusiness.

The extemporaneous contest, in which the contestants are given a topic to address, was judged by Gerald Phillips, Production Credit of Lancaster; Jamie Rowley, personnel director for Wenger's Feeds; and Barry Geib, past State FFA Treasurer.

The Creed contest, open to first-year FFA members only, was won by Paul Yeckley, Octorara High School. Randy Risser, Solanco High School, took second, and Bob Bergen, Owen J. Roberts, was third.

Judges were Ron Martin, Eastern Region State FFA Vice President; Carl Groff, Lancaster County Chamber of Commerce agriculture committee; and Laura England, associate editor for Lancaster Farming.

FFA Chapters participating in the area contest were from Octorara High School, Ephrata High School, Manheim Central High School, Elizabethtown High School, Garden Spot High School, Owen J. Roberts High School,



Eastern Lancaster County FFA is the first place parliamentary procedures team. Team members are, from left, Kent Halsey, Margaret Herr, Leon Hurst, Nelson Horning, Elaine Zeiset, Jim Weidman, Dave Fisher and Wade Martin.



Second place FFA parliamentary procedures team members from Solanco High School are, from left, Jamie Frey, Bryan Whitman, Tracey Landis, Fritz Frey, Lester Davis, John Riley Jr., Randy Risser and Kris Esbenshade.

Solanco High School and Lampeter-Strasburg High School. LE



FFA'ers receiving top honors in public speaking competition are, from left, Tom High, Ephrata, first; Greg Musser, Elizabethtown, second; and Michelle Dean, Lampeter-Strasburg, third.



Extemporaneous public speaking winners are, from left, Julie Hess, Eastern Lancaster County, first; Tim Pfautz, Ephrata, second; and George Metzler, Octorara, third.



Creed contest winners are, from left, Paul Yeckley Jr., Octorara, first; Randy Risser, Solanco, second; and Bob Bergen, Owen J. Roberts, third.

4-H, FFA dairy judging winners reported

UNIVERSITY PARK — Dairy cattle judging brought together 243 contestants recently for the first phase of Penn State's 59th Dairy Exposition. Featured were 4-H and FFA teams from across the state, and university students.

The overall winner in 4-H competition was the Westmoreland County "B" team. Members included Gary Fink, David Miller, Cindy Selembo, and Margee Wolff. Westmoreland County "B" team also captured first place in oral reasons. Their coach was Bruce Matson.

Second place overall and third in reasons was the Berks County "A" team. The team was made up of Jay Bicksler, Patti Dreisbach, Todd Miller, and Clark Sattazahn. Dr. Carl Brown and Jerry Krone were the coaches.

Taking third overall and second in reasons was the Perry County "A" team. Team members include Kim Kriebel, Jenny Kriebel, Judy Kriebel, and Irene Benner. The coaches were Jane and Kenneth Benner, and Jay Reapsome.

High individual in the 4-H competition for placings and reasons was Gary Fink of the Westmoreland County "B" team.

In FFA competition, Northern Bedford High School's "A" team (Loysburg) took first overall and first in oral reasons. Eric Carle, Keith Fisher, Shawn Wyles, and Ross Hershberger made up the team which was coached by Robert Fell.

The second place team overall in FFA, including oral reasons, was the Solanco High School "A" team, Quarryville. The team consisted of Mark Welk, Joe Delong, Brian Harnish, and Tom Arrowsmith.

In third place overall was the Solanco High School "B" team. Team members included Andy Herr, Dave Herr, David Mull, and Keith Miller. The Solanco High School teams were coached by Arba Henry.

The Ephrata Area High School "A" team — comprised of Larry

Gerhart, John Gerhart, Phil Eby, and Jim Zimmerman — captured third in oral reasons.

The high overall individual in FFA was Keith Fisher from Northern Bedford High School, Loysburg. First in oral reasons was captured by Mark Welk from Solanco High School.

In the professional collegiate division, Maryanne H. Johnson of Mercersburg, placed first overall. Capturing second overall and second in oral reasons was Steven P. Shaw from Oley. Third overall and first in oral reasons was Marcia J. Minor of Washington. Norma R. Lash, of West Newton, placed third in oral reasons.

In the amateur collegiate division, first place went to Mike L. Fair of Lebanon. Second place was captured by Carrie Yoder of Reedsville, while Jill R. Whorl from Emigsville placed third. There were no reason placings in this division.

Judging contests

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Sue Kulp. Tom and Sue are both from Delaware Valley College and participated on the 1983 judging team.

The livestock judging consisted of classes in beef, sheep, and swine. The high team overall was the Lancaster Co. 4-H team 1, the second high team was from York Co. 4-H Team 1, and the third High team was from Lancaster Co. Team 2. The high team in Beef, and Sheep was Lancaster Co. Team 1 with the York Co. 4-H team 1 taking top honors in the

swine. The top individuals in placings were: 1. Chris Chapman - Lancaster Co. Team 1, 2. Jan Waltz - Lancaster Co. Team 1, 3. Brian Hess - Lancaster Co. Team 1. The top individuals in reasons were 1. Chris Chapman - Lancaster Co. Team 1, 2. Greg Musser - Lancaster Co. Team 2, 3. Jan Waltz - Lancaster Co. Team 1. The official judges for the days events were: Howard Hoffman, beef; Barry Roberts, sheep; Larry Arnold, swine.