

Cedar Crest FFA chapter 'puts it all together'

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN
LEBANON — The Cedar Crest FFA Chapter at Lebanon "put it all

together" during the past year. Always an active chapter which captures its share of awards and

honors, Cedar Crest during the past year under the guidance of advisor Harold Berkheiser put together its best overall rating that it has yet achieved.

"We had a very active and good group," Berkheiser said, "who worked together to compile this achievement."

While the chapter's total achievements are too lengthy to list, here are highlights of major accomplishments.

—Received top first places in the state in both BOAC (Beautify Our American Communities) and National Chapter competition. Thus, Cedar Crest received first places in two of the three major chapter competitions conducted among chapters throughout Pennsylvania.

—The chapter will be honored at the National FFA convention for high national placings in the two competitions. It marks the fifth straight year for a National Chapter Award and the second straight National BOAC Award.

—Gary Krall, chairman of Community Development Activities and chapter president this year, will be competing Sept. 29 - Oct. 3 in Washington, D.C. with other state winners for a national BOAC individual award. He's the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Krall, Fonderwhite Rd., Lebanon.

—Also, scheduled to make competitive trips are twins Dan and Dave Groff, who placed third respectively in state dairy foods and land judging competition. Dan will be competing at the National FFA Convention and Dave in Oklahoma next spring. Graduate



Twins Dan, left, and Dave Groff, of Cedar Crest won trips in State FFA competition.



Officers of Cedar Crest FFA, from the left around table, Brian Boyer, sentinel; Gale Hitz, parliamentarian; Brenda Peiffer, secretary; Harold Berkheiser, advisor, standing; Tonya Johnson, chaplain; Lisa Houser, treasurer; and Gary Krall, president. Missing are Ed Zuck, vice president; and Ann Lansberry, reporter.

members of the chapter, they are the sons of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Groff, Prescott Road, Lebanon.

—Other top awards included a first-place state proficiency award in floriculture, a second in horse proficiency and a third in parliamentary procedure.

The chapter's BOAC award is a continuation of its community development program of improving recreational facilities in Lebanon County. In constructing and installing the equipment and signs at the 18 stations of the physical fitness course in South Hills Park, the chapter saved

South Lebanon Township some \$3,300.

Other community activities included additional work at Stoever's Dam, helping to distribute trees with the Conservation District, Food for America program, farm tours for underprivileged preschoolers, conservation demonstration and school landscaping.

After a year like that, what's ahead for the chapter?

With the school year just begun, members are already busy accepting the formidable challenge of achievement chalked up during the past year.

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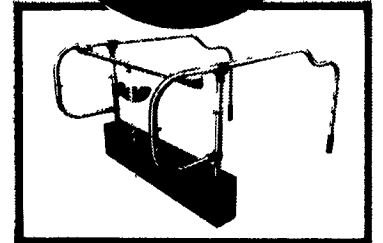
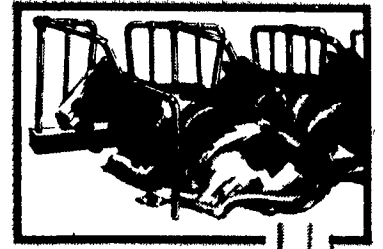
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