

Krall attends BOAC conference

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Gary Krall of Lebanon, recently completed an internship in Congressman Robert S. Walker's office while attending the Future Farmers of America's annual community development conference for state Achievement in Volunteerism winners in Washington, D.C. Krall was named the Pennsylvania winner during the state FFA convention this summer for contributions to his chapter's Building Our American Communities (BOAC) project.

Krall is a member of the Cedar Crest FFA Chapter at Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon. BOAC is a community development program. Chapters meet with community leader and identify local needs. The chapter then initiates one or more projects targeting those needs. As a state winner, Krall received a plaque and a \$200 check for his chapter from BOAC program sponsor, R.J. Reynolds Industries, Inc. of Winston-Salem, N.C.

While in Washington, Krall and his FFA Advisor Harold

Berkheiser attended sessions on community development and toured historic landmarks. In addition, the Pennsylvania BOAC representatives attended an awards luncheon on Capitol Hill hosted by the House Agriculture

Committee, accepting a state award for BOAC volunteerism from the White House, attended briefings at the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the Senate Agriculture Committee, and saw Anthony Quinn in "Zorba the

Greek" at the Kennedy Center.

The conference and all travel expenses were underwritten by BOAC sponsor, Reynolds Industries.

Krall is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Grant Krall of Lebanon.

Perry Valley Grange wins contest

HARRISBURG — Perry Valley Grange, located in Millerstown, Perry County, took top honors in the State Grange Community Service Contest. The 150-member local Grange was selected by the Delaware State Grange, contest judges, on the basis of 18 projects conducted during the 1983-84 year to benefit their local community.

According to Douglas Bonsall, State Grange Lecturer (program director), 80 local granges entered the 1984 contest, representing many thousands of hours of volunteer work to improve local communities in rural areas. Perry Valley Grange estimated their man hours at 8,000.

Placing second through fourth places, respectively, were Pleasant Hill Grange, Chest Springs, Cambria County; Kutztown Grange, Kutztown, Berks County; and Hookstown Grange, Hookstown, Beaver County.

Perry Valley Grange impressed the judges with the quantity and creativity of their many projects. One of the most active granges in the state, Perry Valley won last year's state and national contests, and was a second place winner in 1982.

The grange's major emphasis has been in projects to benefit deaf causes. Eight-week sign language courses are conducted for the community three times a year and average 35 participants per class. A deaf loan fund was created to

provide interest-free loans to deaf persons to purchase TTY devices for their telephones, and the Grange Hall is opened free of charge for deaf socials on a monthly basis. One of the more innovative projects conducted by the Grange was a Christmas cookie exchange where community residents traded home-baked cookies with some of the treats presented to shut-ins. In addition, the grange raised over \$3400 for various causes.

A \$200 U.S. Savings Bond will be presented to Perry Valley representatives during the State Grange convention in Gettysburg next week. In addition, the Grange will compete with top winners in the other 41 State Granges for the national award.



Gary Krall, of Cedar Crest FFA, is shown with Congressman Robert Walker in Washington, D.C.

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