

A view of FFA chapters in action in Pa.

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winner in Dairy Production, Kline is a member of the ELCO FFA Chapter. Throughout his FFA career, he has continually built up his own dairy herd and utilizes the latest in technology, such as embryo transfers and computerized feeding.

Eastern Regional Star Agrisbusinessman, Anderson is the son of Jack and Barb Anderson, of East Berlin. In his family's fertilizer business, he has doubled the sales of fertilizer equipment in six states, overseeing the building and designing of custom liquid fertilizer systems.

Both 21-year-old FFA'ers, who will also receive their American Degrees, will be competing with regional "Stars" from three other sections of the country for top honors.

Richard Waybright, of Mason-Dixon Farms, Gettysburg, has been named FFA Achiever in ag

production and will be honored as a member of the FFA National Hall of Achievement.

Waybright has served as both president of the National FFA Alumni Association and as a national officer.

In the running for National Proficiency Awards are Shawn Walter, of Mifflinburg, in Ag Mechanics; and Jamie Frey, of Quarryville, in Nursery Operations.

In addition to the two Regional Stars from Pennsylvania, seventeen other FFA'ers are due to receive their American Degrees. They include Scott Mohr, Bakers Summit; Brian Watson, Columbia Cross Roads; Jay Garber, Elizabethtown; Joel Waybright, Gettysburg; William Capp Jr., Hershey; Scott Alloway, Lansdale; Dean Patches, Northern Lebanon; David Glick, Lewistown; Barry Geib, Manheim; Barbara Herr, Narvon;



Andrew Rill, Newburg; Charles Andler, Renfrew; Lane Thrush, Shippensburg; Henry Noss, Sinking Spring; Jere Wingert, St. Thomas; John Marsteller Jr., Stewartstown; and Gerald Garber, Willow Street.

Honorary American Degrees are due to go to Harvey Smith, Area Vo-Ag consultant; Jack and Barb Anderson, East Berlin; Norman

and Verna Kline, Myerstown; Wilham Williams, Penn State; and Gerald Strickler, vo-ag teacher and FFA advisor at Eastern Lebanon County and president of the Pa. Vo-Ag Teachers Assn.

BOAC (Beautify Our American Communities) Awards will be presented to Cedar Crest Chapter, silver; and Twin Valley and Grassland Chapters, bronze.

Participants in national contests include:

—In Livestock Judging, Nancy MacCauley, Wendy Flinchbaugh, Keith Harbold and Kurt Katchmark.

—In Farm Business Management, Jeff Martin, Nevin Horning, Jon Merkle and Todd Lewis.

—In Milk Quality and Dairy Foods, Ronald Zimmerman, Mike Hershey, Daniel Groff and Ken Ruhl.

In Livestock Showmanship, Brian Hess.

In Meats Judging, Rodney Nissley, Crystal Kreider, Trasee Aument and Philip Fullerton.

In Ag Mechanics, Ken Shertzer, Bruce Tuckey, Tim Owens and Randy Gillis.

In Floriculture, Steven Cox, Shirl Lehman, Cindy Craley and

Amy Millar.

In Poultry, Roger Weaver, Doug Ressler, Toni Kerin and Darryl Weaver.

In Dairy Cattle Judging, Mark Welk, Kris Esbenshade, Joe DeLong and Tom Arrowsmith.

In Dairy Cattle Showmanship, Gerald Davidson.

In Nursery-Landscape, Trudi Zook, Sandy Rice, Lisa McMullen and Barb Kudia.

Silver National Chapter Awards will be presented to Twin Valley, Lower Dauphin, Kutztown, Cedar Crest, Mifflinburg and Grassland Berlin Brothersvalley will get a bronze award.

A bronze National Safety Award will go to the Pequea Valley Chapter.

Members of the National FFA Band from Pennsylvania are Kevin Schlegel, percussion, Boyertown; John Noyes, French horn, Elverson; and Maurice Schwartz, tuba, York.

Members of the Chorus are Charles Hess, Robesonia; and Beth Snyder, Washington Boro.

Official delegates from Pennsylvania to the convention include Carolyn Witmer, past president of the Pa. FFA Association; and Laurie Duran, current president.

PEEC hosts FFA leadership weekend

DINGMANS FERRY — "It's more than just cows, plows and sows," says Carol Irvine. What she's talking about is Future Farmers of America (FFA), the largest youth organization in the United States.

Carol, National Vice President of FFA, and 220 other FFA members gathered recently for the Eastern Pennsylvania FFA Leadership Workshop. Held for the eleventh consecutive year at the Pocono Environmental Education Center (PEEC) in Dingmans Ferry, the weekend workshop was coordinated by Fred Stillwagen of the Lehigh County Vocational-Technical School.

FFA is a vocational youth organization, comprised of high school students enrolled in vocational agriculture courses. Established in 1928, the organization has nearly half a million members nationwide. Through its contests, leadership opportunities, and network of members and officers, FFA connects the book learning and work experience of its student members to help prepare them for careers in agriculture.

Members go on to a variety of agricultural careers, including but not limited to the traditional field of production. Business and industry careers are equally represented, with students entering such fields as landscaping and horticulture. Former FFA members even go on to careers in politics; former President Jimmy Carter is a past member.

FFA is also involved in community service through its "Building Our American Community (BOAC)" program. Sponsored by R.J. Reynolds Inc., the program has spawned such projects as reforestation programs in New England, the rebuilding of a Civil War graveyard in Ohio, and tree plantings for erosion control in Florida. The 50 top BOAC programs for last year represented over one million dollars worth of community service.

The PEEC Leadership weekend was but one of many held by FFA each year on the regional, state, and national levels. Workshop sessions were led by state officers on such topics as Social and Communications Skills, Public Relations, Fund Raising, and

School, Community, and FFA. A number of special events were held, including an FFA Quiz Bowl and FFA Creed Contest.

PEEC staff members also ran a Forestry/Wildlife Contest for workshop participants. Thirty stations along the center's Tumbling Waters Trail tested their knowledge of forestry and wildlife management practices, and plant and animal identification. Other FFA members tackled PEEC's ASE (short for Action Socialization Experiences) course, an obstacle course requiring a group/team effort to complete a task.

As a regional center for environmental field studies, PEEC offers year round programs for school, youth, and adult groups, as well as Family Vacation Camps and teacher workshops. Located within the boundaries of the Delaware Water Gap National Recreation Area, the non-profit center is managed by Keystone Junior College in cooperation with the National Park Service. For more information, contact PEEC by calling (717) 828-2319 or writing RD 1, Box 268, Dingmans Ferry, PA 18328.

Warwick FFA'ers active at shows

LITITZ — Local farm shows in Lancaster County were regular meeting places for several very active Warwick High School FFA members from August through October.

The Warwick FFA'ers began their show schedule in August at the Lancaster County FFA Hog Show and Sale. Active there were Alex Smith, Dave Fritz, Dan Martin and Dave Firestone.

FFA 11th grader Dan Martin exhibited his registered Brown Swiss calf late in the month in Kutztown at the Southeastern Pa. District FFA Dairy Show.

At September's Ephrata Fair Warwick FFA participants include Mark Pawling, Alex Smith, Dave Fritz and Kelly Eckert, market hogs; Tina Strauss, John Spangler and Patty Moore, lambs; Dave

Firestone, beef cattle; Dan Martin, dairy calf; Mike Pfautz, field crops; Kelly Eckert, county tractor driving contest.

Earlier this month, Warwick FFA members taking part in competition at the Manheim Fair were Moore, Strauss and Spangler, lambs; Pawling, market hogs; Kelly Eckert and graduate Alida Farrington, beef cattle; Dan Martin, dairy calf; and Sean Deemer, small animals.

Several chapter members also attended the Leadership Training Conference at the Pocono Environmental Education Center.

American Degree



Scott Alloway, of Lansdale, is among Pennsylvania FFA'ers scheduled to receive their American Degree at the 57th National Future Farmers of America Convention in Kansas City, Mo.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Alloway, of Lansdale. He is self-employed.

His principal activity in FFA was a Supervised Occupational Experience program in landscaping. His vo-ag instructor and advisor is Robert Mutschler, of the Western Montgomery County A.V.T.S. at Limerick.

N.J. names delegates

NEW BRUNSWICK, N.J. — Two New Jersey FFA'ers will serve as official state delegates at the 57th National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Mo. Nov. 8-10.

They are Kenneth Ingalls, 19-year-old state president, and Deborah Pomroy, 19-year-old state vice president.

Ingalls is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Ingalls, of Cream Ridge, and is a member of the Allentown, N.J. FFA Chapter.

Pomroy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Pomroy, of Stewartville, and is a member of the Phillipsburg, N.J. FFA Chapter.

The convention is expected to draw more than 23,000 FFA members and guests to Kansas City. This year's convention will feature Art Linkletter sponsored by International Minerals & Chemical Corporation; sports announcer Pat Summerall, sponsored by Cotter & Company and motivational speaker Mamie McCullough, sponsored by American Bankers Association. Greetings will be given by country singer Mickey Gilley. The convention will conclude with the election of the 1984-85 National FFA Officers on Saturday, Nov. 10.

The FFA theme for 1984-85 is "Keep Agriculture #1—Support FFA and Vocational Agriculture."



Leading participants in recent FFA Leadership Weekend include, from the left, Carol Irvine, National FFA Vice President; Glenn T. Wenger, Pennsylvania FFA Alumni President; Fred Stillwagen, Vo-Ag Teacher at Lehigh County Vo-Tech and Workshop Coordinator; and Laurie J. Duran, Pennsylvania State FFA President.