

Hallowell named PLA 'Man of the Year'

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GRANTVILLE — Award ceremonies highlighted the Pennsylvania Livestock Association's annual banquet on November 2, at the Grantville Holiday Inn.

State Secretary of Agriculture, Penrose Hallowell, was tapped for the organization's most prestigious award, Livestock Man of the Year. On hand to make the presentation was 1983 Man of the Year, Jesse Smith, who cited Hallowell's efforts in the areas of education, promotion and marketing of agricultural products as, "outstanding contributions to the agricultural and livestock community."

Also in the spotlight at the Friday evening event were four FFA and 4-H youths honored for outstanding achievement in livestock production.

Receiving FFA awards were Christine Hopple, 18, of Mechanicsburg and Clifford Horning of Denver. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Terry Hopple, Christine is a sophomore at Cumberland Valley High School, and works on the family's livestock farm. The recipient of her FFA chapter's Star Greenhand and Star Chapter Farmer awards, Hopple has exhibited the champion market steer, hog and lamb at the Cumberland Co. FFA Market Show and Sale. Hopple has received the Keystone Farmer Degree, and currently serves as chapter secretary.

The recipient of the FFA boy's award was Clifford Horning, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Horning, Jr. The vice president of Garden Spot High School's FFA chapter in New Holland, Horning has been named Lancaster Co. Star Farmer and has received a gold medal in the National Farm Management contest. He has exhibited dairy animals, hogs, sheep and steers at both the state and local levels, and was the recipient of the DeKalb Achievement Award.

Receiving the 4-H awards were Kenianne Rarick, of Reading, and Kirk Fisher of Oley. The 17-year-old Rarick is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rarick and is a member of the Berks County Beef, Sheep, Swine and Poultry Clubs at Fleetwood Area High School. She has participated in state and national livestock shows, and has held all 4-H club offices.

A nine-year veteran of the 4-H program, 17-year-old Kirk Fisher is a junior at Oley Valley High School. He is a member of the Berks Co. Beef, Swine and Goat Clubs, and the Oley Saddelites. Fisher has held numerous club offices, has exhibited the N.Y. State Fair grand champion steer, and was the recipient of the Kiwanis Youth Award.

In addition to honoring their Man of the Year and young livestock producers, the Association was also on the receiving end of the award ceremonies. Accepting the



Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell was the recipient of this year's "Livestock Man of the Year" award presented by the Pa. Livestock Association. Making the presentation are PLA president John Henkel (left), and 1983 "Man of the Year", Jesse Smith.

National Partner in 4-H Award for the Association was York Co. Extension director, Tony Dobrosky, who received an engraved plaque and congratulations from Kemp Swiney of the National 4-H Council. Swiney lauded the Association for its sponsorship of the first Regional 4-H Horse Judging event, and for its continuing support of all 4-H livestock exhibition and judging programs.

The evening's featured speaker was Congressman Robert Walker. In opening remarks concerning next year's Farm Bill, Walker said that the basic issue of more

government control versus a free-market economy must be addressed before more specific problems can be solved. While Walker predicted a downward trend in subsidy programs, he cautioned that such a move would meet with stiff opposition from interest groups tied to government programs.

Walker emphasized that farm problems can only be solved through a "growth economy", and called for the development of more export markets to further growth.

Decreasing interest rates are another key ingredient in a healthy

economy, Walker pointed out, adding that the country cannot tax its way to prosperity.

Calling for a balanced budget amendment, the Congressman pointed out that such legislation would help to discipline congressional spending.

Also on the meeting's agenda was the announcement of new PLA officers. John Henkel of Strasburg was re-elected president, and Ray Lehr of Lancaster will serve as first vice president. Elected second vice president was Robert Kessler of Lemoyne, and James Fink of Boiling Springs will serve as treasurer



On behalf of the PLA, Tony Dobrosky (right) accepts the National Partner in 4-H Award from Kemp Swiney of the National 4-H Council. Looking on is guest speaker, Congressman Bob Walker.



Livestock Production Youth Award winners at the Pa. Livestock Association's banquet were, (left) 4-H'ers Kirk Fisher and Kenianne Rarick, and FFA recipients Christine Hopple and Clifford Horning.

NY to offer sheep short course

ALFRED, N.Y. — Five speakers will be featured at a sheep short course to be hosted Friday, Nov. 16, by the School of Agricultural Technologies at Alfred State Agricultural and Technical College, Alfred, N.Y.

Arranged by the school and the Office of Special Academic Programs, the course will be taught at the college's lake lodge facility, with registration at 8 a.m. and the concluding session at 4:20 p.m.


Speakers will include Dr. S. Gordon Campbell of Cornell University; Professor Ronald Stutzman of Alfred State College; Dr. Clair Engle, extension animal scientist, Pennsylvania State University; James Forbes, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service; and Kathleen Hayes-Harris, senior livestock grading specialist, NYS Department of Agriculture and Markets.

The speakers will cover the following topics: wintering

pregnant ewes, flock health, lamb marketing, the predatory coyote, and pasture management for increased production.

In addition, a workshop on weaving will be presented by Debra MacCrea of Alfred.

Marie Babcock of the Office of Public Service said the registration fee of \$10 includes lunch and that registration deadline is Nov. 12. Further information may be obtained by contacting her at 607-871-6335.



Livestock Ledger

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Sheep producers should be concerned with the winter care of their stud rams. Even though there has been very little research work done with the nutrition of the stud ram, some general recommendations can be made. The stud ram, like the brood ewe requires an adequate diet in order to perform efficiently. Can inadequate diet result in lowered fertility or even infertility, as well as loss of vigor and strength? For best results the ram should be in moderate condition at breeding time. This, however, is not the biggest problem for sheepmen in caring for the ram. Rather, it is care of the ram after the breeding season and through the winter months.

During the winter months feed the ram so that he gains some weight but does not become excessively fat. One-and-one-half pounds of a concentrate mixture and 3-1/2 pounds of legume or mixed hay per day should be enough for a 200 pound ram. Feed

larger rams the same level of concentrate and 4 to 4-1/2 pounds of hay per day. When silage is fed, substitute 2 to 3 pounds of silage for each pound of hay replaced.

Management of the stud ram is just as critical to the success of the sheep operation as the management of the ewe flock. New rams should not be turned into the ewes as soon as they arrive on the farm, but should be allowed at least one or two weeks to become familiar with their new environment. The same is also true of show or test station rams. Gradually lower the condition of these rams and give them plenty of exercise for several weeks before turning them in with the ewes.

In addition, when you worm your ewes, don't forget to worm the rams also. You want to make sure the ram is in near perfect health at breeding time. Trim the feet of all stud rams at least twice a year before and after breeding season.

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