Ephrata Young Farmers honor outstanding members

BY SUZANNE KEENE

MT. AIRY — Last weekend's snowy weather didn't stop Punxsutawney Phil from coming out of his hole to make his annual weather prediction, nor did it discourage members of the Ephrata Area Young and Adult Farmers Association from attending their annual banquet.

Few chairs were empty at the Mt. Airy Fire Hall where the farmers and their wives gathered Saturday night to share a meal and to recognize their outstanding members.

The Outstanding Young Farmer

Under 30 award went to Kevin Smoker, Stevens. Kevin and his wife, Carol, farm 165 acres. His crops include 110 acres of corn, 25 acres of soybeans and 30 acres of alfalfa. They also milk 40 cows.

Thomas Bollinger, Lititz, received the Outstanding Young Farmer Over 30 award. Tom and his wife, Sue, farm 200 acres, including corn, hay and rye. He milks 100 cows.

Dairy awards went to Gerald Martin, Ephrata; Kerry Boyd, Ephrata; and Galen Crouse, Stevens. Gerald Martin had the highest herd in milk, fat and



Recognized for an outstanding job on the dairy farm were from left, Gerald Martin, highest herd in milk, fat and protein production; Kerry Boyd, highest increase in milk production for the year; and Galen Crouse, highest increase in butterfat.

Recognized for an outstanding highest herd in milk, fat an production for the year; and protein production, with 19,415 pounds of milk, 712 pounds fat and 610 pounds protein average per cow. Gerald and his wife, Carolyn, milk 50 head of Holsteins and have 50 heifers. He farms 130 acres of corn, alfalfa, rye, barley, and soybeans.

The Ephrata Area Young Farmers recognized their out-

Kerry Boyd had the highest increase in milk production for the year, having produced 17,852 pounds, an increase of 1,137 pounds for 1984. Kerry and his wife, Deb,

farm 50 acres of corn and hay, and have 35 cows and 25 heifers.

Galen Crouse had the highest increase in butter fat, with 641 pounds of fat, an increase of 81 pounds for the year. Galen and his wife, Carolyn, farm 310 acres and milk 50 cows. They have 175 heifers and 125 bulls.

Bernard Morrissey, Ephrata, received the Outstanding Community Service Award. Bernie specializes in ag insurance and is

working with the Holstein Association with their insurance.

The Active Member Award went to Rick Pfautz, Stevens. Rick and his wife, Sue, farm 79 acres of sweet corn, field corn, pumpkins and rye, and have 30 pure-bred Duroc sows. Rich is active in Young Farmers and has attended the winter and summer conferences. He also served as regional vice president.

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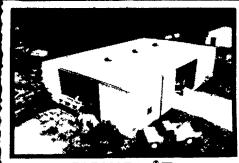
standing members at their annual banquet Saturday. At left

is Thomas Bollinger, Lititz, the Outstanding Young Farmer

Over 30; and at right is Kevin Smoker, Stevens, the Out-

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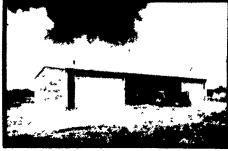


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