

Solanco Young Farmers honor members

The sixth annual Solanco Young Farmers banquet was held March 28 at the Memorial United Methodist Church, Quarryville. Approximately 150 members and guests attended the banquet.

Several Solanco area farmers were recognized for their participation in Pennsylvania Outstanding Young Farmer Over 30. David Gerhart, New Providence, was a regional winner for the Outstanding Young Farmer Under 30. Daniel Hershberger, Quarryville, placed second in the Spokesperson for Agriculture Contest.

The Solanco Chapter recognized Farm Credit, Quarryville, for their contributions and support of the young farmer program. Ronald Bard accepted the appreciation award on behalf of Farm Credit.

Brian Hough, Peach Bottom, received the active member award. Brian served as a delegate to the state convention this year and has been actively involved in chapter activities.

Larry Aaron, Quarryville, was named the Outstanding Young Farmer Under 30, and C. Martin Greenleaf Jr., Kirkwood, was

selected as the Outstanding Young Farmer Over 30.

The following dairy production awards were presented:

High Holstein herd, R. Edwin Harnish, Christiana, 18,439 pounds of milk and 736 pounds of fat.

High cow for butterfat, Kermit Martin, Quarryville, 1,100 pounds of fat.

High Holstein cow for milk, Douglas Hershberger, Quarryville, 28,726 pounds of milk.

High Jersey herd, Robert W. Ulrich Jr., Quarryville, 13,289 pounds of milk and 675 pounds of fat. Ulrich also had the high cow for milk and fat with 21,430 pounds of milk and 874 pounds of fat.

High Guernsey herd, Lindenhof Farm, Kirkwood, 13,361 pounds of milk and 722 pounds of fat. Lindenhof Farm also had the high cow for milk and fat with 18,495 pounds of milk and 909 pounds of fat.

The award for most improved herd in milk went to Karl Herr, Kirkwood. The award was accepted by his herd manager Noah Martin.

Two awards for most improved herd in butterfat were presented. One went to Robert Work,

Quarryville, and one to R. Edwin Harnish, Christiana. Both herds increased fat production by 72 pounds.

Pioneer Hi-Bred International has sponsored the Pennsylvania Young Farmer Chapter Soil and Water Conservation Corn Contest for the past two years. Twelve chapters participated in this year's contest. Carl Kreider grew the plot that was submitted for the Solanco Chapter. The plot placed second in the state contest, earning \$750 for the Solanco Young Farmer Chapter and \$250 plus three units of Pioneer seed corn for Kreider. Other Solanco participants, C. Martin Greenleaf, Jr., Karl Herr, and Walter Pownall, were presented \$25 each from the chapter earnings for their support of the local contest.

The following corn awards were given to recognize winners in the local corn production contest:

Walter Pownall, Quarryville, produced 180 bushels of shelled corn per acre to win the corn grain division. Dale Peifer, Kirkwood, was second with 187 bushels and C. Martin Greenleaf, Jr.'s 163 bushels was third. Walter Pownall also



Winners of the corn awards at the Solanco Young Farmers banquet were from left in front, David Young, Dale Peifer, Carl Kreider and Marty Greenleaf; back, Dale Herr, Walter Pownall, Larry Aaron and Ed Zug.

received the trophy for the highest grain yield average for the past three years.

In the corn silage division, A. Dale Herr, Kirkwood, placed first with 28.5 tons per acre of 65 percent moisture silage. David Young, Peach Bottom, was second with 25.7 tons per acre. A yield of 25.5 tons per acre earned Larry Aaron, Quarryville, third place. Edward Zug, Peach Bottom, received the

trophy for the highest silage yield average for the past three years.

Representative John Barley gave some remarks to those in attendance on current farm legislation.

Steve Aument, Quarryville, who traveled throughout Europe last summer on the People to People for Agriculture Youth Exchange Program, presented a slide show and talk on his experiences.

Manheim FFA honors to Gruber, Balmer, Heisey and Cassel

BY GLENN B. KNIGHT

MANHEIM — Jay Gruber, Brian Balmer, Leon Heisey and Dave Cassel took the top awards at the Manheim FFA Chapter's 35th Annual Parent and Member Banquet here recently.

Red Rose Farmers Jay Gruber and Brian Balmer were presented the Agribusinessman and Ag Production awards. Leon Heisey was named Star Chapter Farmer and the Star Greenhand designation went to David Cassel.

Former Vo-Ag instructor James Cowden, who is now with Penn State Extension Service, was recognized by his former students for years of dedicated service.

During the award-packed evening, the chapter's American Farmer, Barry Geib, was presented to the group. In his last talk before hanging up his blue and gold, Geib encouraged the younger members to get and stay active in the FFA.



Leon Heisey



James Cowden



Bryan Balmer



Dave Cassel

Grasslands chapter wins lion's share of FFA speech titles

BY GLENN B. KNIGHT

NEW HOLLAND — The host team — Grasslands Chapter — came out tops in parliamentary procedure during the 1985 Lancaster County FFA Speech Competition March 20 at Garden Spot High School.

Grasslanders also made a sweep of the prepared presentations in the Soil Conservation category, but it was there that the domination ended.

While Julie Hess and Karen Martin, of ELANCO, took first and second in the senior category, SOLANCO's Kelly Miller joined the winner's ranks with third place. Sharon Zimmerman, from Ephrata's Cloister Chapter, was the winning Greenhand as ELANCO's Adriene Payne and Karen Dero took second and third.

Penn Manor's Deb Martin spoke extemporaneously on "Why do FFA members participate in FFA activities?" to take top honors in

that area. Barry Harnish, from the Garden Spot Chapter at Lampeter-Strasburg High School, came in second and Elizabethtown's Greg Musser rounded up a solid third.

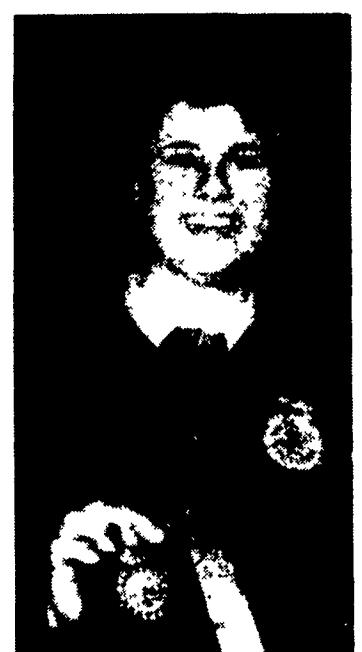
In winning the Soil Conservation presentation, Elaine Zeiset delivered her manuscript titled, "Everyone's Dump". "The Chesapeake Bay Problem" was taken on by Lamar Gockley in his second place effort. Paul Quanbeck wrote on "Acid Rain — A Big Problem." All three are Grasslanders.

The winning parliamentary team consisted of: Darryl Weaver, president; Bruce Stauffer, vice president; Mike Smoker, secretary; Roger Weaver, treasurer; Nelson Horning, chaplain; Tony Bender, reporter; Greg Hurst, sentinel and Floyd Huber, student advisor.

Judges were drawn from a broad spectrum of agribusiness from throughout Lancaster County.



Sharon Zimmerman



Deb Martin

"Stick your neck out," Cloister FFA members advised

BY GLENN B. KNIGHT

MOUNT AIRY — The Cloister FFA Chapter was told to stick its neck out, "like the turtle, you only make progress when you stick your neck out of your shell". That was the advice of State Vice President Tim Pfautz, a member of the Cloister chapter.

At their annual awards meeting

March 29, Mark Lehman received the Star Chapter Farmer award and David Eby was named Star Chapter Agribusinessman.

Star Red Rose Farmer and Agribusinessman awards were given to Philip Eby and Kenneth Sweigart, respectively.

Randy Bollinger and Brent Fox were named Star Greenhands.

Glenn Wenger, Myerstown, president of the Pennsylvania FFA Alumni Association presented a charter to President Mike Pfautz of the newly formed Cloister Chapter of the FFA Alumni Association.

A dairy calf was presented to Sharon Zimmerman as part of the annual Chain Animal Awards.

Kevin Bollinger received two lambs while 25 capons each were given to Randy Bollinger and John Bollinger. Awards of 50 capons each went to Brent Fox, Glenn Webber and Darin Martin.

Foundation Awards were presented to 10 members. They are: John Gerhart, dairy; David

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Also: Rhonda Gibble, horse; Doug Ebersole, dairy; Greg Kerdeman, farm and home improvement; Don Yeagley, forage crops; Neal Benedict; poultry; Nelson Fahnestock, feed grain and Mike Cassell, specialty crops.

Russ Zellers received a foundation award in outdoor recreation and Eric Lowe took placement in ag production. Public speaking was won by Earl Snyder, fish and wildlife management by John Hornberger, ag mechanics by Matt Pflieger and home improvement by Doyle Ebersole.