

Manheim Young Farmers honor outstanding members at annual banquet

EAST PETERSBURG — The Manheim Young Farmers recently held their annual awards banquet at the Hempfield Church of Brethren.

This chapter of young farmers is the second largest in the state with 125 member.

Stedale Farms, owned by Steve and Dale Hershey, received the award for the highest rolling average for milk with the production of 21,844 pounds of milk. They were also honored by the award for high milk production for a two year old with the record of 22,357 pounds of milk.

The rolling herd average for fat recognition went to Nelson Wenger and his herd's record of 733 pound of fat.

An increase of 3,067 pounds of milk over last year's performance captured the award of highest improvement in milk for Ken Miller.

Wayne Erb of Wil-Am Dairy and Poultry Farm was honored for his achievement of producing a dozen eggs on 3.49 pounds of feed.

Lamar Miller was honored for his production of 41.6 tons of corn silage per acre. Also honored were the Balmer Brothers, Dale and Cletus, for producing 206.8 bushels of ear corn per acre.

The high shelled corn production award went to Dudley Rohrer with his record of 160 bushels per acre. Rohrer also receive both early and double crop soybean production awards. This past year he made 54.7 bushels per acre with his early crop and 42.7 bushels per acre with the double crop.

Donald and Sheryl Wenger were honored for their community service. Donald is the current vice president of the Young Farmers. He is also active in the Brown Swiss Association and serves on many church and community boards.

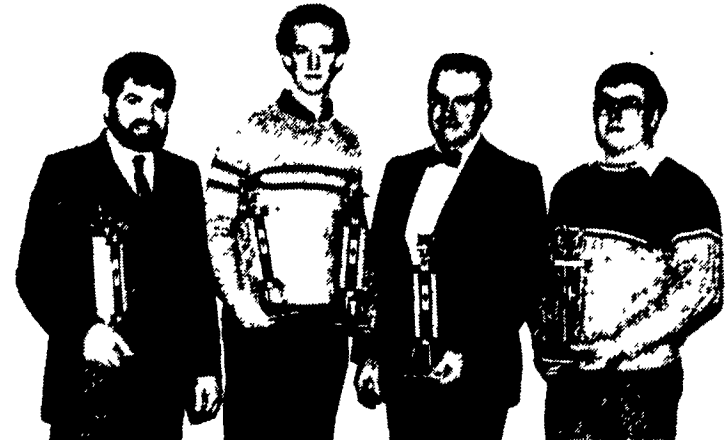
The results of the election of officers are: president, Dennis Kulp; vice president, Donald Wenger; treasurer, Lamar Miller; assistant treasurer, Dennis Shellenberger; secretary, Earl Geib; assistant secretary, Larry Hershey; and public relations, Jere Swarr.



Chuck Bechtel, club advisor, left, presents to Donald Wenger and his wife, Sheryl the club's Community Service Award.



Dale Balmer, left, Cletus Balmer, Dudley Rohrer and Lamar Miller were recipients of crop production awards at the Manheim Young Farmer's Banquet.



Animal production winners included, left, Nelson Wenger, Steve Hershey of Stedale Farms, Ken Miller and Wayne Erb of Wil-Am Dairy and Poultry Farm.

Northern Lebanon FFA honors Star Farmer

FREDERICKSBURG — Over two hundred Future Farmers of America and their supporters turned out March 6 for the annual banquet of the Northern Lebanon High School FFA chapter, held in the school.

Eugene Kreitzer, chapter president, conferred honorary membership degrees on several adults for service or helping to advance vocational agriculture. Among the recipients were Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Long, Mr. Robert Hunter, Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Hetrick, Mr. Paul Reinbold, Sr., Mrs. Charlotte Flecher, and Mrs. Elizabethann Gingrich.

Taking chapter Star Farmer Awards were Kathy Blatt and Dave Lentz, greenhand; Sherry Donmoyer, tenth grade; Eugene Kreitzer, eleventh grade; Mark Long, twelfth grade; and Matt Hetrick, agribusinessman. The Star Awards were presented by Heather Hernley, last year's state reporter.

Gretchen Oberst, chapter advisor, presented retiring officer awards to Matt Hetrick, Mark Long, and Brenda Reinbold. She also presented chapter trophies to Mark Long, public speaking and swine; Laura Harding, dairy and corn yield and quality; Brenda Reinbold, beef; Matt Hetrick, tractor driving and sheep; Joe

Scharmer, poultry; and the Keystone Farmer trophy to Wesley Harding, Jr., Mike Kunkle, Eric Sweinhart, and Mark Long.

Chapter scholarship pins were awarded to Jerome Litz and Laura Harding for their honor roll status.

Nelson Bomgardener, the chapter's 1984-85 president, presented the Keystone Farmer Degree to Kunkle, Sweinhart, Long, and Harding. Certificates of

appreciation were given to adults for assisting the chapter. Recognized were Mr. and Mrs. Fred Donmoyer, Mr. and Mrs. Jay Blatt, Mr. Bruce Kilmoyer, and Mr. Richard Folmer.

Ann Lansberry, a former Cedar Crest FFA member who is now serving as state FFA secretary, gave a speech to the group on how to be better FFA members.

Steele to participate in ag exchange

WASHINGTON, NJ — Jay Steele of Broadway, NJ, will participate in the FFA Work Experience Abroad program beginning in September.

The program is an international educational exchange between the Future Farmers of America and rural youth organizations in other countries. Steele will gain agricultural work experience for six months in one of the 25 exchange countries.

By living and working with a family, Steele will have the opportunity to learn about their way of life, exchange ideas about agriculture, and contribute to international understanding.

While a student at Warren Hills Senior High School, Steele participated in a variety of FFA activities. In 1982 he joined the livestock judging team and placed third in the state competition. Following this, he received his Greenhand Degree and attended his first FFA State Convention. Other accomplishments include placing first in the State Livestock Judging Competition and receiving his New Jersey State Farmer degree.

Steele is the son of Joseph and Virginia Steele of Broadway. His Warren Hills FFA Chapter advisor and vocational agricultural instructor is Mr. Robert Sills.

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