

Achievement Awards Presented To Bucks County 4-H'ers

DOYLESTOWN — An enthusiastic crowd of Bucks County 4-H members and parents enjoyed an entertaining magic show at the annual County 4-H Awards Night held Dec. 5 at Delaware Valley College.

The program was designed to honor and recognize 4-H members and leaders for their achievements during 1986.

Special awards were given to young 4-H members based upon their leadership and enthusiasm. Award winners were: Amy Plummer, Doylestown; Michael Squillace, Newtown; Danny Miller, Doylestown; Susan

Radomski, Chalfont; Suzanne Miller, Doylestown; Erik Woodruff, Doylestown; J.J. Dabbs, Newton.

4-H'ers honored for helping teach younger members in the Teen Leader area were: Ann Marie Dickson, Richboro; Jenny Fisher, Quakertown; and Kathy Moss, Perkasio.

Volunteer 4-H leaders receiving special recognition for years of service: 10 years- Chris Dickson, Richboro; Lois Buckman, Perkasio; Debra Keller, Quakertown; Victoria Schussler, Doylestown; 15 years- Clarence and Nancy Hottle, Coopersburg; 20

years- Marianne Bishop, Fountainville.

Steve Keifer and Glen Hartz, from Farm Credit Association, Silverdale, donated and presented livestock trophies to the following: Brian and Greg Scheffler, Springtown; Catherine Dalton and Nicole Guzzo, Yardley; Jill Eurich, Perkasio; Erik Woodruff, Doylestown; Bill Scott, Pineville; Julie Leatherman, Ottsville; Kathy Moss, Perkasio; and Kelye Kunz, Pineville.

A special Friend of 4-H Award was presented to local dairy farmer Harold Haldeman. Haldeman has been active in assisting 4-H dairy project members on a countywide basis for over 15 years.

A top award for the evening is presented to 4-H'ers with Outstanding 4-H Achievements at the club, county and state level. Karen Lunova, daughter of Paul and Helen Lunova, Churchville, received this year's award. Lunova has been an outstanding 4-

H member for nine years. Among her activities she lists county council president, 4-H camp counselor, and participation in state events and competitions.

Numerous other awards were presented during the evening.

The Bucks County 4-H program is an educational youth program for all youth ages 8-19. The program is conducted by the Cooperative Extension Service and Penn State University. For more information call 345-3283.

Flowers Of Christmas Have Long Traditions

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Decking the halls with holly or hanging mistletoe are nothing new, according to *National Wildlife* magazine. These and other plants and flowers that we associate with Christmas have long traditions.

In ancient Rome, holly wreaths were sent to newly married couples to express congratulations and good will. Like other peoples around the world, the Romans believed holly warded off evil spirits. In England it protected against witches, dogs, and wild beasts. At Christmas, every house, church, street corner, and market place in London was decorated with holly. Upon discovering holly in America, the early settlers were overjoyed to find a touch of "home" in the new land.

The Indians of Pennsylvania used holly as a badge of courage, while New Jersey Indians used the wood for tomahawk handles. Tribes to the south drank holly tea to give them strength.

Mistletoe has an equally ancient history. Druids used the plant to cure many ills, and Indian tribes chewed the leaves to relieve

toothaches. In recent years a drug was derived from mistletoe to lower blood pressure.

The custom of kissing under the mistletoe comes from the Norse legend of Balder, the sun god. Fearing for her son's life, Frigga extracted promises from every living thing not to kill Balder. Unfortunately, she forgot the mistletoe.

The rival god Loki made a sharp arrow of mistletoe wood and shot Balder. As the myth goes, Balder's light (the sun) lessened, and Frigga's tears turned to mistletoe berries. So impressed were the gods that they saved Balder. Frigga was so overjoyed that she kissed everyone who walked beneath the mistletoe.

In Mexican homes, the poinsettia is known as "Flor de la Nochebuena" — the Christmas Eve flower. And in homes across America, this colorful plant has become as much a part of Christmas tradition as the Christmas tree.

Americans inherited the tradition of highlighting Christmas

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Delaware 4-H'ers Receive Public Speaking Awards

NEWARK, Del. — Two Kent County young people recently took first place in both the junior and senior divisions of the Delaware 4-H public speaking contest.

The state finals of the contest were held in Dover at the annual Capital Grange youth night Dec. 2. Five semi-finalists from all three Delaware counties competed.

Bambi Biggs, Felton, won first place in the senior division with her speech "Farewell To 4-H." Bambi, who has awarded a national 4-H careers scholarship this month on the basis of her public speaking performances, is a member of the Viola Fireflies 4-H Club.

The first place winner for the junior division was Beth Sapp, Harrington, who spoke on "A Very Rewarding Career." Beth is a member of the Peach Blossom 4-H Club.

Second place, senior division, went to Janelle Taylor, Seaford, who spoke on "Deaf, But Not Dumb." Sharine Nisar, Newark, won third place, senior division, for her speech on "Aging."

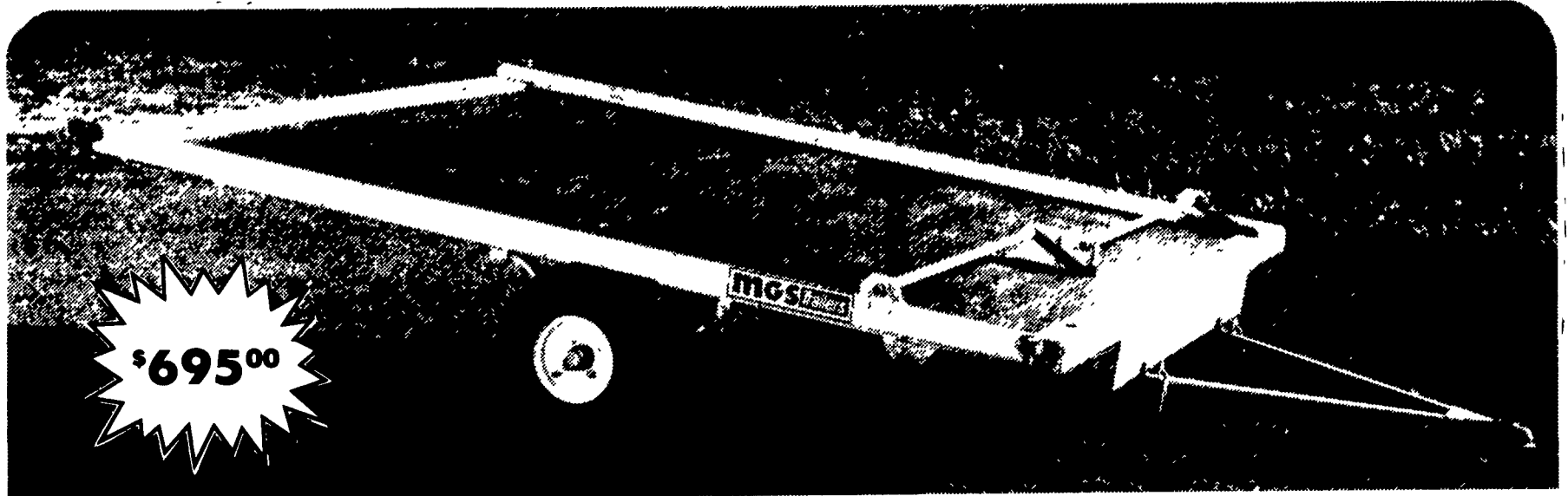
The winner of the second place award, junior division, was Chad Nelson, Newark, with his talk "Getting The Green For Your Club." No award was given for third place junior division.

Judges for the contest were Jane

Brady, deputy attorney general of Delaware, and Shirley Jarrell, a teacher at Caesar Rodney Junior High School in Camden-Wyoming.



Beaming winners Bambi Biggs, Felton, left, and Beth Sapp, Harrington, right, recently received their state-wide 4-H public speaking awards from Delaware 4-H leader Marcius Butterfield. Bambi won first place in the senior division with her speech "Farewell To 4-H." Beth, first place winner in the junior division, spoke on "A Very Rewarding Career."



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