



HAPPENINGS

Mack Wins Production Credit Regional Award

For the second year in a row, Tonya Mack has been awarded the Production Credit Regional Award. The honor is a result of her silver and gold medals in the state FFA record book contest.

Mack is the daughter of Sonny and Bonnie Fousnought of Sabinsville, Tioga County. She is a senior at Cowanesque Valley High School, there she is a vocational agriculture student. Her Supervised Agricultural Experience Program has centered around an extensive swine breeding enterprise, which she has conducted with her grandfather, Wallace Ackley.

Tonya has been a very active FFA member in the Cowanesque Chapter. She has served as chapter secretary for two years, served on the BOAC, float, citrus sales, and parent-member banquet committees. She has been a member of the parliamentary procedure team for three years and served the Tio-

ga County FFA as secretary and president. The chapter proficiency in swine production has been awarded to Tonya each of the last two years.

As for judging contest participation, Tonya has been in the land use and management, forestry management, livestock and dairy contests on the county level and the livestock contest on the state level.

Tonya has not limited her activities to agriculture and the FFA. She has been involved in volleyball, track, softball, cheerleading, band and chorus. She was captain of the volleyball team. She has been in the Letterman's Club, Aerobics Club and Student Council. She served as the secretary of the Aerobics Club. Tonya is a member of the Clymer Baptist Church and the Youth Group. Her plans are to continue her education beyond high school.

Hall Wins Floriculture Record Book Contest

Jodi Hall, a sophomore at State College Area Intermediate High School, won the State FFA Floriculture Record Book Contest and was first place in the Centre Region Farm Credit System Record Book Contest. Her records give a detailed account of her floriculture supervised agricultural experience. Her major crops consist of poinsettias in the fall with spring finding concentration on hanging flowering baskets and flower bedding plant production. As a separate enterprise, Jodi manages the school greenhouse and supervises the vegetable production for the FFA chapter.

Computers have been utilized, by Jodi, to help keep track of production and plant inventories. She also used a spreadsheet program to arrange orders and deliveries during the chapter's annual citrus sale. She has been the chapter's

leading citrus salesperson for the past two years. Her sales activities were rewarded when she was named winner of the State FFA Sales and Service Proficiency Award at the Mid-Winter FFA Convention held during the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Jodi was also named Chapter Star Agribusinessman at the recent State College FFA Banquet.

A central Oregon beef ranch was Jodi's first home. She lived in the middle of thousands of acres of range land. This is a big contrast to the lifestyle she and her family have experienced in their three years of living in Pennsylvania. Jodi has returned to Oregon the last two summers to work on her grandparents' beef and wheat operations. This summer finds Jodi's schedule too busy to make the trip west. She will start the summer out at State FFA Activi-

ties Week where she has advanced to the State Public Speaking Contest and has applied for the talent competition. Jodi will also be spending time at a number of other activities including The Summer Institute of PSU/Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives, The Hugh O'Brian International Youth Conference, and The FFA Washington Conference Program. She also works part time at a local landscape nursery.

Is there a future in agriculture for today's youth? Jodi feels that there is, and she is hoping to capitalize on her many agricultural and leadership experiences. Her plans include advanced FFA involvement, international travel, college, and eventually a position as an agricultural education teacher. As Jodi put it, "There is a tremendous opportunity in agriculture. It's all important, everything from beef to begonias."

New York Ag Mechanics Contest

A team from Letchworth Central School in Gainesville placed first in the 1989 NY State Future Farmers of America Agricultural Mechanics Contest, hosted by Alfred State College.

The Letchworth team posted a score of 445. Member Pat Albrot tied for second high individual at 154.5 points with Troy Staley of the senior team from Charles G. May Occupational Center, Mt. Morris.

The other two members of the Letchworth team—Jason Crane and Don Errington—placed fifth and sixth among individuals with scores of 146 and 144.5, respectively.

High individual was Greg Covert of Pioneer Central School, Yorkshire, with 161 points, with teammate Bart Blum ninth with 114.5. Team total for Pioneer was 387.5, good for second place.

The senior team from Charles G. May Occupational Center placed third with a score of 384, while the school's junior team was fourth with 379. Steve Wemer of the junior team was fourth high individual with 149.5 points.

Marc Kern of the May seniors was seventh high individual, while Wade Roggow of the May juniors was eighth, with scores of 132 and 119.5. Tenth place went to Rick Kilner of the May juniors with 110.

The youths were tested in three major categories: construction, soil, and water; structures and electrification; and ag power and machinery. The winning team is eligible to compete at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City, Kans., in November.

Medals and trophies for the state contest were provided by the Charles G. May FFA Chapter and were presented by Professor Alan Myers of the Agricultural Engineering faculty at Alfred State College.

Cedar Crest

Ten students from Cedar Crest High School in Lebanon County recently attend the FFA Activities Week at Penn State. The chapter parliamentary procedure team took top honors for the second consecutive year by defeating seven other finalist from across Pennsylvania. The other competing teams in order of finish were Northern Lebanon, Middleburg, Selinsgrove, Greenwood, Juniata Valley, Linesville-Conneaut-SMT, and United.

In other contests involving Cedar Crest FFA'ers, the chapter's scrapbook was rated as the best in the state for the third consecutive year and the fifth time in seven years. Members on the scrapbook committee were: Todd Balsbaugh, Brian Knapp, Brian Boyd, Andy Ill, Tom Camasta, Crystal Fox, Bobbie Ebling, Phil Vance, and George Steiner.

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