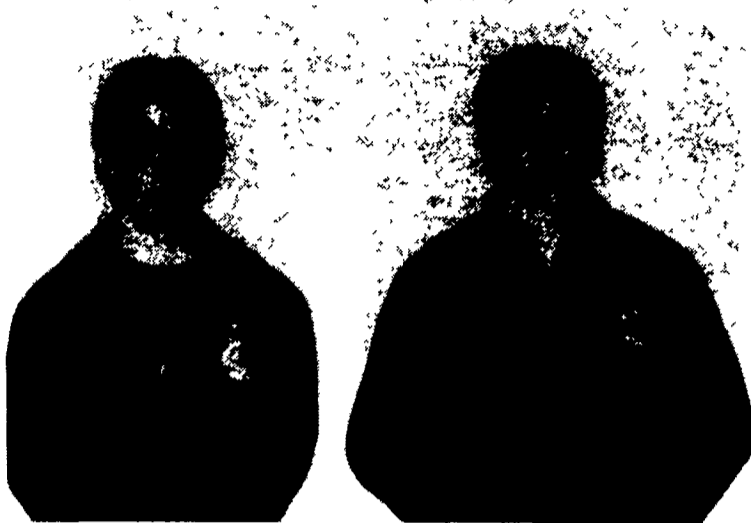
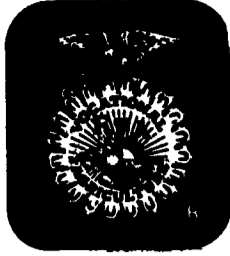


# FFA HAPPENINGS



Solanco FFA Star Awards went to Ron Althoff, left, and Matt Welk.

**Two Solanco FFA Members Receive Star Awards**  
Two Solanco High School students received the Star Agribusiness and Star Ag Production awards recently.  
Solanco FFA members Rodney Althoff and Matt Welk, both juniors, each received a Star award as well as receiving the Red Rose Degree, a county FFA degree which members normally apply for in their third year as an FFA member.  
Althoff, son of Ronald and Deb Althoff, Quarryville, is the recipient of the Star Agribusiness Award in the county. He works on a dairy farm.  
Welk, son of Paul and Beverly Welk, Peach Bottom, is the recipient of the Star Ag Production Award. Welk works on his brother's dairy farm.

The candidates from schools throughout the county are interviewed for the Star awards by a panel of judges. An application is submitted by all of the candidates, who then go through an interview process. The judges also review each FFA member's record books and project records since they became FFA members. Based on this information, the judges select the two candidates from the county who they believe represents the county in the areas of agribusiness and ag production.

Welk and Althoff will both receive \$100 to be used toward financing a trip to the National FFA Convention or to be productively invested in a Supervised Agricultural Experience (SAE) project.

In addition to Welk and Althoff, three other Solanco FFA members received the Red Rose Degree from the county — Betsy Pownall, Greg Sollenberger, and Jill Harnish.

## Red Rose Degree Members Selected

The Lancaster County FFA recently awarded the county Red Rose Degree to 39 members.

This degree is awarded to 8 percent of the county FFA membership. To be considered for this degree, each FFA member must submit an application to be judged. Additionally two outstanding members — one in agribusiness and the other in production — were selected.

Matt Welk from Solanco was chosen Star Production. His projects include dairy herd, field, corn for grain, and beef and swine finishing. Matt is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Welk of Peach Bottom. Judging for Star Production were Brian Zug from Solanco; last year's winner, Rich Powl from Powl's Feed Service, Peach Bottom; and Robert Aukamp, a recent county officer.

Star Agribusiness person is Rodney Althoff, also from Solanco. Rodney, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ron Althoff of Quarryville, was chosen for his leadership and dedication to his work. He works part time on a local dairy farm. Jacy Clugston, present county

president; Tom Nauman, a feed consultant from Hooper Feed; and Jerry Phillips from Keystone Farm Credit, ACA were the judges.

The following have been chosen as the 1992 Red Rose recipients along with the school they attend:

Solanco: Rodney Althoff, Matt Welk, Betsy Pownall, Greg Sollenberger, and Jill Harnish.

Garden Spot: Jason Reifsnnyder, Shane Esbenshade, Bryce Hoshour, Seth Burkhart, Scott Redcay, Jason Hest, Cliff Sauder, Tricia Frankfort, Marlin Nolt, Jeff Redcay, and Jeremy Schans.

Ephrata: Randy Sauder; Jerry Bollinger, Jeffrey Bollinger, Thomas Zartman, and Mark Gerhart.

Manheim: Elizabeth Hess.  
Manheim Central: Lori Harnish.

Penn Manor: Cindy Barley, George Bard, Stephanie Garrett, Jay Hess, Michael Hess, Craig Metzler, Steve Weiss, Karin Aument, and Philip High.

Pequea Valley: Terry Worall, Terry Louth Jr., and Tony Hershey.

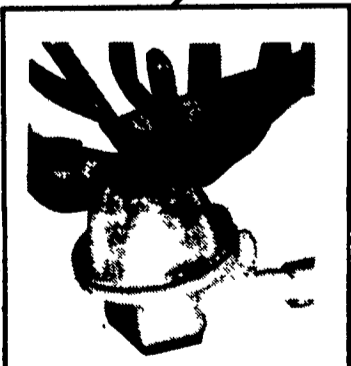
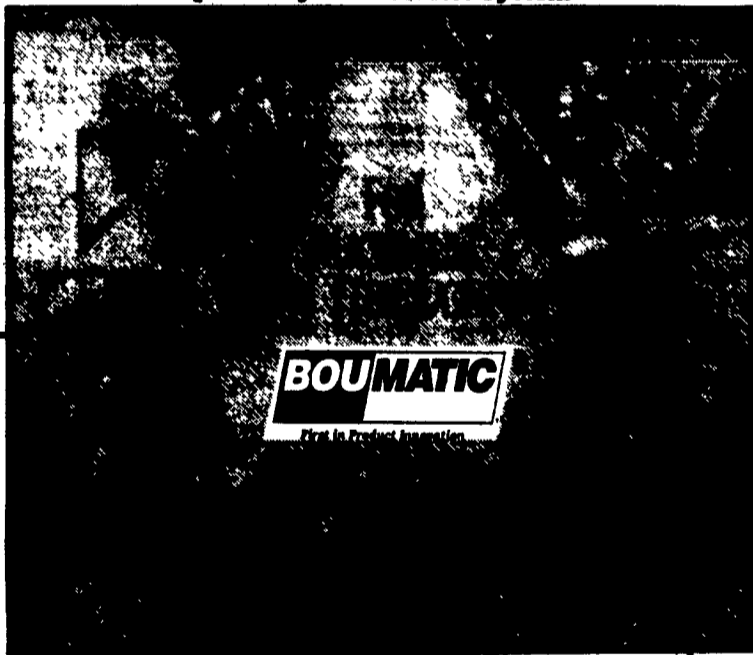
Lampeter-Strasburg: Jason Herr, Jason Myers, Jason Barnett, and Mark Harnish.

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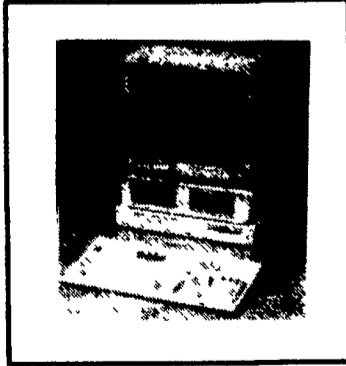


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