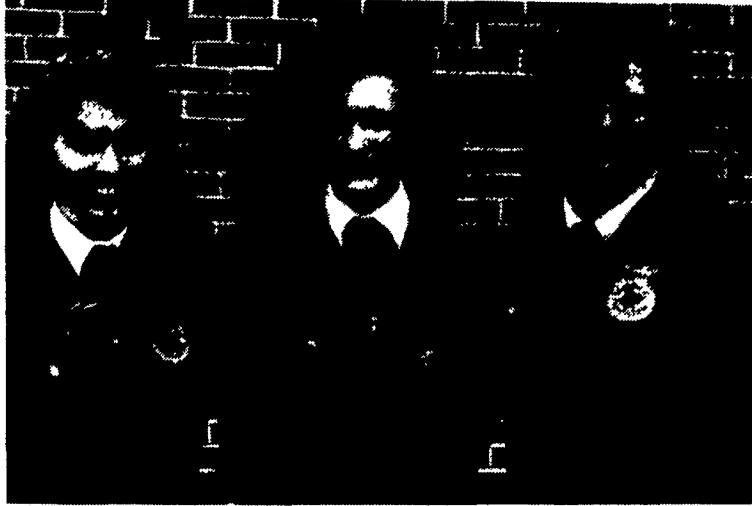


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Lancaster Farming Staff
NEWMANSTOWN (Lebanon Co.) — More than 100 FFA'ers representing five counties, including Schuylkill, Berks, Lebanon, Chester, and Lancaster, competed at the Eastern Region Public Speaking Contest Tuesday.

In the end, the top three contestants will voyage to Penn State in

State College for the statewide contest June 16-18. From there, winners venture to the tristate contest, the eastern regionals, and compete finally for the national title in Kansas City, Mo. later this year.

Carole Fay, Penn Manor FFA adviser, said that competition will become more intense as the FFA'ers advance.



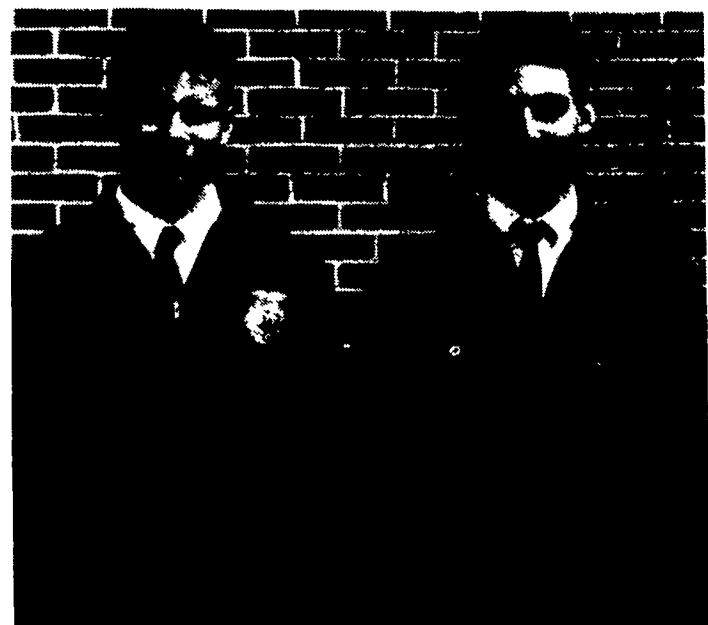
Senior prepared winners are, from left, Jacy Clugston, Manheim, first; Michelle Troutman, second; and Heather Becker, Pequea, third.



Junior prepared winners were, from left, Connie Zelset, Garden Spot, first; Veda Dale, Conrad Weiser, second; and Tara Johnson, Conrad Weiser, third.



Conservation winners, left to right, Amy Seifarth, Conrad Weiser, first; Marci Harnish, Manheim Central, second; Ben Ehrhart, Pequea Valley, third.



Extemporaneous public speaking winners at the Eastern Regional Public Speaking contest were, from left, Jim Hostetter, Lancaster Mennonite, first and Jay Hess, Penn Manor, third. Not pictured is Keith Zimmerman, Ephrata, second.

Winners include:

- Extemporaneous public speaking: Jim Hostetter, Lancaster Mennonite, first; Keith Zimmerman, Ephrata, second; and Jay Hess, Penn Manor, third.
- Conservation: Amy Seifarth, Conrad Weiser, first; Marci Harnish, Manheim Central, second; Ben Ehrhart, Pequea Valley, third.
- Junior Prepared: Connie Zeiset, Garden Spot, first; Veda Dale, Conrad Weiser, second; and Tara Johnson, Conrad Weiser, third.

- Creed: Julie Rittle, Conrad Weiser, first; Ginny Nolt, Ephrata, second; and Amy Oxenreider, Conrad Weiser, third.

- Parliamentary Procedure: Team members are Liz Gettle, Tanya Heisey, Jenny Bashore, Patti Kreitzer, Kevin Bomgardner, Holly Blatt, Chel Connatser, Tracy Bond, and Ed Dice.

- Senior Prepared: Jacy Clugston, Manheim, first; Michelle Troutman, second; and Heather Becker, Pequea, third.

Judges for the contest, representing ag industry and education, included:

- Creed: Geneva Hall, Ephrata H.S. and Ted Bowers, ag loan at Hamilton Bank, creed; Andy

Andrews, Lancaster Farming; Sonia Wasco, Grant Heilman Photography; Carole Fay, Penn Manor H.S.; and Deb Seibert, Manheim Central H.S.

- Conservation: Ken Depoe, Lancaster County Conservation District and John Fior, Berks County SCS.

- Junior Prepared: Stan Deen, Garden Spot H.S.; Michelle Kerdeman, state FFA reporter and

Manheim FFA alumni member; and John Eaton, Lebanon Valley Bank.

- Senior Prepared: Gerald Strickler, Eastern Lebanon H.S.; Deb Kowalski, Manheim Central H.S.; and Cheryl Blevin, Cedar Crest H.S.

- Parliamentary Procedure: Ray Bickel, Northern Lebanon H.S. (retired) and Chip Ake, Manheim Central H.S.



Creed winners at the contest were, from left, Julie Rittle, Conrad Weiser, first; Ginny Nolt, Ephrata, second; and Amy Oxenreider, Conrad Weiser, third.

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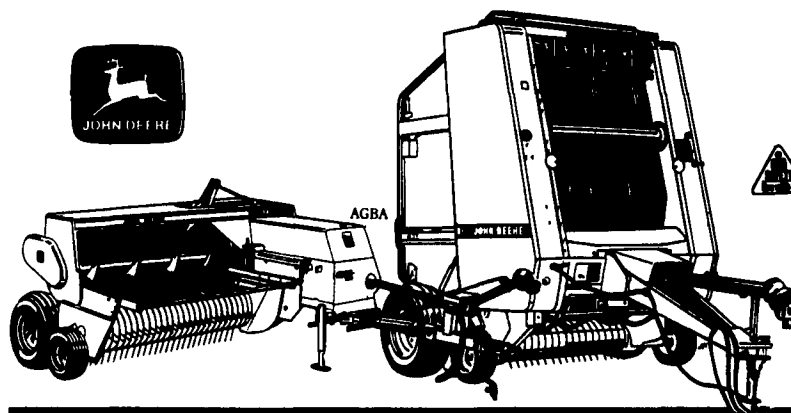
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