

Ag Agents Give Editor Honorary Title

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"While you are all together, this is a great opportunity to say that many of us in agribusiness think the county agents are doing a tremendous job," Newswanger said. "Yes, we have gone from all cows and plows, bees and boars, and beef and bread, to also raising turf and teenagers.

"It's understandable that farmers don't like to share their dairy seminars with the teen-at-risk programs you people have initiated. But with the way the world is going, a lot of us not only think you are doing a good job, we believe you are also one of the major bridges between agriculture and society.

"The extension service has in place all the contacts in the local communities to be this connecting link," Newswanger said. "People outside of agriculture respect the local ag agent. They look to the extension office for answers to many problems. Extension programs and 4-H clubs give agriculture an entrance into the lives of

many urban people who are agriculturally illiterate and would otherwise have no personal contact with anyone in agriculture.

"To have the agriculturally based extension service reaching into the homes and lives of urban society is certainly an opportunity that deserves recognition. Maybe we can do a creative study to see how the extension system can be even more helpful in teaching the values of agriculture to the growing population around our farms and forests."

Special recognition was given to Bill Kelly, Westmoreland County Agent, for his service as national association president, state association president, and many other state and national offices. The gift of a new deer rifle, a box of ammunition, and a standing ovation were part of his recognition.

In the communications awards program, the following winners were named with cash awards supplied by Atlantic Breeders

Cooperative:

Radio: 1. James Cowden; 2. Chet Hughes; 3. Jeff Fowler.

Photo: 1. Walt Bumgarner (5th place national winner).

Slide Set: 1. Dave Filson; 2. Leon Ressler.

Direct Mail: 1. James Cowden; 2. Ken Winebark; 3. Bruce Hellerick.

Column: 1. Phil Durst; 2. Chet Hughes; 3. Leon Ressler.

Feature Story: 1. Russ Powell; 2. James Cowden; 3. Jeff Patton.

Newsletter, Ind: 1. Russ Powell; 2. James Cowden; 3. Susan Dunn DuFour.

Newsletter, Team: 1. Jeff Fowler; 2. James Cowden.

Video: 1. Bill Kleiner (5th place national winner) 2. Jeff Fowler; 3. Bill Pencek.

Turfgrass/Horticulture contest winners are: Category 1: 1. Jim Cowden; 2. Jeff Patton.

Category 2: 1. Greg Burns; 2. W. H. Lazar.

Category 3: 1. Russ Powell (2nd place national) 2. Lee Miller.

Category 4: 1. Bruce Hellerick (1st place national).

State "Top Entry" Award: Russ Powell. The state turfgrass association provided the prizes.

P.R.I.D.E contest: 1. Susan Dunn DuFour.

Search For Excellence contest (awards supplied by Farm Credit Associations): 4-H and Youth, 1. Chet Hughes.

Rural Development, 1. William Kleiner; 2. Phil Durst & Guy Temple.

Farm Income, Crop: 1. Thomas Jurchak.

Tom Jurchak was also a winner in the Northeast and the National levels.

Environmental Protection/Responsible Use of Pesticides:

Urban program, 1. Russ Powell.

Rural Program, 1. James Cowden.

Russ Powell was also the 4th place national winner.

Professional Training: Crop production, 1. Phil Durst; 2. Eric

Varodi.

Livestock Production: 1. Mary Shick; 2. Chet Hughes.

Basic Livestock Hedging: 1. Mary Shick.

4-H/Youth Recognition Program: Environmental day camp program, 1. Carol Schurman; 2. Chet Hughes.

Recognition Awards: 30 years, Dave Gordon; 20 years, Dave Dunbar and Nancy Kadwill.

Distinguished Service: Robert Leiby; Dave Fowler; and Jim Welshans.

Achievement Awards: Russell Powell; and Sandy Smith.

NATIONAL WINNERS

Communication Awards: News Photo, Walter Bumgarner, 5th.

Slide Set, T. David Filson, Northeast Region winner.

Direct Mail, James Cowden, Northeast Region winner.

Feature Story, Russ Powell, Northeast Region winner.

Video/TV, William Kleiner, 5th.

Turfgrass/Horticulture: Category 1, James Cowden, Northeast Region winner.

Category 2, Gregory Burns, Northeast Region winner.

Category 3, Russ Powell, 2nd.

Category 4, Bruce Hellerick.

Environmental Protection: Urban, Russ Powell, finalist. Rural, James Cowden, Northeast winner.

Search For Excellence: Tom Jurchak.

4-H/Youth: Carol Schurman; Chet Hughes, Northeast winner.

Professional Training: Crop production, Phillip Durst, Northeast winner.

Livestock production, Mary Sue Shick, Northeast Region winner.

Public Relations: Susan DuFour, Northeast Region winner.

Recognition And Awards: Achievement, Russel Powell and Sanford Smith.

Distinguished Service, David Fowler, Robert Leiby, and Jim Welshans.

At the reorganizational meeting Wednesday, the following officers were elected:

Larry Yager, president; Dave Filson, president elect; Phil Durst, vice president; Nancy Kadwill, secretary; and Gary Sheppard, treasurer.

Other directors are: Allen Strock; Roland Freud; Scott Guiser; Don Overdorff; Dave Swartz; Bob Pollock; Susan DuFour; Jim Cowden; Craig Williams; and Paul Craig.

U. of Md. Sets Open House

WESTMINSTER, Md. — The University of Maryland Cooperative Extension Service Carroll County Office will be holding an Open House Friday, November 19 and Saturday, November 20 at the Agriculture Center in Westminster.

The Open House will run from 12 noon until 3 p.m. on Friday and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on Saturday, and is being held in conjunction with National Farm-City Week, November 19-25.

The open house will feature displays and educational exhibits on new technology and issues affect-

ing not only agriculture but the general public as well. These exhibits include home composting, food irradiation, new nutritional food labels, hydroponic food production, floating greenhouses, well head protection, septic tank maintenance, skin cancer prevention, natural resource projects for 4-H, electronic and satellite communications, protecting water quality, nuisance insects around the home and several more.

On Saturday, the Extension Open House will run concurrently with the Christmas Farmers Market at the Ag Center.

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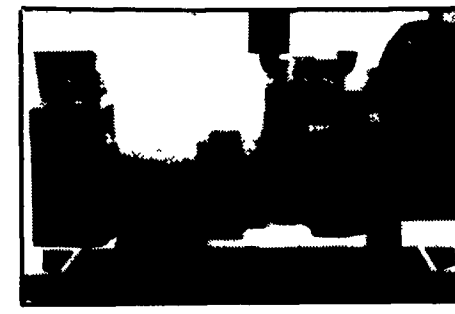
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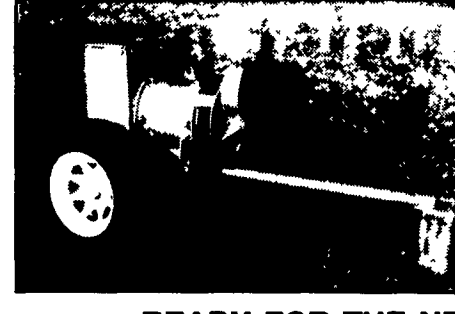
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