

# Lewis Receives Appreciation Award

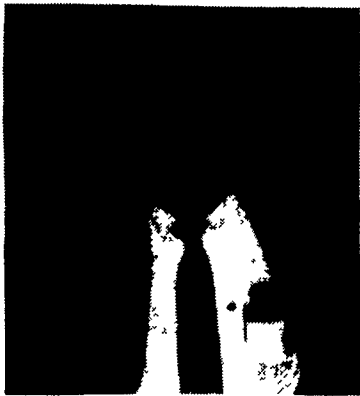
**ANDY ANDREWS**  
Lancaster Farming Staff  
MOUNT JOY (Lancaster Co.)  
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Lewis was honored with a special appreciation award for many years of service to 4-H as sheep club buyer, contributor, and in other ways.

Lewis, an ag lender at Farmers First Bank in Lititz for 23 years, has helped the Lancaster 4-H clubs "every year," according to Chet Hughes, county livestock agent.

Lewis contributed to the 4-H Development Fund to help the award-winning Lancaster County 4-H livestock team. In addition, Lewis allowed 4-H livestock judging team members to practice on his five-acre farm outside Landisville.

On his farm, Lewis said he raises Southdown and Hampshire



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sheep and sells lambs for 4-H exhibitors. Currently, Lewis has six Southdown ewes and 19 Hampshire ewes.

The George and Lorraine Lewis family's involvement in 4-H goes back to when daughter, Ellen, was

involved in 4-H for about 10 years. Ellen is now an elementary school teacher.

Lewis praised the efforts of 4-H to "do what you can to encourage kids to have some kind of useful

goal in life, not necessarily in the farming business," he said.

Son Ken Lewis is an executive loan officer with Farm Credit.

Lewis noted that several of the 4-H'ers that were involved in clubs

in the county when Ellen was involved have gone on to ag-related careers. And while not all of them pursued agricultural careers, "all turned out well. Working with livestock gave them a chance," he said.

## 4-H Raises \$8,500 At Banquet

LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)  
—The Lancaster County 4-H Ben-

efit Auction had a record-breaking day last Saturday.

"It the best auction we ever had," according to Zoann Parker, 4-H agent.

There were nearly 200 bidders at Saturday's auction at the Farm and Home Center, with total sales of nearly \$10,000, according to Parker.

Total profit from the sale was \$8,500. Parker said that support came from the "whole community and from four states."

## Pumpkin Roundtable Set

WESTMINSTER, Md.—On Feb. 28, the Carroll County Cooperative Extension Service will be sponsoring a "Pumpkin Roundtable" from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the Carroll County Extension Office.

This program is for area pumpkin growers and is intended to provide an open forum for discussion of all aspects of production. Helping to lead the discussion and answer questions will be Robert

Rouse, regional specialist in vegetables from the Wye Research Facility; Dr. C. Edward Beste, working in weed control at the Salisbury Facility; and Dr. Charles A. McClurg, Horticulture Department on the College Park Campus.

Please come prepared with a couple of questions pertaining to your operation that the experts can help you solve.

Space is limited so if you are interested in attending, please call ahead. For any questions or to register for the program, call (410) 848-4611.

## Dairy Of Distinction

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fidence in the wholesomeness of dairy products, and increase their sales.

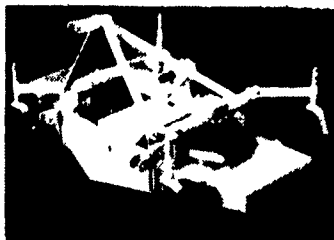
Farms that apply are judged on the roadside appearance of buildings, grounds, and surroundings, since this is what our dairy product consumers observe as they drive by. The cleanliness of the barnyard, feed areas, and manure management are other aspects of the farm operation taken into consideration. Roadside judging is conducted during the month of May. Former winners of past years are also re-judged to ensure they continue to meet standards of excellence.

To qualify for consideration, you must be actively dairy farming and shipping milk. Applications are available from your state secretary. Pennsylvania: Paul Nichols, American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Inc., Tower Business Building, 239 Schuyler Avenue, Suite 105, Kingston, PA 18704, (717) 283-2204; New York: Carol Weddle, NY Holstein Association, 957 Mitchell Street, Ithaca, NY 14851, (607) 273-7591; or New Jersey: August Knispel, R.D. 1 Box 325, Pitts-town, NJ 08867, (201) 735-4989. All applications must be completed and returned by April 15, 1996.

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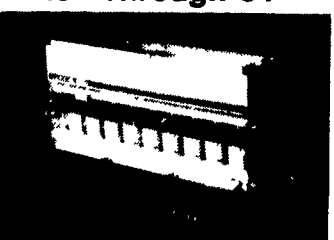
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