

Lititz Man Receives Honorary Young Farmer Award

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enter the herd before 24 months. The Peifers erected a new free-stall barn to increase labor efficiency and provide better cow comfort. Dwayne recently completed a year as president of the Solanco Young Farmers Association. The Peifers have two children, Stephanie and Chad.

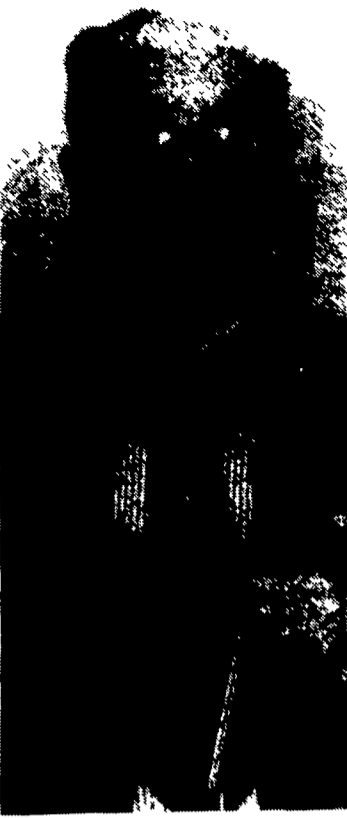
The Pennsylvania Young Farmers' Outstanding Community Service Award went to Dean and Myriad Patches from Lebanon County. The Patches, along with their four children, farm 210 acres and milk 135 head. Dean helps other young farmers by providing land for corn test plots and field demonstrations through the Co-operative Extension Service, and corn silage for the local FFA Chapter. They are active in the Cedar Crest Young Farmers Association, the Lebanon County Extension Board, the Soil Conservation District, the Farm Service Agency, Farm Women, the Lebanon County Farmland Preservation Board, and the RESOLVE Association, a community group dedicated to preserving agriculture and the environment. Dean

and Myriad serve on several committees at the Midway Church of the Brethren.

Pennsylvania Young Farmer member Mandy Hilbert was one of three top winners in the Spokesperson Contest at the 31st National Young Farmers Educational Institute in Nashville in mid December. Mandy's speech, "A New Era in Agriculture," centered on Global Positioning Satellites as a way of agriculture to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

Past state President Jeff Rohrer passed the gavel to new President Dan Wilkinson. Also elected were: Bob Corman, secretary; A. Dale Herr, treasurer; Carla Witter, public relations; Nevin Horning, Region II; Dale Rossman, Region III; Carl Keller, Jr., Region IV; Paul Kemerer, Region V; and Glen Krall, Region VII.

The three-day conference in State College featured a luncheon address by Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Sam Hayes, and tours of Murphy's Elk View Farm, the Pleasant Gap Fish Culture Station, the Dairy Cattle Research and Education Center, the Penn State Creamery plus many other sites.



Forney Longenecker of Lititz was recognized with the honorary young farmer award for his years of service in the Pennsylvania Farmers Association. The organization's 38th annual convention was held in State College.



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Topics to be discussed at the conferences include the all new heifer program, safety committee update and roundtable discussion facilitated by Dean Amick, director of Field Operations and Marketing.

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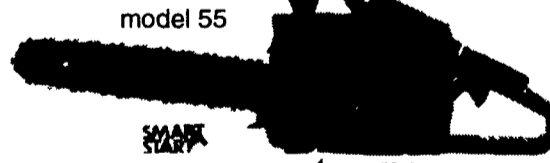
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