

FFA Members Go For The Gold During Activities Week

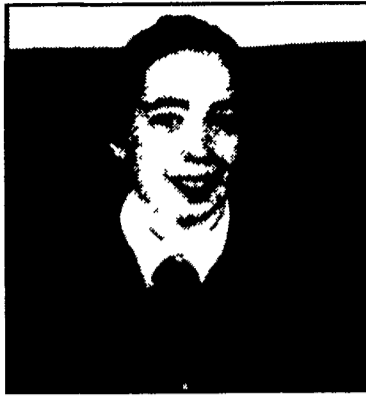
UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — Competing for gold, silver and bronze medals, more than 1300 Pennsylvania FFA members participated in FFA Activities Week at Penn State University in June.

In addition to their gold medals, many top individual winners and the first place team winners also received monetary awards to compete at the National FFA Convention in Louisville, Ky., in October.

Other high placing individuals and second place team members won trips to the Eastern States Exhibition (The Big E) in Springfield, Mass., in September.

The Career Development Events (CDE) included Dairy Foods, Dairy Cattle Judging, Poultry Evaluation, Meats Judging, Livestock Judging, Wildlife, Speaking contests, Floriculture, Horse Evaluations, Agriculture Mechanics, Forestry, and more.

In alphabetical order, the following 15 chapters won gold chapter awards and were recommended to go to the National FFA Convention in Louisville: Big Spring, Cumberland Co.; Brothersvalley, Somerset Co.; Cedar Crest, Lebanon Co.; Conococheague-James Buchanan, Franklin Co.; Cumberland Valley, Cumberland Co.; Grassland (Garden Spot H.S.), Lancaster Co.; Hans Herr (Lancaster Mennonite H.S.), Lancaster Co.; Manheim, Lancaster Co.; Manor (Penn Manor H.S.), Lancaster Co.; Middleburg, Snyder Co.; Selinsgrove, Snyder Co.; Spud Growers (Coudersport Area H.S.), Potter Co.; Twin Valley, Berks Co.; and West Snyder, Snyder Co.



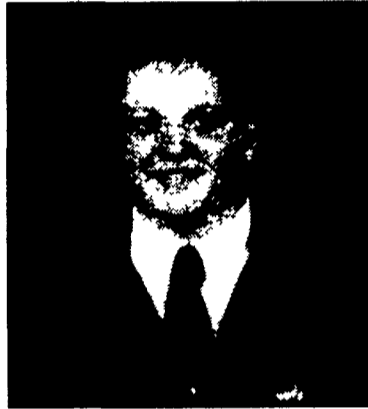
First place individual in Public Speaking - Creed: Kathy Zimmerman, Cloister FFA, Ephrata High School. First place individual winners received plaque and \$350 for National FFA Convention.



Top three place winners in the Wildlife CDE: From left: Keith Lutz, Conrad Weiser High School, first; Eric McBride, Clearfield Area High School, second; Margaret Tully, Twin Valley High School, third.



First place individual in Public Speaking - Junior CDE: Janelle Zimmerman, Cedar Crest High School.



First place individual in Public Speaking - Extemporaneous CDE: David Neagley, Upper Dauphin Area High School.



First place individual in Poultry Judging: Alexandra Lauffer, Garden Spot High School.



First place team in Nursery/Landscape CDE: Walter Biddle Saul High School, Philadelphia: From left, Justin Miller, Elizabeth Vecchione, and Samantha Johnson.



First place individual in Small Gas Engines CDE: Jarin Smoker, Pequea Valley High School.



First place individual in Tractor Driving CDE: Andrew Stein, Red Lion Senior High School.



Daren Wood, above, from Conrad Weiser Area High School, won first place in the Botany-Junior Division of the FFA Agriscience Fair CDE.



Second place team in Poultry Judging: Penn Manor High School: From left, Kristy Garrett, Corey Hess, Mike Dyer, and Bobby Bresch.



First place individual in Public Speaking - Conservation: Brandon Stotz, Conrad Weiser Area High School.



First place individual in Public Speaking - Senior Prepared: Margeaux Firestine, Conrad Weiser Area High School.



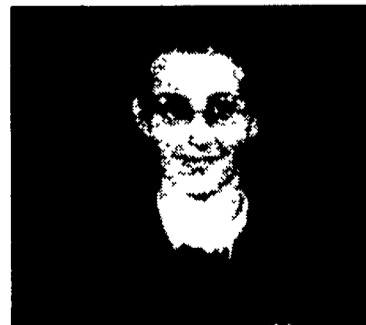
Amanda Babble, above, from Union Area Junior-Senior School, placed first in the Engineering-Senior Division of the Agriscience Fair.



First place team in Poultry Judging: Garden Spot High School: From left, Alexandra Lauffer, Joshua Wenger, Kevin Brendle, and Adam Nolt.



Second place team in Nursery/Landscape: Columbia Montour AVTS: From left, Scott Kramer, Mike Jones, John Zagnola, Derek Lupini, Andrew Stank, and Grace Feola.



Kristin Bondi, above, from the Twin Valley High School, was the first place winner in the Zoology-Junior Division of the Agriscience Fair.



Top three winners in Meats Evaluation and Technology CDE: From left: Nathan Christman, Oley Valley High School, first; Scott Gingrich, Penn Manor High School, second; and Jenna Bleacher, Penn Manor High School, third.