

Panel of County 4-H Leaders Discuss 'What Is 4-H Club Work?'

A panel of seven County 4-H leaders and parents discussed 'What is 4-H Club Work' at a leaders training school held at the Farm Bureau Cooperative Friday.

The panelists, moderated by Isabel Myers and Henry Moon of the state 4-H office, noted that the original rural youth movements were designed to keep farm boys and girls on the farm.

However since that time, the program has changed greatly. Some of the accomplishments and attractions to 4-H work now were given as these.

The club is a good place to make friends, meet people and learn to work together, according to Richard Lefever, Quarryville. He said that being a 4-H member widened his circle of acquaint-

ances more than any other organization that he has belonged to.

Mrs. Walter Warfel, R2 Conestoga, said that club work offers farm children a wonderful opportunity to learn new methods. She said that as a city girl, she never had the opportunity to belong to a 4-H Club, but that her children do and that she feels that they are more fortunate than she.

Mrs. Warfel also said that latent qualities of leadership in the youths are brought out by the responsibility given them in the clubs.

According to James Martin, New Holland, club work brings out creative ability and desires.

He was in agreement with Lefever in saying that by meeting people, the world has been brought closer together.

Practical experience, new methods, and the fun of 4-H work were cited as attractions by Miss Josephine Lausch, a junior leader.

The viewpoint of a parent was given by Mrs. John Glube, R2 Lititz. She said that 4-H work has given her children skills and opportunities that she could not give them and that are not usually available through other educational programs. Her daughter, Mary, has completed seven years of 4-H work.

The most experienced member of the panel, Mrs. Benjamin Shaffer, Lititz, who has some 25 years of 4-H work to her credit, noted some of the changes that have taken place.

She said that some of the earlier sewing clubs started as hope chest projects. Her son learned gardening through the club, a skill that has stood him in good stead. He is now a contractor for a large vegetable canning and processing firm.

Following the panel, a slide program was given showing some of the programs underway for the interest of rural people.

In a discussion following, these



THERE ARE A LOT of years of 4-H work represented in these junior and senior 4-H leaders who gave a panel discussion on "What is 4-H club work" at a leader training meeting Friday at the Farm Bureau Cooperative in Lancaster. They are front row, (l to r) Mrs. Walter Warfel, R2

Conestoga; Miss Josephine Lausch; Mrs. John Glube, R1 Lititz; and Mrs. Benjamin Shaffer, Lititz. Back row: Robert Lefever, Quarryville; James Martin, New Holland; and Edgar Porter, who was in charge of the meeting (LF Photo)

suggestions for improving the program in Lancaster County were given better community service projects, added and better equipment, improved home econo-

mics round-up, building better personal relations between members and leaders, and promoting a more attractive program for members in the middle and late teens

In charge of the meeting was Edgar Porter, leader of the Manor 4-H Club. Thirty eight junior and senior leaders attended the school.

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