

Two Lancaster County 4-H'ers At Leadership School in D. C.

By: David Denlinger

The annual 4-H Leadership School which had previously been held at Penn State University was conducted this year at the National 4-H Center in suburban Washington, D. C.

Pennsylvania's delegation traveled to Washington to participate in a Citizenship Short Course, a course which is offered at the Center each week throughout the summer months. Along with Pennsylvania the states of Georgia, Illinois, and Iowa were represented during the week of July 8. Judy Warfel and I were the delegates from Lancaster Co.

As the name of the course implies, its purpose is to train 4-H'ers to be good citizens and leaders. This goal was reached by means of lectures, small group discussions, and field trips. Our tours took us to the many historic shrines and points of interest located in the capital city. The 4-H group visited many of the government buildings, various memorials, the White House, and Mt. Vernon. Following our tour of the Capital we had an opportunity to speak with our Congressman.

You may wonder why it is important to study citizenship. First, I should define the term "Citizenship is a relationship between oneself and others, in which each person acts with intelligent concern for the good of all." Probably citizenship is most frequently thought of only on the national level, but actually there are many other levels. The home, 4-H Club, the community, the state, and the world are other important horizons of citizenship.

Each individual is important in a democracy. The rights of every person, not only my rights, are important for the fullest development of freedom. For this reason it is necessary for everyone to become a good citizen. The Citizenship short Course is an ideal means of implanting the principles of good citizenship in a club member's mind.

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First, what is citizenship? Citizenship is a relationship between one's self and others, in which each person acts with intelligent concern for the good of all. Thus citizenship is a two-way relationship. You have rights which you can expect from others; but you also have a duty to preserve other's rights.

Citizenship starts in the home. Democratic citizenship is learned and practiced first here.

4-H Clubs are important in helping to develop citizenship as boys and girls grow from childhood to maturity. Other face-to-face groups such as Sunday School, day school, give us opportunities to learn to be good citizens.

Citizenship in the community and county includes people we see occasionally. Many community service activities of 4-H give opportunities for developing citizenship in the community circle.

As citizens of the state, we have common problems and interests with many people we do not see.

As citizens of the nation, we have many common concerns and interests. What happens in another part of the country, may affect us just as much as it affects the people on the scene. As citizens of

the United States, we all have an interest in Washington as the Nation's Capitol, and we can have an influence on what goes on in Washington.

Citizenship in the world of nations is becoming increasingly crucial. This is a new horizon of American citizenship. We are realizing our citizenship responsibilities in the world.

Each day a different phase of citizenship was brought to our attention in the theme for the day and was discussed in the assemblies.

A 4-H Club might want to pick out one segment of citizenship for special emphasis during the year. This club might work at the political aspects of community and state citizenship by helping get out the vote for local elections. The family aspects of world citizenship can be learned through people-to-people projects. In either case, they would use the underlying principles of science, values, and making the best better.

If a person acts with intelligent concern for the good of all, he must use his entire self—head, heart, hands, and health. Does this sound like the 4-H Club Pledge? Of course it does! Where could you find a better statement of good citizenship?

I pledge
my HEAD to clearer thinking,
my HEART to greater loyalty,
my HANDS to larger service, and
my HEALTH to better

living, for my club, my community, and my country.

The over-all objective of the Citizenship Short Course is to develop better citizenship in ourselves and others. More specifically, the objectives are:
1. To develop our understanding of the meaning of citizenship.

2. To understand the basic principles of democracy.
3. To understand how democracy operates in meeting problems today.
4. To gain inspiration and deepen our commitment to the democratic way of life.
5. To increase our skills in

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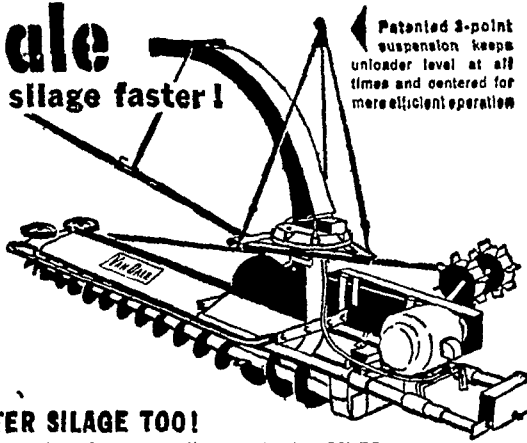
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