

Four Lancaster Co. 4-H'ers Attend State Capital Days

Four Lancaster County 4-H members — who will soon have a voice in shaping state laws — called upon area legislators to explain the functions of government in Harrisburg April 19-20

Participating in Pennsylvania 4-H Capital Days from the county were Jesse Balmer, Lititz RD4, Cindy Smith, Ephrata RD2, Tim Breneisen, Conestoga RD1, and Peg Hamilton, 240 S State St, Ephrata. They joined with delegates from all Commonwealth counties to take part in programs designed to help them become more responsible citizens.

The delegates met with Governor Shapp, observed the State House of Representatives and Senate while in session, and toured the Capitol and William Penn Memorial Museum.

At the Monday luncheon, the group was welcomed by State Secretary of Agriculture James A. McHale. The role of the General Assembly was explained by Senator Donald O. Oesterling, representing the 21st District, and Representative Reno H. Thomas, of the 85th District. Carol Russell, 4-H member from Montgomery County, served as mistress of ceremonies.

Following the luncheon, a unique educational program, "Democracy In Action," was conducted by 4-H members from Adams County.

The Monday evening program included a banquet and social get-together where members were paired as dates by using data fed into a computer.

The banquet program featured two political leaders who discussed the topic "Politics for Young People." Speakers were Craig Truax, past Republican state chairman, and Otis Morris, former Democratic state chairman.

Leland G. Jinks, State 4-H Club leader at Pennsylvania State University, also served as banquet speaker on the topic "It's Your Capital Day." Richard Beck Jr., a York County 4-H member, was master of ceremonies.

Senators and representatives were guests of the county dele-

gations at a legislative breakfast Tuesday. At this function, members and lawmakers had an opportunity to discuss local issues and define the purposes of the educational youth program.

Speakers at the legislative breakfast were Representative Denny J. Bixler, of the 79th District, and Robert P. Allen, state program assistant for the Cooperative Extension Service Expanded Nutrition Program. Cindy Giel, 4-H member from Allegheny County, was mistress of ceremonies for the breakfast session.

P. Glenn Harr, assistant State 4-H leader, coordinator for the event, pointed out that Pennsylvania 4-H Capital Days is one of the highlights of the 4-H citizenship program.



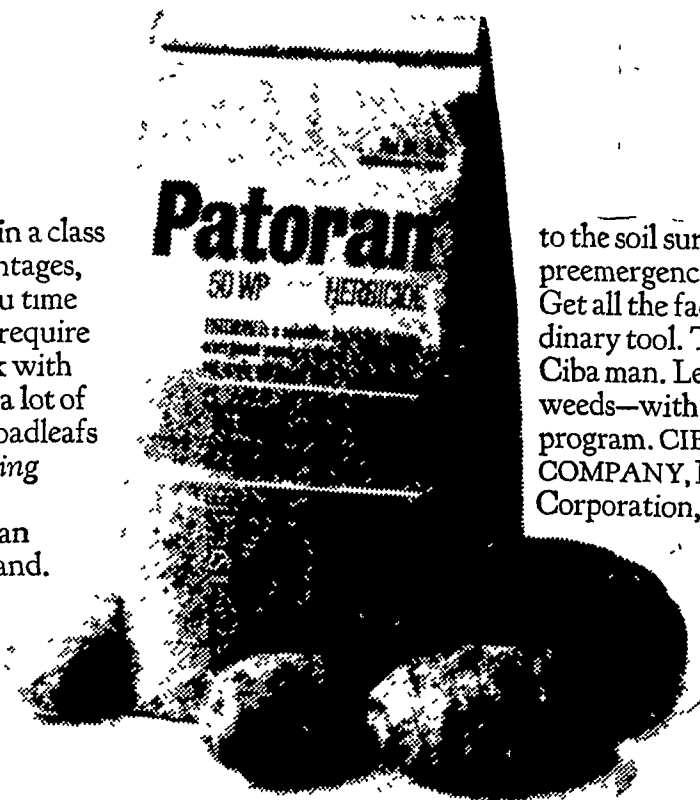
Sharing ideas on local government issues during a special legislative breakfast at Pennsylvania 4-H Capital Days in Harrisburg April 19-20 are: left to right, standing, Rep. Marvin Miller; Rep. Harry H.

Gring, Jesse Balmer; Sen. Richard Snyder; Tim Breneisen, and Rep. Sherman Hill. Seated, Rep. Robert C. Rowe, Cindy Smith; Peg Hamilton, and Sen. Clarence Manbeck.

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