

American 4-H Program Attracts Wide Interest

The success of the United States 4-H program has created worldwide interest. This success is particularly significant during National 4-H Week, being celebrated October 7-13.

In the past few years, 4-H has been adapted to more than 85 countries around the globe. International membership has

passed the eight-million mark.

The International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) program has helped to spread the 4-H story to Norway, Argentina, Ecuador, Germany, Honduras, Iran, Italy, Thailand, Turkey, Chile, Brazil, and other countries.

During the past 25 years, the International Farm Youth Ex-

change (IFYE) has programmed

over 4,700 men and women from the U. S. and 70 other countries. Conducted by the National 4-H Club Foundation in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service, IFYE is called a "Tool for Transition." Through the influence of IFYE alumni, the 4-H idea has spread into nearly 80

countries with a youth membership now numbering 8 million.

Each IFYE participant visits in a host country six months, living and working with several farm families.

Depending upon their home countries, IFYE's come to the United States with a variety of purposes in mind. They may be interested in learning more about 4-H work, agricultural economics, U. S. schools, use of fertilizer, advancement of farm

technology, or fruit growing.

Most IFYE's also share the goal of learning more about the United States than they may have read or seen in motion pictures. They are committed to take home and disperse as much of their new-found insight as possible.

On the other hand, the foreign participants leave much behind. Host families, community friends, church groups, people on trains, planes and busses are all left behind with a greater understanding of their homeland.

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Test Your 4-H Knowledgeability

This is National 4-H Week, October 7-13. More than 115,000 Pennsylvania 4-H'ers are joining the observance which includes 3,000 Lancaster County 4-H'ers. How much do you know about 4-H? Check yourself with these true and false statements.

1. Pennsylvania ranks seventh in 4-H Club enrollment in the U.S. (True)

2. Approximately half of the youth members in 4-H live on farms. (False. One-fourth of the 4-H members live on farms; one-fourth come from urban areas; and one-half come from small towns and rural non-farm areas.)

3. Over 70 foreign countries have set up youth groups patterned after 4-H work. (True. Total international 4-H mem-

bership is five million.)

4. 4-H members range in ages from eight to 19. (True)

5. 4-H members only work on specific club projects. (False. Four-H'ers give talks and demonstrations, do community service projects, put up displays, show their projects in competition, all as ways to improve themselves and their community.)

6. The Cooperative Extension Service with 4-H as its youth program is part of the College of Agriculture of the Pennsylvania State University. (True.)

Do you still have questions about 4-H? Contact the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension Service, Room 1, 1383 Arcadia Road, Lancaster.

Congratulations . . .

RONALD ZIMMERMAN



Ronald Zimmerman is shown receiving a watch for capturing Grand Champion Baby Beef Honors at the Ephrata Fair. Jim Conway (Master Mix Feed Representative) presents Ronald with his watch, while his parents, left, John and Doris Zimmerman and I. Homer Martin (Martin's Feed Division salesman) look on. His sister, Judy, also pictured, took Reserve

Hereford honors at the Fair.

Ronald's mother says: "Since we have become associated with the service and feed program from Martin's Feed Mill, Ronald had the Angus Champion at the 1972 Ephrata Fair and sister Judy had Reserve Hereford Champion at the January 1973 State Farm Show."

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