

# Lancaster Residents

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long record of hosting Fresh Air children - since 1960. Loy has spent the last nine summers here and Joel the last six.

Mrs. Landis is very enthusiastic about the program, saying, "We get as much of an education as they do. We learn a lot about city life." Both boys very obviously feel at home in the Landis family with their three sons - Bill, 20, Greg, 18 and Bruce 15.

Joel, 12, is slightly more outspoken than his 15-year-old brother. He is very engaging when he talks about the "big difference" between life here in Lancaster and life in New York. "The difference is in the people and attitudes. The people are more friendly and more well-mannered," he says.

Loy is a little more reserved in his judgement. He says, "It's not as noisy here," but added, "Everybody has their problems." The boys agreed that there is a tendency among city folk to think country life is "easy", but when asked if there's a lot of complaining about the cost of food, he said, "If the farmers have a hard job they should get the money they deserve for their products." Loy says when he gets a job he'll live in New York - "I don't like to do all the work on a farm."

But Joel just as emphatically said, "I'd like to live on a farm." Mrs. Landis added that Joel really "loves animals".

The Chu brothers' father is a chef in a Chinese restaurant. They said their mother does all the cooking at home, but they agreed that there's a big difference in the food. Loy said, "It's more natural here - it's more hardy." Joel says one trouble with food in the city is that it's stored for a while before they buy it. Mrs. Landis said, "They both eat anything." Joel said his favorite is "red beet eggs", something he'd never eaten in New York.

Each year, Mrs. Landis says, her family tries to plan a special outing for their visitors. Last year Joel went along deep-sea fishing off the coast of Delaware. He was very enthusiastic about the experience, particularly because he caught three fish and didn't get seasick.

This year they will be going to a Phillies baseball game, and Loy has already gone to Hershey Park where he rode the roller coaster five times! Sleeping out was a new experience for them, but their spirits got dampened when the rain came pouring down at four in the morning. They said they have learned to identify some birds on the farm, including owls and a rather unorthodox mockingbird which insists on singing at three a.m.

Both boys enjoy playing basketball with the family, and they particularly like to play miniature golf and pitch and putt. The Landis family milks about 40 Registered Holsteins, and they farm the 120 acres of their farm plus another 70 acres of rented land. The visiting boys help to bring in the cows and feed them, and on the day after their arrival they helped bale hay. Jay related that the first year Joel came, he went into the barn where all the cows were switching their tails and said, "Who are those cows waving at?" Jay explained they were waving at the new person in the barn.

This week both boys were busily helping clean up the animals which were to be shown in the Lancaster County Holstein show, and Joel's hope was to lead a heifer himself.

Loy had an eye-opening experience this year. He helped put new layers in their pens in a Penn Manor FFA project. He said he learned to carry four chickens in each hand, but it was one job he's not too anxious to do again too soon. "It was different," he said.

The Chu family, which consists of Loy and Joel and two sisters live now in a cooperative apartment housing project. There are play areas nearby and a park. Loy says when they're home they mostly "go out, watch TV, go to the movies or go to the beaches".

Each year between eight and nine hundred young people come to Lancaster County through the Fresh Air Fund, according to Mrs. John Buckwalter, local administrator. However, she added, "literally hundreds of youngsters are turned away each year because of lack of suitable homes for them to visit."

It's obvious from the comments of the five young people interviewed that the visit has a beneficial effect on their outlook, even if it does nothing more than "give them a break". Not all the visiting youngsters live on farms for the summer, but those that do gain some of the obvious rewards that seem to come with country living.

Those of us who enjoy country life in Lancaster County would certainly agree that there's no better life anywhere. Perhaps next year even more homes and farms could be opened up so that the "Good life, Lancaster County style" can be shared with more youngsters from the city.

## Toastmasters Celebrate 50th Year

The Toastmasters International, a non-profit educational organization is celebrating its' 50th Anniversary this year.

The organization which provides a communication and leadership development program, has over 63,000 members that belong to more than 3,000 clubs in the United States and Canada along with 40 other countries.

Toastmaster's Clubs in the Lancaster Area sponsor a Speaker's Bureau which makes speakers available to various functions and organizations.

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# Area Farmers Aids For Lewis Campaign

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Funk is a veteran farmer long prominent in statewide agricultural and soil conservation activities and Yost was named the state's outstanding young farmer of the year by the Pa. Jaycees.

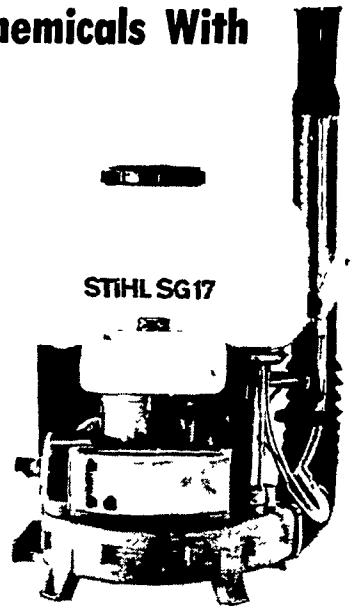
Amos Funk of Millersville will head Lewis' agricultural platform group. While Ivan Yost of RD1, Christiana will direct Lewis' volunteer campaign efforts among farm groups.

Lewis' committee has planned five platform hearings throughout the state, the first of which is to be held in Lancaster on Monday, August 5th.

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