Mt. Joy Community 4-H Club Holds Annual Round-up

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Leading Club

Mt. Joy Community 4-H Club has been a leader in Home Economics projects for many years and has recently become an innovator of a myriad of new and different 4-H projects.

Along with the usual selection of cooking and sewing projects, members are now able to participate in crocheting knitting, macrame and cake decorating clubs.

Macrame Tie

Macrame is a craft that incorporates knot tying into pocketbooks, belts, chockers, pillows and even bottle covers.

The Mt. Joy Macrame Club is now in its third year with Mrs. Sue Heinaman as instructor. The girls are first asked to make samples following patterns and then are free to choose a project that interests them.

Many of the girls made belts and bracelets; however one especially interested member made a tie for her father.

Knitting and Crocheting

The Knitting and Crocheting Clubs are under the direction of Katherine Darrenkamp. Mrs. Darenkamp explained that she had bought a yarn shop in Mt. Joy and was asked to teach the club members.

Her efforts gain much praise as her students displayed beautiful assortment of articles from afghans to animals. Sixteens members participated in the knitting and crocheting class and created such an interest that already many are waiting to take the project next year.

A Lot of Icing

Perhaps one of the most interesting and time consuming projects is the Cake Decorating. The Mt. Joy Cake Decorating Club is the first one in Lancaster County and was begun by Mrs. Roy Sauder.

"I took a course in cake decorating at the YMCA," Mrs. Sauder explained and after teaching at the Kraybill school, I decided to teach a 4-H Club."

The girls in the cake decorating club have all had several years of 4-H cooking experience and over the past few weeks have learned to properly ice a cake and make decorations such as scrolls and roses.

Round-up

Wednesday evening the Club held its annual Round-up at St. Mark's Lutheran Church in Mt. Joy. Imagination ruled the event with members and leaders participating in original skits on cooking and a fashion show.

Tables overflowing with oatmeal cookies, tote bags, knitted scarves, crocehted hats and macarame items lined the fellowship room. Nearly 200 parents, members and friends came to view the work of 160 4-H members and many dedicated leaders.

Miss Anne Hinkle, Assistant Home Economist, gave a slide presentation on 4-H awareness and explained

Mrs. Roy Saude; leader of the Mt. Joy Cake Decorato s helps one of her

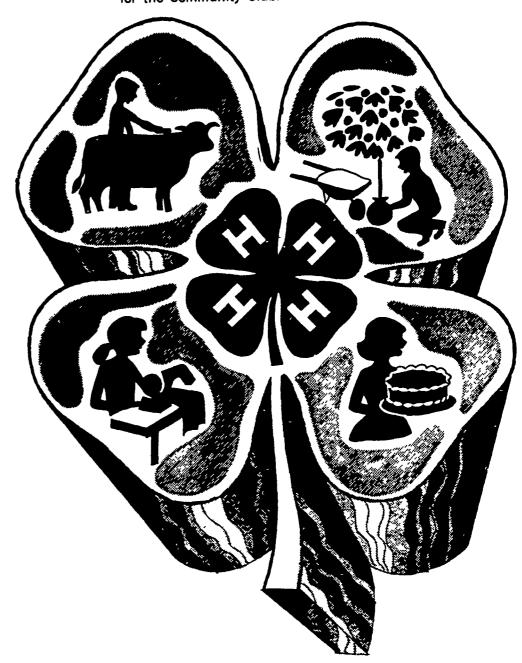
students display a cake molded into the shape of a rabbit.

that 4-H has come a long way from the original farming and home economics projects.

"4-H is not limited to pre-planned projects," she explained "today, if any one has an interest and is willing to share some time with youth, a new club can be arranged."

Mt. Joy is certainly an example of club where many interested people have donated their time and efforts to helping youth learn unique skills and hobbies.

Much credit goes to all the leaders and especially Mrs. Ruth Nissley, who was the co-ordinating leaders for the Community Club.





The first year cooking club members impressed the audience with their know how on cooking brownies in an original skit. The Club included the only boy member.

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