

Maine Exchange 4-Hers Visit Lancaster County

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food here is that it is "richer." Some new local dishes for him were chicken corn soup and red beet eggs.

Sixteen-year-old Dan Dolloff visited with Darryl Bollinger, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elam Bollinger, Manheim RD7. His biggest 4-H project is raising 120 Holstein veal calves. He also has three beef cattle and a field crops project where he raises squash, pumpkins and 28 acres of sweet corn which he hopes to sell at a local fruit stand for 75 - 80 cents.

Gun safety and woodworking are other projects he has taken, as well as forestry, where he learned to identify trees and their habitats, and learned how to grow them and how to prune them. Although not a farm boy himself, Dan lives with a farm family on a 350 acre farm, about 125 acres of which are tillable.

At the Bollingers Dan helped to milk the 50 head of Holsteins, and said it is a lot different from the four or five times he had milked previously. He had milked in a milking parlor, and the Bollingers have a pipeline.

Dan said the growing season in Maine is a few weeks behind Pennsylvanian this year, although generally the seasons are about the same.

What's the biggest difference? To Dan it was the fact that there are "no mountains" in Lancaster County. He said, "I just can't visualize a place with no mountains." He said he feels the exchange is valuable in "seeing the different landscapes and learning the different ways of farming." Darryl agreed, "It's a good way of farming." Darryl agreed, "It's a good way to meet other people and to find out how other people do things." Dan added that he had never heard of the Amish.

Another difference is that since so much of Maine is wooded, most farms do some work with their trees, and the one on which Dan lives is no exception. He said they cut the trees in winter and haul the logs out with work

horses, and then sell the logs to the mill. He said they don't make too much money; it's mostly something to do in the winter.

Dan helped to cultivate some field corn at the Bollingers and he said, "If we had been doing it at home, we would have had to stop 20 times to remove stones." He said there are stone walls everywhere which were built with stones picked from the fields, and there could be five times as many fences because there are so many rocks in the fields. One springtime activity, of necessity, is cleaning the fields before planting.

Dan was also impressed with the size of some of the equipment found here in the county. Despite the fact that farms may be larger in Maine, most of them are not large tillable acreages, consequently, there is not need to have really large equipment. Darryl and Dan talked about feed prices, and agreed that they are about the same.

Dan will be participating in their county fair this year,

York 4-Hers In Regional Dress Review

For eleven 4-H'ers in York County, August 9th will be a special day. They have been selected to represent the county at the Capital Region 4-H Dress Revue in Harrisburg. The event will begin at 9:30 in the Colonial Park Methodist Church, says Marcell A. Seckman, Ass't Ext. Home Economist.

4-H'ers who will take part in the regional revue are:

Holly Baer, R1 Spring Grove, Pa. 17362; Katrina Horner, 2486 Friesian Rd., York, Pa. 17402; Paula Lantzy, 220 Skyview Dr., York, Pa. 17402; Karen Raubenstine, R1 Hanover, Pa. 17331; Pam Spahr, R1 Box 365 Etters, Pa. 17319; Amy Swartz, R2 Hanover, Pa. 17331; Lucinda Wilson, R1 Glen Rock, Pa. 17327; Kay Raubenstine, R2 Hanover, Pa. 17331; Kay Swartz, R2 Hanover, Pa. 17331; Sue Ann Liek, 350 Maple St., Manchester, Pa. 17345; Carol Murray, Box 28 Emigsville, Pa. 17318.

These 4-H'ers started their costumes at the beginning of the 4-H club year. In addition to their sewing they had the opportunity to develop grace and poise, habits of good grooming, skill in decision-making and to help plan the county dress revue.

York County 4-H'ers will compete with those selected

from the other counties in the Capital Region. The five top regional winners will be awarded gold ribbons. Each county contestant will receive a certificate of participation and a medal of honor.

The five gold ribbon winners from the Capital Region will compete with the top winners from each of the other eight regions for state honors. The state winner will be selected August 21 at The Pennsylvania State University, University Park Campus. Thirty-five 4-H'ers will participate in this event. The state winner will get an expense paid trip to the National 4-H Congress in Chicago, December 1-5.

The Cooperative Extension Service of the University and the Pennsylvania Retailers' Association sponsor the State Dress Revue program. Simplicity Pattern Company, sponsor of the National 4-H Revue program, provides the county medals and the trip to Congress.

exhibiting a beef which he won last year at a calf scramble. He explained that there were 11 kids for nine animals and the first nine who got halters on and tied up the calves won them. The scramble was sponsored by the local fair association, and the only qualification was that you be a 4-H member.

During the week, the visitors had a chance to see Landis Valley Farm Museum, and the juggling operation of Robert Book, Leola. They also participated in the program and dancing provided by the Rutherford County 4-H Square Dancers on Saturday. There were interesting activities to participate in with their families too. Clark and Dolloff both attended the Holstein Field Day, and Cindy and Clark visited Park City. Clark was particularly impressed with his visit to Donegal Mills, the historic Donegal Church and Witness Tree and the Cameron Mansion.

All in all, it was an exciting week, filled with new experiences both for the visitors from Maine, and for their hosts locally. Next week a busload of local 4-H'ers will return the visit, and spend a week getting to know Oxford County Maine.

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