

Judy Anderson

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unexpected negative remark, Judy adds the positive, more expected statement, "Now, instead of training, I'm interested in

being a vet's assistant which I wouldn't have been if it hadn't been for the project I'm working on.

Judy became interested in working on the veterinary science project after seeing

another girl in her club doing it.

"I thought to myself, 'why not?' and I tried it," she explained. At first she found it almost too challenging and now she just can't get out of it.

"It's funny," she remarked, "but that's the same information that had been my biology book in class, but I never really learned it until now."

Horse bowl is the other 4-H activity that has really increased her desire to learn.

"You should see her index file," says her mother, "she must have one this thick." (She makes a gesture with her hands showing the file to be two to three inches deep.)

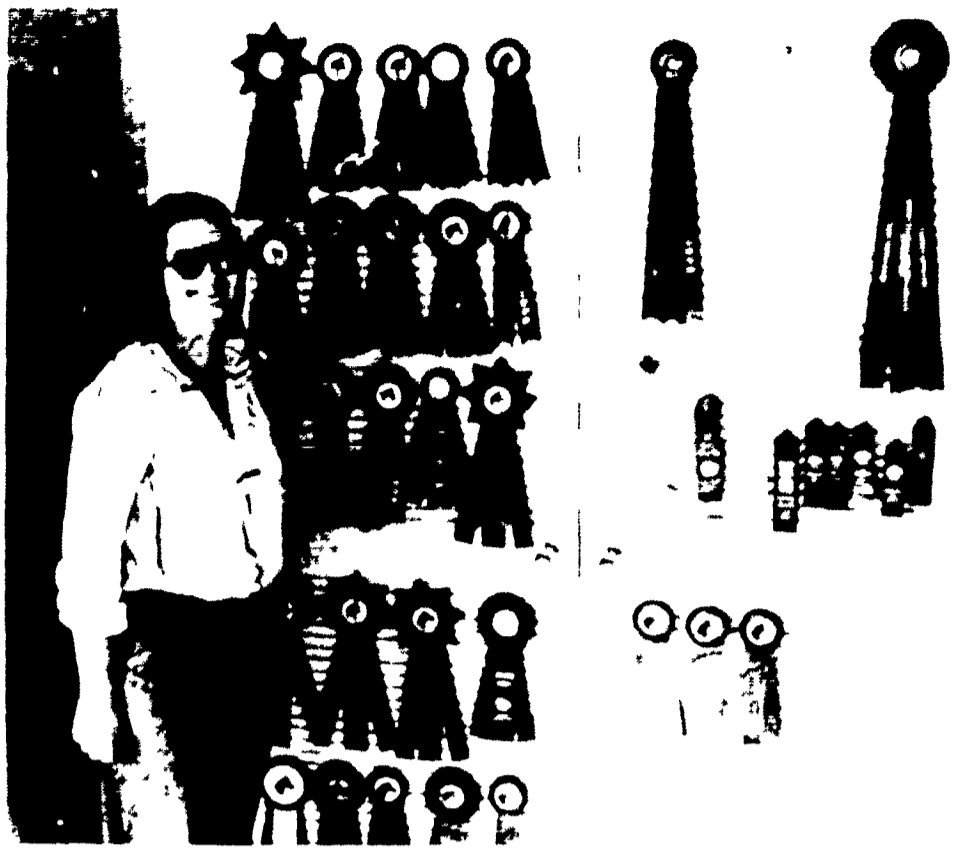
"In horse bowl you learn to think fast," explains Judy. "Some teams you compete against are so quick that there are times the whole

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question isn't even out before they know the answer."

So far, Lancaster County doesn't have intra-county competition.

"We wanted to start up competition in the county," states Judy, "but, we haven't been able to get that many people to go out for teams."

So far, the team that Judy has quizzed on was fifth at state competition one year, and seventh this year. Judy feels that this is an accomplishment considering that they were fifth the first year they tried it.

Traveling to competition is another example of an added extra 4-H has given to Judy.

"I made so many friends from 4-H," she says. She has traveled quite a bit in her connections with the organization. For instance, she has been to 4-H State Days, leadership school,

state horse show competition at Harrisburg, and she's traveled around the area as a member of County Council.

"It's a great experience meeting all those people," she says.

The state 4-H show in the Harrisburg farm show arena was also rewarding for another reason - she did well. In Saddle Seat Equitation she took 4th place. Saddle Seat Equitation more-or-less judges the rider - the way they hold the reins, control the horse, and hold their legs, etc.

"The competition was really tough up there," recalls Judy. "First, we went through county competition, then districts, then states." To take a top placing turned out to be really rewarding for Judy after all the work she had to go through.

However, on the whole,

Judy says that her basic attitude on winning has altered in the past few years.

"Competition used to be unhealthy for me because all I wanted was to win," she admits. "Now, I think I've grown through the 4-H experience to learn as long as I do my best, that's all that matters - whether I take a ribbon or not."

This attitude was fostered by a rather severe mishap with her horse. He threw her last Spring, which ended her showing season pretty quickly when she had to go to the hospital. During her stay in the hospital, she underwent surgery and now has metal plates in her arm to prove it.

"When I came out, we tried to sell the horse," explains Judy. "Unfortunately, nobody wanted

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