

Judy Anderson

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him because he had a reputation.

At that time the Andersons didn't know what to do because two knowledgeable trainers told them that no one could ever ride that horse again.

They just said he was crazy, states Judy bluntly.

So the Andersons brought him home after being unable to sell him and Judy went to work to tame the animal.

And, that's when I found out that he'd just been pushed too much when he was young because he was the offspring of a six time world champion.

It turns out that his trainers before Judy had whipped him pretty severely, and the animal had grown shy and distrustful of humans.

"It took a long time," says Judy, "but I tamed him, and now when I ride in competition, if he does something right, that is what matters to me. Just knowing that I could do it when two trainers thought it was impossible is what's important to me."

Asked if this was an example of how 4-H builds character, Judy said "no."

"I don't think you can say 4-H builds character," explains Judy. "4-H gives you room to grow if you want to."

"That's the key," she continues, "4-H helps people to grow if they want to, but you're not forced to build up your character if you don't feel like it." There's a fine shade of difference between the two concepts, but one that a long-time 4-H'er can see.

Two other intangible characteristics which 4-H has instilled in Judy are a sense of responsibility and initiative.

It's hard to explain but I found through being a teen leader that if I didn't do something, it wouldn't get done," she explains.

This year Judy will encounter a new experience as a teen leader. She will be helping with a club for children with learning disabilities.

Instead of horsemanship, she'll be teaching them how to embroider and to do other handicraft, creative things.

"We'll be working one to one at first," says Judy. "It should be a really good experience for everybody."

After being a teen leader all these years, it seems only natural that Judy would go on to being an adult leader after she's no longer eligible to be in the organization.

"I probably will lead a group later," she says, "because once I reach 19 I know I won't want to get out of 4-H."



Raelene Harbold writes about Jamaica

Editors Note: The following is a newsletter written by Raelene Harbold, Lancaster County's International 4-H Youth Exchange delegate to Jamaica, Trinidad Tobago. Her visit to those countries began on August 13 and will conclude in December. The IFYE program is sponsored by the National 4-H Foundation in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service Funds for this exchange were raised locally by 4-H clubs, women's groups, agriculture groups, service clubs and agri-businesses, along with the National 4-H Foundation.

Many of you may not be aware of the change in my

schedule for the IFYE program. Due to political differences with Pakistan the program was cancelled just three days prior to my scheduled departure.

I travelled to the National 4-H Center on schedule, but not knowing to which country I would be assigned. In a few days all the new arrangements were made and I was on my way to Jamaica.

My stay in Jamaica was to last only 2 1/2 weeks, and the remainder of my program will be spent in Trinidad and Tobago.

What is the country of

Jamaica like? The island has a mountain range running through the center. As you travel the roads wind up the sides of the mountain with beautiful views of the valleys below.

There are trees everywhere and in spite of the recent dry weather, everything is green. I am amazed at the large variety of vegetation that grows in one area.

Along with the green vegetation there is the blue sea and white beaches for the many resort hotels, and

it is beautiful. The water is clear and cool, while the sand is soft and clean. Put these two with a star lit night and music, and you can hardly go wrong!

This is an overall look of the country. Some things took me awhile to get accustomed to driving on the left side of the road, and seeing cattle and goats walking along the side of the road. But it hasn't taken long to adapt.

The people are friendly, and my stay in Jamaica was very pleasant.

Hunting reminder

HARRISBURG - Youngsters under the age of 16 who are planning to hunt in Pennsylvania for the first time this fall are being urged by the Game Commission to take a hunter education course right away, if they have not already done so.

In order to qualify for a hunting license in Pennsylvania, a person under 16 years of age must present either (a) evidence that he or she held a hunting license in Pennsylvania or another state in a prior year, or (b) a certificate of competency showing that he or she has successfully completed a course of instruction in the

safe handling of firearms and bows and arrows.

Hunter education courses are being held throughout the state, and youngsters who hope to purchase a hunting license this fall should enroll in the classes now.

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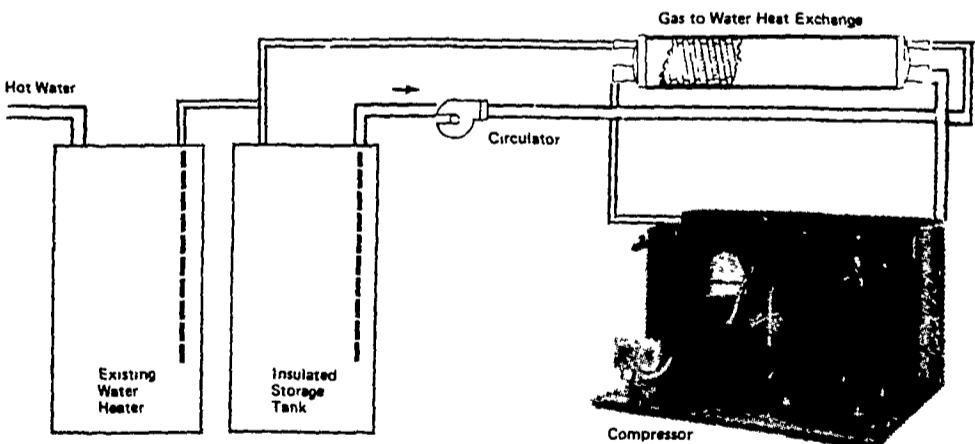
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