

Time in 4-H has flown for brother and sister

By JOANNE SPAHR
 EPHRATA, Pa. - The photographs show either a boy or girl at the lead of a steer which is twice the size of the person holding it, and the little figures in the picture are dressed in clothes from an era gone by. The overly grinning cherub faces represented only partially resemble the countenances of the two teenagers showing the scrapbook, but it is evident from the grins and laughter brought on by the pictures that they are key memoirs from the past.

At one point, Ron looks up at his sister, Judy, and says with a perplexed, consternated look on his face, "Boy, doesn't time fly?"

Both agree that, yes, their time in 4-H has passed quickly and that 4-H has been a great experience for both of them.

The two teenagers involved are Ron and Judy Zimmerman, the children of Mr. and Mrs. John Zimmerman, Ephrata R1. Both have had active careers in 4-H. Judy has been involved in the Red Rose Beef and Sheep Club for six years and has been active in the Ephrata

Community Club with swine and 4-H veterinary projects. Ron, 18, has had a nine year track record of successes and good times in the beef club.

Together, and individually, the two things the brother and sister duo mention about their time in 4-H is the fun they have had and the people they have met.

"If you don't have fun, you may as well not be in it," says Judy, matter-of-factly. And, she has had fun, it's evident. For five out of her six years in 4-H, she has been involved in the Farm Show at Harrisburg which she thoroughly enjoys.

"I guess I've just been lucky," she modestly commented when asked the key to her success. But, she has earned her laurels in competition, which disproves her modest remark. For instance, her third year there, she had the reserve champion Hereford. One of her most vivid memories from that experience is that the person she purchased the animal from paced the floor the whole time she was showing,

And, it got to the point that spectators drew a circle around him which he was not allowed to overstep.

Yet, her best memories, as was mentioned, are of the fun she had.

"You meet so many kids," she explains. The only drawback of the competition is that "they make us go to bed too early."

Judy has also been on teen leader retreats, although, so far, she's never been a teen leader. However, the retreats are valuable experiences because they teach her how to help others, especially younger people.

This year, also, she was part of a junior livestock judging team which competed in 4-H State Achievement Days at Penn State. In that competition, her team placed first and she placed as second high individual. The other members of her team placed fourth and fifth, so, as Judy puts it, as a team they did "really well."

But, Judy's not one to point up her successes and neither is Ron, although one accomplishment of his 4-H



Judy and Ron Zimmerman have and have ribbons and trophies as been members of 4-H for many years, memoirs of their past achievements.

Munkittrick succeeds Martin

WASHINGTON, D.C. - Graham T. Munkittrick will succeed Benny Martin as Pennsylvania State Conservationist for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation Service (SCS), Administrator R. M. Davis announced today.

Munkittrick, 48, will be transferring October 24, to Harrisburg, Pa., from Maryland, where he has been State Conservationist for four years. Martin, head of SCS work in Pennsylvania since 1972, will become State Conservationist in Nebraska.

Martin is a native of Idaho and a 1951 agronomy graduate of the University of Idaho. He served in the U.S. Navy from 1943 to 1946. Martin joined SCS in 1951 in

Idaho where he worked as a soil scientist and district conservativist. He served as area conservationist in Colorado from 1961 until 1966, when he became assistant state conservationist for Kansas.

In 1970, Martin moved to Harrisburg, Pa., where he served as Deputy Station Conservationist until his selection as Pennsylvania's State Conservationist.

Munkittrick is a native of New Jersey and a 1954 agriculture graduate of Arizona State University. He was awarded a Master's Degree in public administration by Harvard University in 1969. Munkittrick served in the U.S. Army from 1953 to 1955.

Munkittrick joined SCS in 1957 in New Jersey where he served as a soil conservation technician, soil conservationist and district conservationist before being selected area conservationist in Charlottesville, Va. in 1965.

In 1969, Munkittrick moved to East Greenwich, R.I., where he was State Conservationist for Rhode Island until he transferred to Maryland in 1972.

career has been being named the third high individual at State 4-H Achievement Days in 1974 when the junior team he was on placed first. He's also done quite well in local Farm Shows such as the Ephrata Fair, where he has had champion animals for several years. And, he also has taken animals to Farm Show for all but one of his years in 4-H.

Yet, Ron, who is a senior at Ephrata High School, doesn't look into the past as much as he does to the future. He's now at the verge of starting a career for himself away from school and 4-H. He'd like to go into farming, although with the prices the way they are, he's not sure what amount of success he will have in

getting started in this area. But, if he can, he will stay with farm related work. Right now he's working for a serum company, taking blood samples of heifer calves and veal calves for research laboratory materials. So, in the future, it is possible he will go into this type of vocation which springs out of his interest in agriculture.

Judy, however, has a few more years to go before she needs to plan a career. She's a sophomore at Ephrata High School where she is taking the business course.


She also takes a few agriculture classes on the side. And, she is very much involved with the hockey team.

As with her career, Judy doesn't need to concern herself now about having to leave 4-H, because she has three more years to go, which she fully intends to enjoy.

"I know already that I'll miss it," she says. Hopefully, time won't fly as quickly in those next three years as it did in the first six for her, and the past nine for Ron.

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