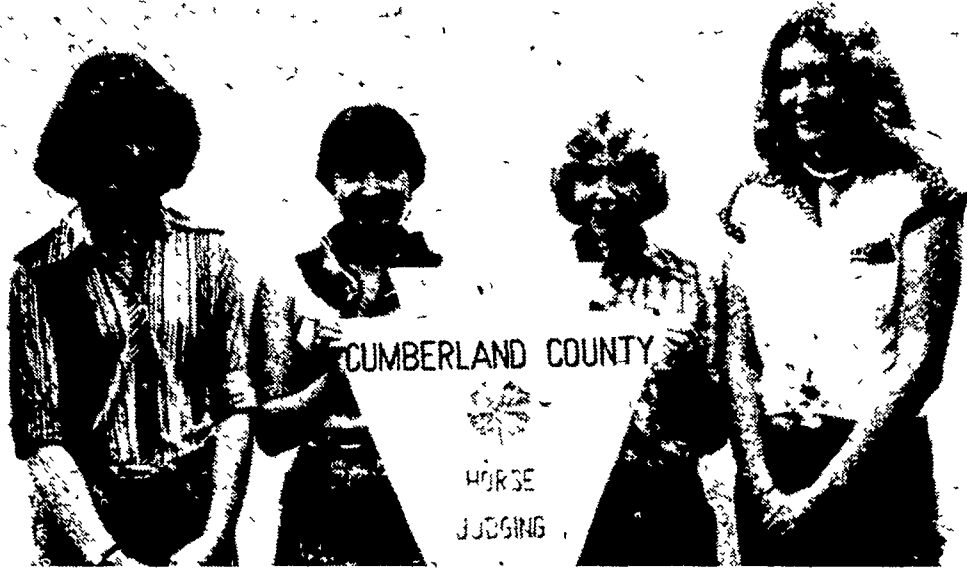


Horse judging team to compete



Members of the Cumberland County 4-H horse judging team, winner over 41 other teams at the recent State 4-H Achievement Days at Penn State, will represent the state at the National 4-H Horse Judging Contest, November 4, in Harrisburg. Team members from left: Betsy Nichols, of RD2, Mechanicsburg; Judy Long, Carlisle; Cindy Otto, Carlisle R8; and Debra King, Mechanicsburg R2. All members of the Cumberland County 4-H Horse and Pony Club, they are coached by Barbara Rebert, Carlisle R8.

Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser



I've now written over 400 articles. This month it is eight years since I started writing for Lancaster Farming. In rereading the first article, I see that it rambles on about many little things and that is how I feel this morning.

So here is a bit of this and a bit of that and not so much of anything. Comparing my life in 1970 to today caused me to get out an old dairy. It seems as though my time is filled with many things today but apparently it has slowed down without my noticing it. There were four children in public school then instead of one and I was an active Deacon in our church, vice president of the Home & School Ass'n., a 4-H leader and a regular member of a prayer group. Now one or two of these jobs keep me busy. And with boys at home, my husband wasn't as tied down as he is now. It seems all the work falls on his shoulders.

Then, we had a daughter working in New York and only one son in college and there was a lot of "going and coming." This activity is still the same only there is more of it as now there are more children coming home to visit. Some things are the same, though, as there are still many things to can and freeze and lots of cooking and baking only on a smaller scale. And I am still needed as a chauffeur.

It is difficult to realize that the years are passing so quickly. Things change gradually-but they do change! While looking over snapshots and mailing lists, one realizes the number of people and pets that are no longer with us. Life has a certain order, like the changing seasons, but every now and then the unexpected does happen-like my getting a job writing this article.

Sulfa residue problem studied

DES MOINES, Iowa - NPPC representatives met recently in Washington with FDA Administrator Don Kennedy, Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Carol Foreman, Congressman Berkley Bedell, expert research people, and other government staff people to present the latest information and request for adjustment of the tolerance level in the sulfa residue problem that is affecting the pork industry.

The NPPC has shared in the funding of research that they initiated on this problem when it was found that violations were occurring on farms where sulfa products had not ever been knowingly used. "It is imperative to the affected individual pork producer that we push for a total evaluation of the sampling, testing, and contaminating source of this problem in

pork production," commented J. Marvin Garner, executive vice president of the NPPC who accompanied President John Soorholtz and Steve Beckley, NPPC staff member, to this meeting.

Research experts in this field, Dr. Gene Lloyd of Iowa State University and Dr. Larry Stowe of University of Minnesota presented information and data to Kennedy and Foreman supporting their concerns with the practicality of the present tolerance levels being maintained by

government monitoring programs. Congressman Bedell stressed the need for reasonable adjustments being made to assure fine quality, healthful meat products, but also taking into consideration the minute measurement and testing system that perhaps exceeded the original intent of the action.

Kennedy and Foreman with their staffs accepted the information and materials for further study by them and their research review teams for possible later action and consideration.

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