

## 4-H doings reported

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — The Easy Riders 4-H Horse Club is planning a bake sale for April. The annual Coggins Clinic will be March 31, and the rain date will be April 7, 1979. The Vet will be Dr. Reynolds of Quaker-town.

Chairmen and committees for the Horse Show are as follows: English: Nancy Haver; Western: Ann Hellyer.

The Window Display chairmen are Lisa and Christa Hurst. A demonstration was presented by Wendy DeMarco.

The next meeting of the Easy Riders 4-H Horse Club will be on March 20th at 7 p.m. at the Town and Country Bank.

The Hunterdon County 4-H Sheep Club held their monthly meeting on March 3rd at the Extension Building. The host family for the meeting was the Goedeke family of Flemington. The dinner committee reported on plans for the annual dinner to be held at the Stanton Grange on April 7th at 7 p.m. Ticket information may be attained by contacting Mrs. Philip Crommelin at 236-2324 prior to March 24th. Any former members of the club are invited to attend this dinner. Scott Goedeke presented a demonstration on Docking and Castrating Lambs. The movie, "The American Sheepman-A Way of Life," was shown.

Members were encouraged to participate in the County demonstration contest to be held on April 6th and 7th. Also, it was decided to have three dif-

ferent window display committees so that members in different sections of the county could participate in putting up these displays.

The new business discussed by the Hunterdon County 4-H Cloverettes was as follows: Memorial Day Parade May 27th in Whitehouse and the 4-H Day at the Flemington Mall on May 19th.

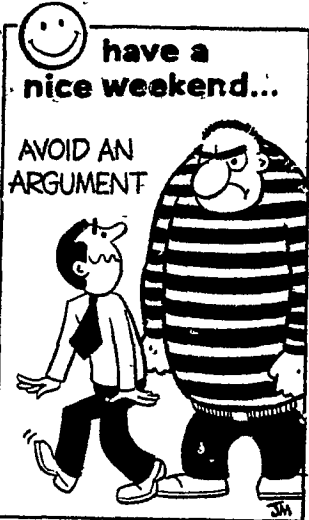
The club will be attending a workshop for the Window Display on March 19th at the Extension Center. The

Window Display will be in Milford.

After the business meeting, the 4-H leaders taught new twirls to the Cloverettes.

The Hunterdon County Jr. Leaders' Association had a meeting and pizza party at the Extension Center on February 27th.

A motion was passed to spend \$15.20 for a plaque for the Window Display competition. Plans are being finalized for a trip to New York to see a Broadway play. Future speakers were also discussed.



## On being a farm wife

—And other hazards

By  
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Society has suddenly begun focusing on the problem of wife abuse.

While not totally unheard of, it's rare to hear of a farmer who beats his wife.

They have more socially acceptable ways to keep the little woman in line.

It's called letting us "help" around the farm.

A black and blue farm wife suffers perhaps, not from the fist, but from the feet.

The feet might be those belonging to a thousand-pound heifer, who the farm wife was supposed to help round up for a yearly cold shot.

Or, maybe it was the feet of a three-hundred-pound pregnant sow with an edgy temper who took an instant dislike to the new farrowing pen.

It might even have been the nimble pointy little hoofs of a hundred sheep stampeding to the grain and hay filled dinner trough, leaving our farm wife with ankle abrasions.

By this time, if the farm wife is not headed feet-first to an X-ray technician, she

will have at least become a critically addicted band-aid junkie.

A band-aid will comfort a throbbing thumb afflicted while bending a nail over the barn door to hold it in place after the hinges fell off.

Still another band-aid will stop the flow of blood pouring from the inch-long slit in your arm left by an army of razor-sharp corn leaves that attack you as you chase those escaped cows.

And yet another band-aid will cushion your big toe, which you dislocated when you kicked the disk, which filled up with clumps of ground, which were impossible to remove, which left you standing in the middle of a field furious with frustration.

So, you see, there are already many rural homes for abused wives. Trouble is, we have to clean the doggone things.

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