

# 4-H leaders tell involvement is worth effort

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Editor's Note: April 22 thru 28 is National Volunteer Week. In honor of the occasion, Lancaster Farming interviewed three 4-H volunteer leaders who told why they give of their time and efforts to the clubs they serve.

LITITZ — Mrs. Mark W. Hosler, Manheim R5, has served as a volunteer leader in the Elm-Penryn 4-H Club for 24 years. She said she has gained a lot of satisfaction from being a leader. "I have learned a lot of youngsters and learned to know their characteristics." She regrets that the large size of the club today prevents her from knowing the children as well as she once did.

Mrs. Hosler became a leader at the request of the late Victor Plastow who asked her to help when her sons' club lost a leader. She recruited another leader and with the help of one of the leaders of the original club, they reorganized and began meeting in Penryn as the Elm-Penryn Club.



Mrs. Mark Hossler, a leader of the Elm-Penryn Club, not only takes time out of her schedule for 4-H, but also devotes herself to many hobbies.

A leader for gardening, sweet corn, strawberries, indoor and outdoor flowers, Mrs. Hosler says that

strawberries is one of her largest projects.

When she first became a leader she said projects

were not assigned to particular leaders. "The one who lived nearest that child helped with his project." As the club increased, leaders began working in specific areas.

Mrs. Hosler remembers fondly the days when she "gathered up" the children and took them to meetings and to Achievement Day. Even now, she said she tells them to ask her if they don't have a way to go to Achievement Day.

Having been a 4-H'er herself for eight years, Mrs. Hosler says, "It makes a big difference in how you look at 4-H if you were in 4-H yourself. I was one that liked to be in the top, and I usually came up with blue ribbons." Nevertheless, she said she urges her 4-H'ers not to feel disappointed if they don't get the coveted blue ribbon. "I tell them that I have helped at Achievement Day and I have seen them judge. I know they look at the fine details, and they can't give everybody a blue ribbon. That doesn't mean a project is not good." Mrs. Hosler took projects in sewing,

cooking and home improvement.

Up until three years ago, she also worked as organizational leader, but she no longer does that, leaving it to "the younger ones." She commends the younger volunteer leaders, saying, "Some of them are really putting in the time with their projects. But it is a problem to get leaders and keep leaders. It is worthwhile to be a leader."

She said interest in 4-H remains about the same. "There are some children who are really interested and some are not. I think we get more parent support than we used to. If parents are interested, you have good 4-H members. Those children do their projects

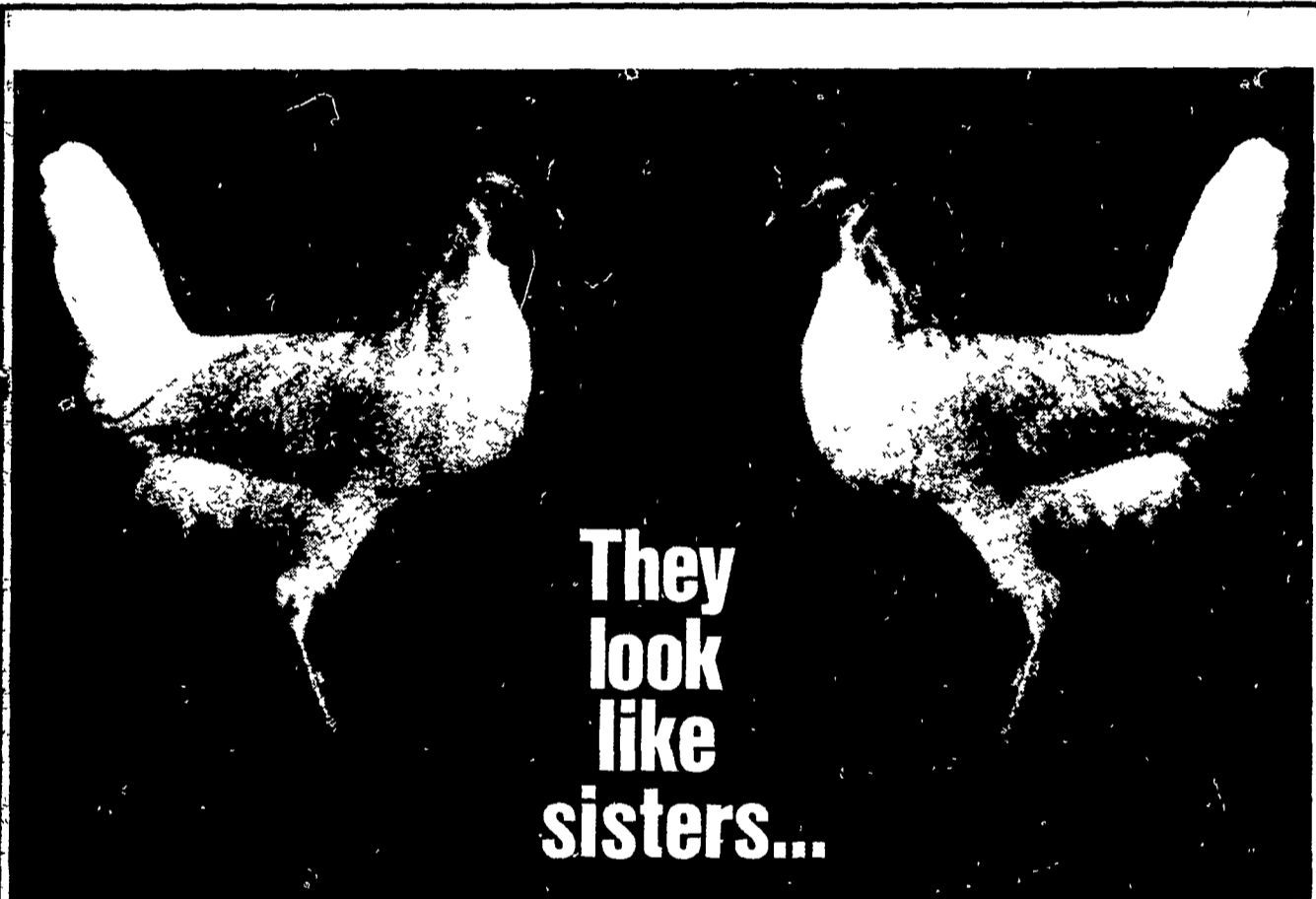
and bring them to Achievement Day."

Being a volunteer is a way of life for Mrs. Hosler. Formerly she was very active in the Penryn Fire Company and she has served for 27 years on the Manheim Osteopathic Guild. She makes stuffed animals and pine cone wreaths for their bazaars, but one of her largest projects is making peanut brittle which they do in Mrs. Hosler's kitchen. Last year they made 345 pounds in November and December to be ready for the Christmas market. She is a member of the Manheim Brethren Church and serves as a volunteer for the New Windsor clothing center through her church.

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J. Warren Heisey, Elizabethtown, a leader of the Elizabethtown Pig and Rabbit Club, gets ready to take his family to another 4-H meeting.



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