

## 4-H Leaders

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Volunteering in the community is very important she said, because "You get to know people I don't know what I'd do if I didn't volunteer." With four married sons, she feels her time would be heavy without her outside projects.

J. Warren Heisey became involved as a 4-H volunteer leader through his wife, Beverly.

"My wife had started a 4-H club," he relates, "And she asked me to be a leader. I never had been in 4-H before."

And now 13 years later, he is still active in the Elizabethtown Pig and Rabbit Club.

Why?

"There is a need for boys and girls to have projects to teach them the following things" he firmly stated. "Good work habits, a chance to do your own thing, financial responsibility, and leadership through serving as club officers."

"Ninety-nine per cent of your kids are really fine kids," he continued, "and they need adult encouragement."

A man who takes his responsibilities seriously, he told that he is bugged by leaders that fail to visit their 4-H'ers projects, and assess the direction that the youth are going in.

"It's worth the trouble of getting involved," he continued. "There is the satisfaction of seeing 4-H'ers accomplish the goals that they set out to do. And I appreciate the teen leadership that the 4-H'ers do, to help leaders help the first-timers develop their projects."

Looking back on his years in 4-H, he thinks there is more parent interest in clubs now, and that more specialized clubs are being formed.

"And the competition is becoming increasingly tougher," he added. "The kids really know what they are doing. There is an increase in the quality of projects that the kids are handing in; and there is more active leadership today coming from the Extension Office."

With four of his own children in the club that numbers between 20 and 25

youth, Heisey is quick to point out that while his wife is not an official leader of the pig and rabbit club (she is involved with a cooking 4-H club), he couldn't do without her help, and also the children are involved in their own projects, doing the best they can.

There are six championship and reserve championship trophies on a shelf in an upstairs bedroom. And the latest champion, a young lady named Sharon Heisey, who had the county champion in 1976, eagerly tells that she picked her own pig.

"I try to teach the 4-H'ers the fundamentals" he summed it up. "Helping them do their best is my role in 4-H."

For Jesse G. Balmer, being a leader of the Guernsey 4-H Dairy Club has been a rewarding experience. Balmer, who resides near Lititz, has been a volunteer leader for about 13 years.

He says, "You get to see the 4-H'ers develop, and you get a good feeling."

"I became a leader because I was asked to I guess," he said matter-of-factly. All of his children have been active in the club, with Carol, 18, and Connie, 16, currently participating. He said, "There is definitely always a need for leaders." He added that while their membership is currently small they are still willing to welcome new volunteer leaders.

One of the things that has changed over his 13 years as a leader is that 4-H'ers have become more active. "Their schedules are so much busier, it is hard to fit in all the activities."

As a leader in the dairy club, Balmer said most of the guidance is given at meetings and at round-up time. But he added, "It depends. There are times when we've gone out and helped at the farm. I think they're glad for help, although they don't call often."

He mentioned that at some time in the past, the leaders have scored the projects on the farms, which gives them a chance to discuss problems and help the 4-H'er as he prepares his animals for shows.



Jesse Balmer, Lititz, besides being active in the dairy 4-H, keeps himself busy with his own farm and dairy herd.

Balmer said he feels about 70 Guernsey cows, and the family's involvement in the 4-H program is a total commitment. Volunteering is a way of life, and Balmer accepts the responsibilities of children will attend, a trend which he feels is helpful to maintain the interest in the home.

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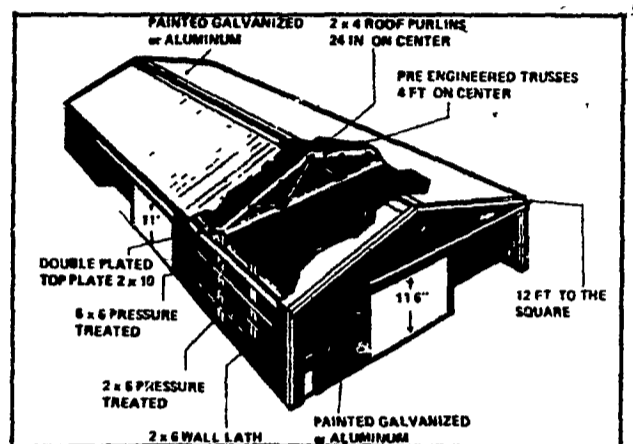
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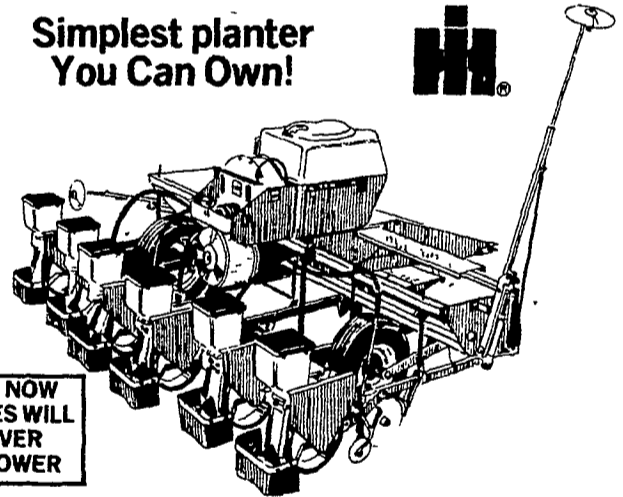
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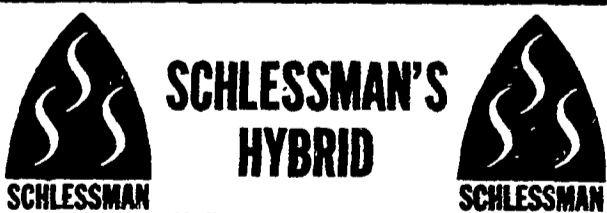


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