

Manor FFA treats kids to petting zoo



Nelson Breneman, Manor Chapter member, explains what his cow eats and produces (not

chocolate milk) to Elementary students at the John Price Elementary School.

MILLERSVILLE — As part of the Food for America campaign, the Manor FFA Chapter took their livestock and poultry projects to three elementary schools in the Millersville area. The project's main purpose was to educate city children where food comes from and what's involved in raising food.

The Chapter members also showed a movie on where hamburger comes from and how it is made.

Coloring books, depicting farm animals, were given to the elementary students. The petting zoo was a big success as the children scampered to pet the small animals, and shyly reached out to the larger ones.

Food for America committee members from the Manor Chapter include: Aaron Ebersole, Willow Street R2; Wayne Hess, Conestoga R1; Jay McMichael, Willow Street R1; Kay Shertzer, Millersville

R1; Nancy Baily, Millersville R1; and Karen Long, Willow Street R3. Also, Tim Frey, Washington Boro R1; Nelson Breneman, Columbia R2; Gordon Long, Columbia R3; Dave Wiker, Lancaster; Bob Musser, Lancaster; and John Ressler, Rolansville.

Karen Long, who brought along her Angus calf said "most of the kids didn't know what the calf was." The FFA members had a cow, calf, lamb, goat, pigs, poultry and peeps on display

in their petting zoo. As each new group approached, the children were told what the animal was, how it is raised, what it eats, and what it produces.

This was the third year for the Manor Chapter to put on such a petting zoo. As one FFA'er commented, "the kids seemed to really enjoy it."



Shy but curious, this little girl reaches out to pet the pigs.



As the children clustered around the Dorset lamb, one child asked "Is that really wool?" Wayne Hess, Chapter member held the lamb and answered questions. The petting zoo was part of the Chapter's Food for America project.

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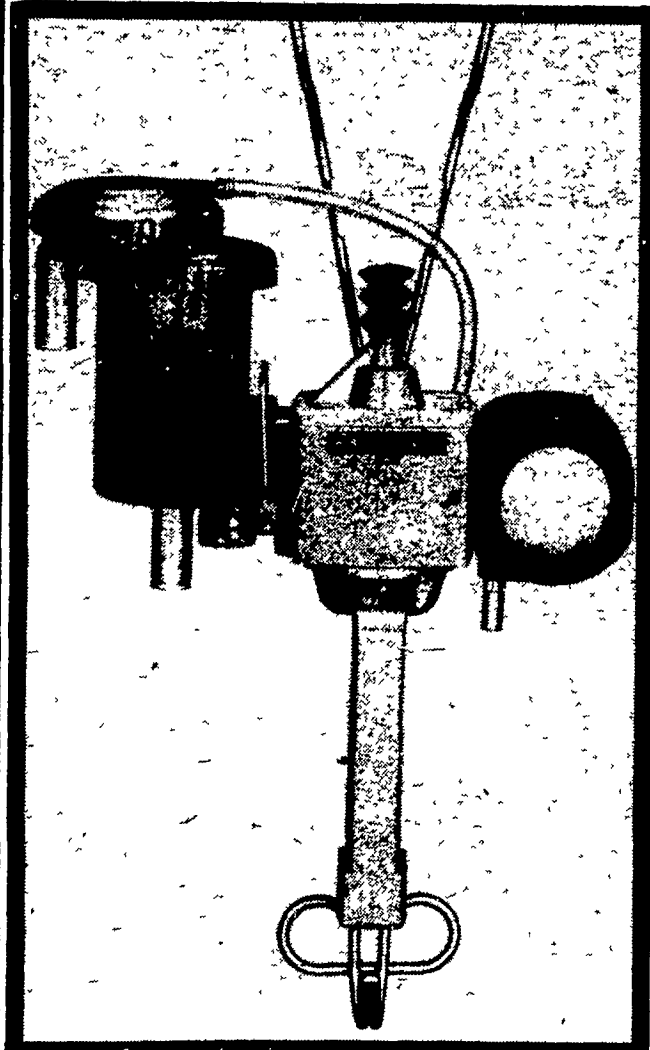
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