

There is no such thing as a bored farm kid. This is one of those truths that I grew up with and still honestly believe.

As I look back on my years in school, I can remember my classmates telling me that they'd go home, watch TV, eat supper, watch TV, and go to bed.

Not so on the farm.

As soon as you scrambled off the bus, you'd race for the house to change into your old clothes. Then it was out to the barn, for chores and fun.

There was always feeding to be done, bedding to be spread, and odd jobs to fill your time. But the funny thing was that it never seemed like work really.

There were always the lambs and sheep to play with and talk to, and the horses to ride. Then there were those baby beef steers that needed so much attention and work as you took them on their daily stroll.

And of course you had to pay attention to your buddies, the cats and dogs that followed your footsteps everywhere you went.

It wouldn't be long before Mother would be at the back door, calling that supper was ready. And in you would trudge, hungry for that good home cooking.

After supper, Daddy would lay out the plans for the evening. It could be bagging feed, making fence, worming sheep, or baling hay. Every job was an adventure, for it was always something different.

Then, too soon, it was time to head for the house and bed, or studies, if you were unfortunate enough to have homework. And another day had come to an end before you knew it.

Quiet moments with nothing to do seemed far and few between, and when found, you'd disappear before somebody found out you were unoccupied. You learned to appreciate time by yourself.

Every day was different, every day was full of life, every day was unique.

I wish every child would have the chance to live thus.

4-H handicapped youth forum attended

NORRISTOWN — Melinda Miller, Royersford and Bannie Stewart, Collegeville returned recently from Washington, D.C. where they attended a National 4-H Leader Forum at the National 4-H Center. The Montgomery County 4-H leaders were two of 52 delegates from 30 states.

Developed around a focus on 4-H and Handicapped youth, the sessions were designed to help leaders become more effective in working with handicapped 4-H members and volunteers. Special feature of this week were four workshops on 4-H with mentally retarded, blind, deaf, and physically impaired. The workshop on blind youth was made possible, in part, by a grant from the E. Matilda Ziegler Foundation for the Blind, Inc., N.Y. Other sessions included dealing with attitudes, recreation for all participants, working with other organizations and agencies and tips and techniques in meal planning, preparation and home

planning by a representative of the Campbell Soup Company, Camden, N.J.

Melinda and Bannie said that the most interesting part of these sessions were the 4-H programs for the handicapped and the varied adaptations used by the blind and physically handicapped. Mrs. Stewart is director for Sebastian Associates, a horseback riding for the handicapped program located in Collegeville.

Leaders also had an opportunity to spend a day on Capitol Hill to discuss policies and legislative issues with members of the Senate Sub-committee on the Handicapped and the Senate Agricultural Committee, and staff at the Department of Health, Education and Welfare.

The leaders plan to apply newly acquired skills in developing awareness of handicapped abilities and their needs to 4-H groups and community organizations. Also, they plan to set up 4-H

programs for the handicapped, when appropriate, in conjunction with other service organizations. 4-H leader forums are conducted throughout the year by National 4-H Council in behalf of the Cooperative Extension Service.

Bannie and Melinda were awarded scholarships by the Montgomery County 4-H Development Fund with assistance from the Montgomery County 4-H Equine Council and the E. Matilda Ziegler Foundation for the Blind in New York.

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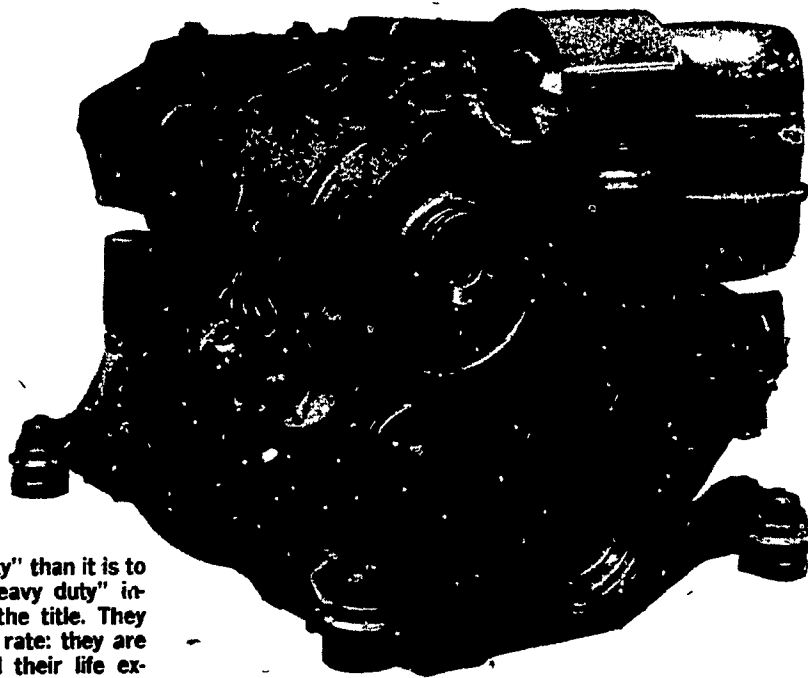
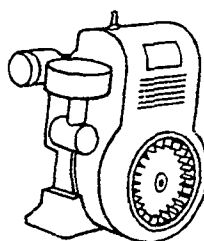
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