4-H Volunteers are a valuable asset

the Lebanon County 4-H program provide approximately \$155,220 worth of support to the County 4-H program through their contributions of time, materials, and mileage. Linda Rohrbach, 4-H Agent, announced these statistics at the Leader Recognition Banquet held Tuesday night in Lebanon.

According to Rohrbach, there were over 160 4-H volunteers in Lebanon County in 1979. Using statistics derived from a national study of 4-H volunteers, she estimates that the average 4-H leader contributes 25-eight hour days annually. In addition, leaders provide materials to 4-H'ers, sometimes unknowingly. "There are many leaders who find that 4-H'ers forget and walk off with their pen or who perhaps supply a small piece of interfacing or a teaspoon of vanilla. At the time, it

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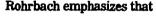
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LEBANON - Volunteers in may not seem like much, but 4-H volunteers are not looked H'ers. However, the time it can add up. But, keep in mind, the average leader contributes about \$50. That means that a lot of leaders contribute less than that amount."

Mileage approximations also figure into the \$155,200 total. The national study showed an average of 400 miles per year. At the accepted rate of 17 cents per mile, that amounts to \$68 per year in 4-H mileage.

Time, materials, and mileage contributions amount to about \$970 for the average Lebanon County volunteer. "Luckily, that's not all out-of-pocket expense," says Rohrbach. "Only about \$110 is earned money and even some of that is tax-deductible; not many volunteers realize that."

The \$970 average in kind contributions from the 160 4-H volunteers amount to a whopping \$155,220 input to the county program.



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upon as financial resources. "We do need financial contributions but we also need human resources people who like to work with 4-H youth, people who have skills, talents, and enthusiasm to share with 4-

they contribute does make a strong case for continued volunteer leadership in the 4-H program."

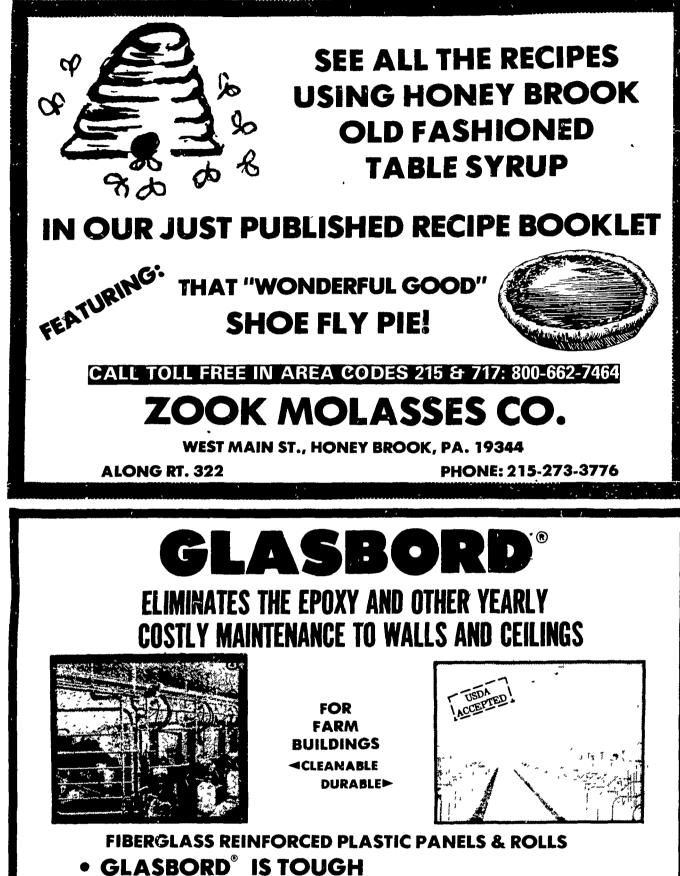
Volunteers can do any kind of job ranging from organizing club meetings, teaching a wide variety of

projects including woodworking, plant science, pets, foods, crafts, livestock, and unlimited others, helping with county wide events, and designing graphics. All skills are utilized in an active county program.

Persons interested in contributing to the 4-H program should contact their county 4-H offices. In Lebanon County, the number ıs (717) 273-3748.



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