

## 4-H club holds polo clinic, horse show

LANCASTER — Members, family and friends of the Boots and Saddles 4-H Horse and Pony Club spent a fun Sunday afternoon on April 20 learning how to play polo.

Norman Tayler, a polo player for 35 years; Wendell Jones, who played polo at Valley Forge Military Academy, and Jeff Morris, who played polo while at Cornell University, instructed the 4-H'ers in basic

techniques, such as the proper way to hold and swing the mallet, rules of the game, various maneuvers to help the horse and rider, and how to teach a horse to stop and turn quickly.

The members were told that polo is a game for all ages, that usually a playing field is around 100 by 300 feet, that the 7-minute periods are called chukkers, and that a game has six chukkers. The 4-H'ers

picked up teams and played several spirited matches.

The club would like to start their own polo team and future clinics are planned. The clinics are open to the public and any interested person who would like to join in the fun is invited. Sessions are held at the Fellenbaum Farm on Fruitville Pile. For more information, contact Rose Fellenbaum at 569-3068.

The 4-H Club finalized plans for their Open Horse Show at their last meeting on Friday, April 11. The show is being held today at the

Lower Hopewell Horse Center, 390 Speedwell Forge Road, Lititz. The Grooming and Showmanship classes will start at 9 a.m. Other events include halter, English, Western, and gymkana classes. A food stand and a used tack and clothing sale is being run by the 4-H members.

Sandy Hamilton, a senior member, explained the Club's Good Showmanship Award at the April meeting. Members will be divided into three age groups and will accumulate points during the year. Some ways to earn

points are by attendance at meetings, various projects and helpfulness to others. At the end of the year, the top scorer in each age group will receive a trophy.

Leader Dick Harcherode talked about the 4-H project books and tests given throughout the year. He also noted that the Boots and Saddles Club has grown to almost 50 members.

Junior member Kelly Nachbar gave an informative demonstration on identifying a horse by the white markings on its head and legs. Using drawings of a horse's head and legs, she

showed where marks are located, their appearances, and the names given to particular marks.

The main entertainment for the April meeting was a movie on Hunter Seat Equitation put out by the American Horse Show Association. Afterwards, Sue McCoy, a local horse show judge, talked about the film and answered questions.

The next Boots and Saddles 4-H meeting will be held on May 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Valerie and Vivian High in Landisville.

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## Richards joins Delaware County extension staff

MEDIA — Bruce A. Richards has been appointed as an assistant Extension agent and assigned to Delaware County.

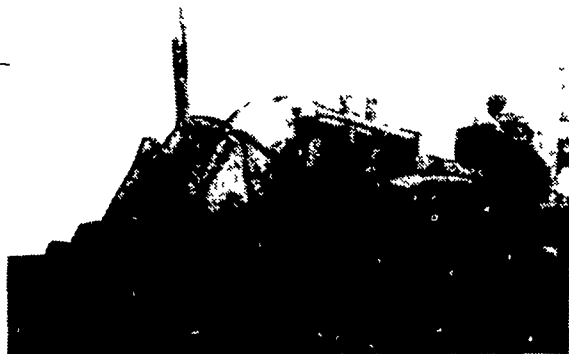
Thomas B. King, Penn State, points out that Richards is conducting educational 4-H youth programs. His position is partially funded by an appropriation from the Delaware County Board of Commissioners.

A native of Wilmington, Delaware, he received a bachelor of science degree in agriculture from the University of Delaware in 1978. He is completing requirements for a master of science degree at Penn

State. Prior to his appointment to the Delaware County Extension staff, he was a vocational agriculture teacher in the Lampeter-Strasburg High School. Richards is a member of the Pennsylvania State Education Association, National Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association, and Pennsylvania Vocational Agricultural Teachers Association.

In Delaware County, he is associated with County Extension Director James J. McKeehen and C.R. Bryan, County 4-H Agent, with offices in the Toal Building, Media.

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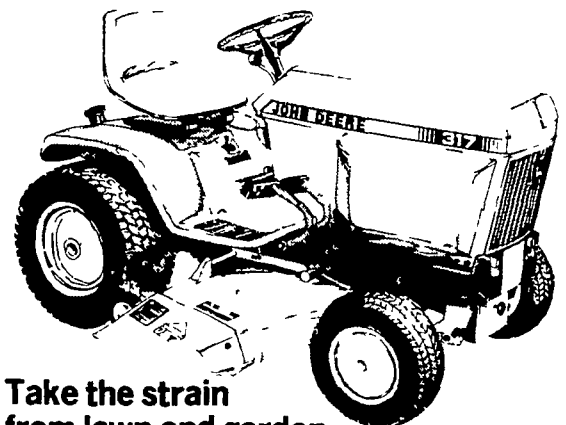
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