

## Berks names 4-Hers for leadership conference

LEESPORT — Berks County 4-H members will learn specialized leadership skills when they take part in Pennsylvania 4-H Leadership Congress, June 23 to 26, at Penn State's main campus.

The county delegation will join with about 1000 other 4-H members from all counties in the Commonwealth to share and contribute ideas which will improve local community programs.

At Leadership Congress, they will take part in assemblies, discussion and interest groups, and recreational activities.

Members participating in the event are: DELEGATES — Erica B. Adams, Shoemakersville; Harold E. Dietrich, Hamburg; Kim K. Gasser, Fleetwood; Gary K. Hausman, Boyertown; James R. Heffner, Fleetwood; Janis A. Heffner, Fleetwood; Sharon L. Mengel, Hamburg; Cathie J. Ohlinger, Mohrsville; Rhonda L. Scheidt, Kutztown; Tammy A. Schlappich, Mohrsville; Kevin G.

Shollenberger, Hamburg; Andrew M. Shrawder, Kempton; Carol A. Strause, Hamburg; and John Andrew Zollers, Mertztown.

LEADERSHIP SCHOOL — Pamela B. Keeney, Bethel; Barbara L. Schroeder, Kutztown; Larry M. Stratton, Kutztown; and Donna M. Stump, Bernville. STREET CAMPING — Jamie E. Batz, Richland; Sally A. Hensel, Shoemakersville; Pamela L. Ines, Fleetwood; William W. Leshner, Bernville; Connie E. Ohlinger, Mohrsville; Christine M. Rebman, Rehrersburg; Clark R. Sattazahn, Womelsdorf; and Kerry L. Schwoyer, Fleetwood.

LEADER FORUM — Roger W. Ines, Fleetwood; Gail L. Malsbury, Rehrersburg; Karen R. Sattazahn, Womelsdorf; Dorothy E. Stricker, Robesonia; and Debbie L. Stump, Bernville.

"This year's conference will include six different programs of leadership orientation and development," says Mae D. Bleiler, Extension Home Economist.

"A Leadership School for 16-17 year olds; a Leadership Council for 18-19 year olds; a State 4-H Leaders Forum for adult volunteer leaders; delegate workshops for 13-15 year olds; street camping leadership training; and county 4-H reporters training are aspects of the program."

Selected teen leaders will attend a special school designed to increase skills to work effectively in planning and conducting county youth programs. Topics will include communication skills, understanding social concerns and group processes,

and recreation.

Leaders and Extension staff members will meet with College of Agriculture officials and participate in educational workshops involving the understanding of leadership principles, working with groups, communications, and subject matter related to selected 4-H projects.

Also scheduled during Congress will be a street camping leadership program. Youths between the ages of 14 and 17 will be involved in this educational experience which will assist them in organizing similar

programs in local communities.

Five county 4-H members have been named to serve as a Leadership Council representatives. They include: Darlene Dietrich, Hamburg; Dorene L. Hertzog, Kutztown; Judy Malsbury, Rehrersburg; Kevin Sattazahn, Womelsdorf; and Glenn D. Yanos, Douglassville. These teens who attended a previous 4-H Congress, will provide leadership for activities along with 55 other selected 4-H members from throughout the state.

Another county 4-H

member, Steve Ines of Fleetwood, has been named to serve as a Leadership School Advisor. Steve who has attended last year's Leadership School was chosen by his peers to provide leadership for activities for the 16-17 year old segment of Leadership Congress.

Leadership Council delegates and Leadership School Advisors will arrive on the Penn State Campus June 20 for three days of counseling, orientation, and instruction to prepare them for their duties the remainder of the week.

### Save seven times ag budget

## Grangers ask reduction in state welfare rules

HARRISBURG — Charles E. Wismer, Jr., Master of the Pennsylvania State Grange, called for the immediate passage of House

Bill 2044, a welfare reform bill that would reduce the state's welfare rolls, in a hearing of the Senate Health and Welfare Committee, in

Harrisburg today.

The Welfare Department estimates that if they grant a one-time grant to a "transitionally-needy person", it will save \$96 million in the first year.

"To place that figure into proper perspective," Wismer continued, "it equals almost seven times the amount appropriated to the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture this year."

"We applaud the effort of House Bill 2044 in its attempt to pare down the welfare rolls to those who truly need the assistance," Wismer said.

"Like many on both a state and national level, it has been broadened and expanded to include much more than the original intent of the law."

According to the Pennsylvania Department of Public Welfare, over 19 percent of the City of Philadelphia's total population is presently

receiving some form of public assistance.

"That figure represents well over a quarter of a million people," Wismer stated. "Was this the original intent of the legislation?" he asked. "To subsidize the lives of almost one-quarter of the population of that city."

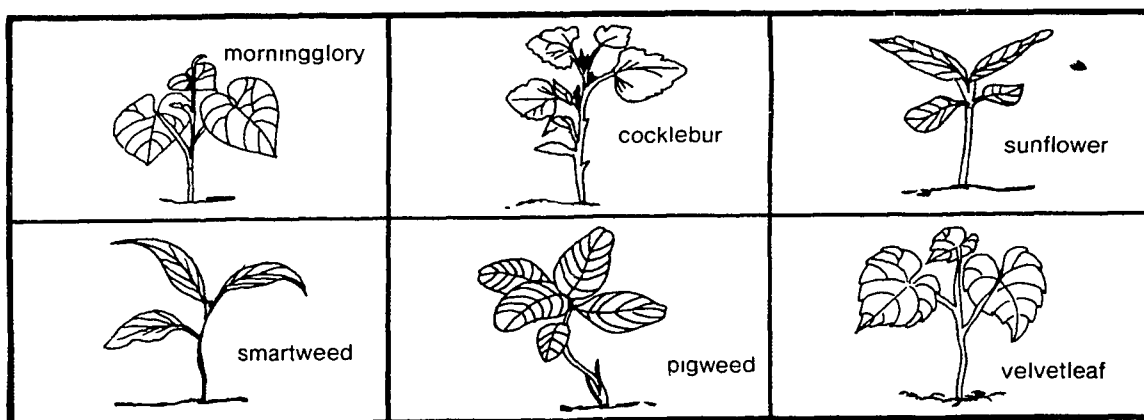
The legislation also provides that no CETA positions could be filled in a geographic until all the transitionally-needy persons in the CETA prime sponsor's area are neither employed or enrolled in a training program.

Wismer commended this provision by saying that "it is a giant step in providing waiting employment for those classified as transitionally needy persons."

He further commented that it "would go a long way towards solving the disincentive to return to work after receiving welfare."

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