

Vermont 4-H'ers visit Dutch country

BY SHEILA MILLER
LEBANON COUNTY — Eighteen Vermont 4-H members along with their two leaders spent a week with Lebanon County 4-H'ers last week.

Arriving in the Pennsylvania Dutch Country on Sunday, July 6, the New Englanders were treated to a taste of Pennsylvania which included our famous shoo-fly pie.

Although most of their time was not organized group activities, the 20 visitors did congregate in Harrisburg on Wednesday to tour the Capitol Building and the William Penn Museum. On their trip back to Lebanon, they also stopped at the Seltzer Bologna Factory, Hershey's Chocolate World, and the Cornwall Furnace.

Barbara Ricker, one of the Vermont 4-H'ers, was visiting Pennsylvania for the first time. Actually, this was Barbie's first trip away from home.

The 14 year old farm girl from Tunbridge spent her week with Brenda Lentz, daughter of Robert and Sandra Lentz, R6 Lebanon.

During her stay, Barbie helped out on the Lentz' 52 milking Holstein dairy operation.

The Lentz milking set up was somewhat different from her family's dairy farm, said Barbie. Back home in Vermont, she and her brother help her Dad milk, but they use milkers and a dumping station rather than the pipeline system used by Lentz.

Barbie said another thing that was different about the Lebanon County dairy farm was the size of the cow herd, corn and the cropland fields. In Vermont, she said, the herds are smaller and the farms are more wooded.

At home, Barbie said, they milk 32 Holsteins and their farm has 200 acres — 100 acres are in forest. She added one thing Vermont farmers use that she didn't see too much of here was windmills to generate electricity.

Barbie explained that Orange County, Vermont, is an agricultural county too. It has chicken, sheep, dairy and horses, along with maple syrup industries.

While at the Lentz farm, Barbie and several other Orange County visitors got to see a laying chicken operation. They travelled to the Donald Landis Farm, R1 Myerstown, to see his milking carousel.

Barbie's one comment about the chicken houses was... "They stunk."

Barry Scott Camp, a 15 year old from East Randolph, Vermont, stayed at the home of Jonathan Fetter, Hill Church Road, Lebanon.

Jon's mother explained that the boys were at Hershey Park for the second time that week. "Barry told us they don't have anything like it back home," she said.

During his stay, Barry went to visit neighbor Russell Hallman's dairy farm.

He watched with interest the combining of wheat, said Mrs. Fetter. "He told us he can't get over the size of the corn and the fields of small grain. At home on his family's farm, they use only hay for feeding cattle."

She added that unlike most Pennsylvania Dutchmen, Barry didn't like shoo-fly pie, but he did enjoy chicken pot pie.

Diane Kreider, R4 Lebanon, hosted 16 year old Pamela Rogers, from R1 Bethel, Vermont. They also visited Hershey Park and toured the Amish country. Diane said Pamela wouldn't even try shoo-fly pie.

Sarah Crall, Lebanon County 4-H leader, opened

her home to the two 4-H leaders from Vermont.

Their week was filled with touring Lancaster County, freezing green beans, visiting farms, and comparing leader information.

Marilyn Fuller, South Ryegate, Vermont, has been a leader for 30 years, said Mrs. Crall. Marian Ertle, South Newbury, Vermont, has been a leader for 3 years.

"They were amazed at the limestone homes and the openness of the farms around here," she said. They're used to feeling closed in between mountains.

"They were also fascinated with our old churches and cemeteries next to the churches. In Vermont, there are no cemeteries next to the churches — they have a common village cemetery."

The sharing experiences and cultures were a two way street, added Mrs. Crall. She said she made them snitz and knepp, and they liked it.

"And they cooked me Vermont dishes like sweet cider pie. They said it was like our shoo-fly pie, but it was more like the filling for a pecan pie." Mrs. Crall noted she would be making

them a "real" shoo-fly pie before they left for Vermont last Saturday.

Other hosts for the visiting 4-H'ers included: Greg Allwein, R2 Lebanon hosting Lee Conant, Randolph Center; Bonnie Bollinger, R1 Fredericksburg hosting Judith Williams, Randolph Center; Karen Boyd, Iona Road, Lebanon hosting Laurie Rogers, Washington; Megan Connor, Davis Lane, Lebanon hosting Dawn Williams, South Newbury; Cheryl Ebersole, Weaverstown Road, Lebanon hosting Jan Osborne, Washington; Scott Eckenrode, R1 Annville hosting Keith Fuller, RD Ryegate; Lisa Gettle,

Stricklerstown hosting Peggy Cushing, R2 Barre and Kris Brown, RD Sharon; Dave LeRoy, R1 Annville hosting Larry Robinson, Strafford; Dana Miller, South 22nd Street, Lebanon hosting Heidi Smit, South Newbury; Sara Miller, Cumberland Street, Annville hosting Debbie Tuttle, Tunbridge; Sheryl Rogers, South Lancaster Avenue, Annville hosting Karen Flannigan, RD South Ryegate; Dan Shiner, Lantern Avenue, Myerstown hosting Diane Robinson, Strafford; and Jay Wenger, Leffler Drive, Richland hosting Paul Wight, Randolph Center.

Forage farm field day to feature face fly facts

CLARKSVILLE, Md. — Farm safety, face fly control and milk in human nutrition will be included in the lineup of exhibits and demonstrations at next week's family field day at the University of Maryland forage research farm near Clarksville.

The twelfth statewide forage crops and dairy cattle management showcase is scheduled for Thursday. Running time is 9:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Wagon tours to view forage crop research trials and hear progress reports on dairy animal research will highlight the morning program, according to J. Lee Majeskie, field day coordinator. Majeskie is

Extension herd management specialist and associate professor of dairy science at the University of Maryland in College Park.

Farm organizations and government agencies in Howard county will be sponsoring another elaborate display in connection with the final day of national Farm Safety Week. The Maryland Department of Transportation and other state agencies will also be participating.

The face fly exhibit is being provided by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. It will highlight techniques for controlling this serious pest of dairy and beef cattle, based on research work last summer in Howard county. The milk nutrition

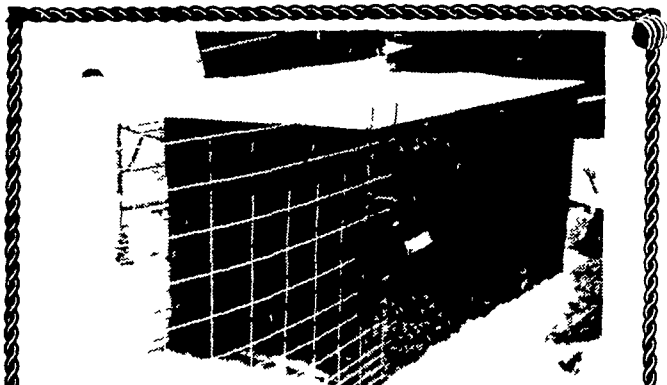
demonstration will be handled by extension home economics representatives from Baltimore city. It will include free samples of a milk drink containing whole eggs—shell and all.

Assuming hot weather, a big display tent will provide welcome shade near the administration building at the dairy farm. The tent will house the milk demonstrations and provide seating for the noon lunch, which will be available at moderate cost.

There is no admission charge; all interested persons are welcome to attend.

The field day site is located three miles northeast of Clarksville in central Howard county. The

street address is 4234 Folly Quarter road, Ellicott City.



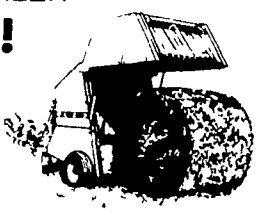
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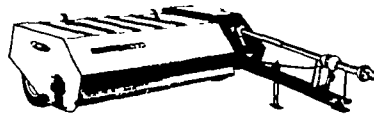
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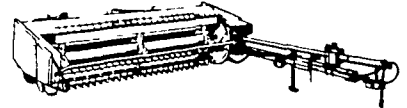
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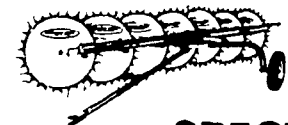
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