

# Boyd challenges 4-H leaders

BY SALLY BAIR

LANCASTER — Lancaster County's 4-H leaders were honored, challenged and rewarded for the important role they play in the total 4-H picture at the annual leaders' banquet held Thursday night at the Farm and Home Center.

Two hundred of the county's nearly 500 4-H adult leaders and 43 teen leaders were recognized for the contributions they make, and special awards were given to supporters of the 4-H program.

Darvin Boyd, recently announced winner of the state 4-H Alumni Award challenged his audience to continue to be models in serving 4-H "with moral leadership and a sense of worthiness of the individual."

Acknowledging the importance of 4-H in his life, Boyd said, "What I represent - what I am - what I have become is due in no small part to 4-H."

Now a vice-president with Hamilton Bank, Boyd was a state 4-H Achievement

winner, represented the County as an International 4-H Farm Youth Exchange Delegate to Korea and returned there to work for six years to expand, plan, and conduct the 4-H program in that country.

County 4-H Agent Nancy Meyers made several awards to supporters of 4-H.

Bob Bucher, Commonwealth National Bank, was given a certificate in appreciation of the bank's support of youth work. For several years the bank has supplied calendars to 4-H leaders, and Bucher, as a representative of the Lancaster County Bankers Association, is instrumental in awarding six college scholarships worth \$200 each to 4-H'ers. Support is also given to the IFYE program.

Another special award was presented to Bob Garland, manager of Hubbard Farms, Neffsville, for his cooperation and support of the 4-H embryology project which reaches several thousand new 4-H'ers each year through schools. Hubbard



Darvin Boyd was selected as the Pennsylvania 4-H Alumni Award winner and challenged the adult leaders and teen leaders to continue their work in developing themselves and the young 4-H members they serve.

Farms has donated over 100 dozen fertilized eggs for this project.

In a third presentation, certificates were presented to the Elvin Bremmman family, Mount Joy, and the Curtis Akers family, Quarryville, for their part in hosting Peter Lee, an International 4-H Youth Exchangee from the United Kingdom.

County Agent Jay Irwin

He added, "Accentuate the positive; don't criticize, but encourage. There are greater talents which exist in young people. Give them the challenge."

According to Boyd, in developing youth leaders must help them build respect, have pride and recognize the worthiness of the individual.

He called competition an important part of 4-H, adding, "Competition is very important to learn, but also to gain the proper perspective."

Recalling his days as a 4-H'er when he lost money on his project and placed low in a class, Boyd said, "You have to be a good loser. Losing was a greater thing to me then winning because I grew."

He reminded leaders that some children respond to competition but others do not. He added, "It is easy to be a winner. The real challenge is to be a loser, and to lose without losing confidence in themselves."

Boyd told the leaders that they are making an investment of nearly one half million dollars in the 4-H program in the county. He got his dollar value by charging them \$4.76 an hour for the hours they put in and and \$17 a mile for the miles they drive.

He said a 1974 survey showed that adult leaders average over 200 hours per person and teen leaders over 40 hours. Furthermore leaders drive over 400 miles and most leaders contribute about \$50 out of their own pockets to help with materials.

"You folks are giving from your heart," He noted. "We

salute you for your role and your investment. It makes 4-H a real bargain for those participating."

Challenging the adult leaders as well as encouraging the teen leaders, Boyd told them three qualities they should have to be successful in life. Integrity, he said, is the foundation upon which they should build. "You spend a lifetime at it. You know if you have it or not. Integrity is the most important quality a person can have. One thing you can give and still keep is your word."

He urged the leaders to believe in themselves. "Be positive, not negative; build not destroy. Life in America, under God, is a great opportunity and a positive experience," he stated.

He added, "Tell me what you believe and I'll tell you what you'll achieve. It's your attitude, not your aptitude which will determine your altitude."

Persistence is the third quality he urged on his audience. "Don't let the valleys and low points get you down. Don't quit."

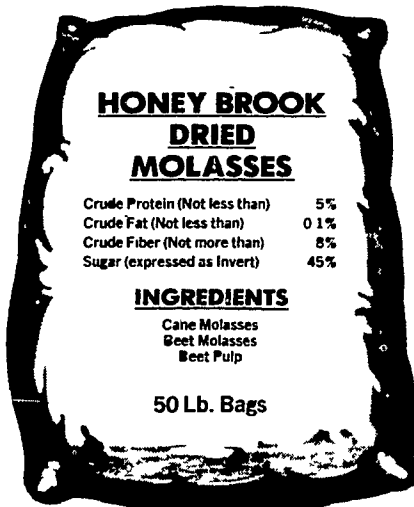
He urged agri-business and ag-industries to continue to support the 4-H program, pointing out that it is the largest youth organization in the nation with 5 million young people as members. He added that voluntary organizations are the strength and backbone of America. "You are all unsung heroes," he said.

John Charles, Penn Manor Community Club and Kathy Shenk, Mastersonville County Club, presented musical entertainment. Both

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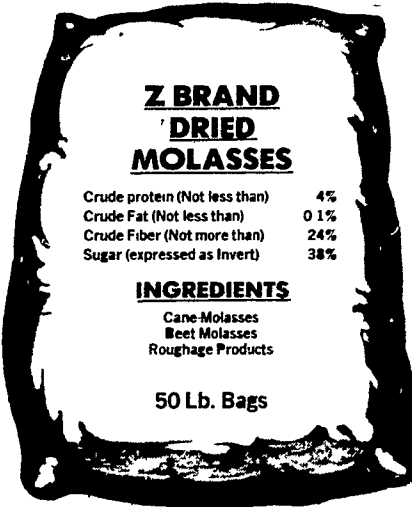
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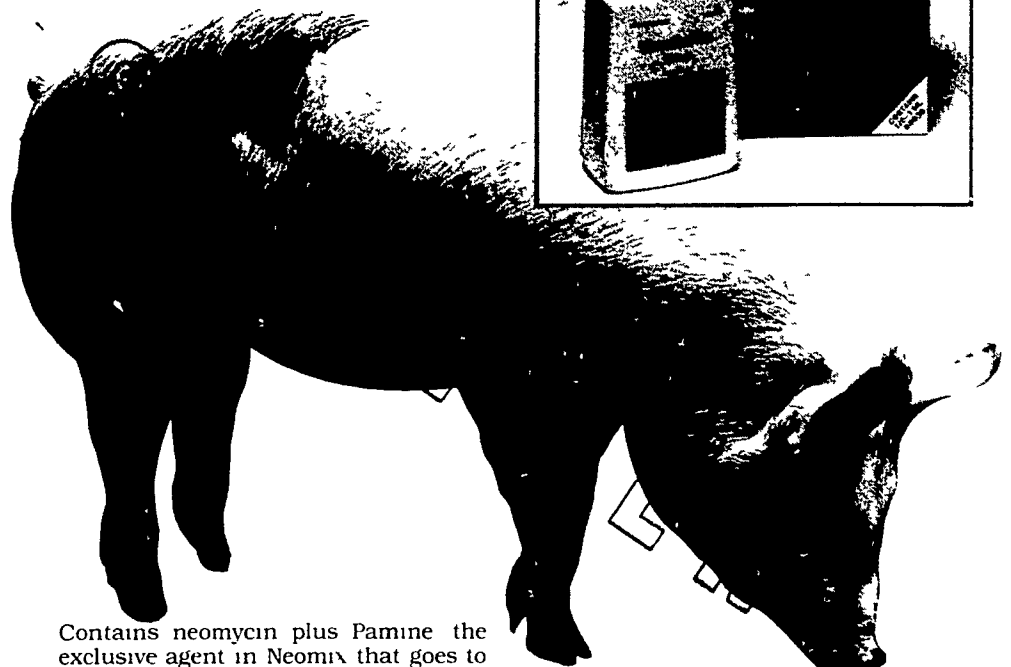
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