

County 4-H club holds banquet

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LANCASTER — Members, parents and leaders of six 4-H horse and pony clubs met Saturday night for their annual club recognition banquet at the Farm and Home Center

Richard Hempfield, principal at Hempfield and former 4-H leader was the toastmaster for the banquet which honored state winners, outstanding parents and various other club members for their 4-H achievements throughout the past year

Evelyn Myer was given the Friend of 4-H award for her outstanding leadership and contribution for the

handicapped riding program.

Myer coordinated all volunteers for the program which helped the riders earn \$1300

This money, according to County 4-H Agent Nancy Myers is to be used toward boarding the horses, expansion of the program and instruction booklets for more members

Four-H leader Carol Henkel presented a slide presentation on the Handicapped Riding program entitled "Therapeutic Horsemanship in Lancaster County."

the program helps 4-H'ers and the handicapped For the 4-H'ers it's a project and

a learning experience and for the handicapped, it's a therapeutic experience which 4-H and Easter Seals provides, according to Nancy Myers.

Members placing at the state 4-H show were given plaques by their leaders

Special awards were given by 4-H club leaders from the six clubs for perfect attendance for three years, most improved member, outstanding teen leader, high sponsorship, best demonstration, trail ride, sportsmanship, project book and outstanding parent

A special award for good humor was also handed out - recipients being chosen by members



Mary Ewing, Junior Queen of the horse and pony club sets astride her horse at the ride for the handicapped.



Valerie High, president of the horse and pony club, stands with her horse during a ride for the handicapped. Despite the thunderstorm which occurred during the ride, the 4-H'ers finished their ride without dismay.

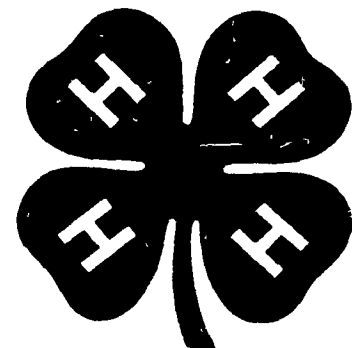
Nancy Myers followed the awards presentation with a talk on "Horse Tales" She presented excerpts from various project books describing experiences of club members

Following remarks by Jay Irwin, county agent who reported what's happening in horse and pony 4-H in the county, Kendy Allen presented a slide presentation on "The Year of the Horse" The slides presented 4-H'ers in various events and settings throughout the past year

According to Nancy

Myers, the banquet was an excellent way to recognize all members of the horse 4-H clubs, not just state winners

"Everybody seemed to enjoy the programs which featured themselves and their horses We had fun putting it together "



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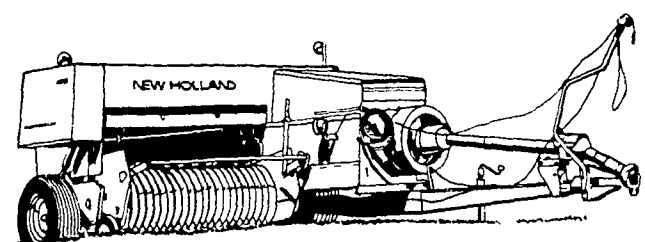
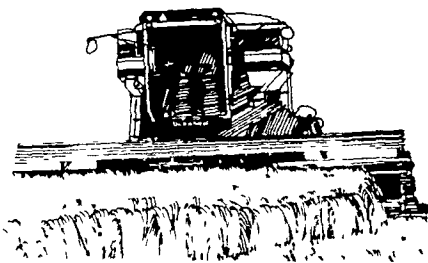
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