

Maryland teens attend 4-H Congress

COLLEGE PARK, Md. — Sixteen of Maryland's 43 teen-agers attending the fifty-ninth National 4-H Congress (Nov. 29-Dec. 4) in Chicago were sponsored by firms and organizations which operate primarily in the Old Line State.

The size of this year's state-sponsored delegation equals the record count set in 1978, according to a spokesman for the Maryland 4-H Club Foundation. Four members of the group ended up as national 4-H project scholarship winners or alternates.

For the second consecutive year, the state-sponsored group included a national 4-H sheep project scholarship winner from Howard County. She is Susan Schoeman, 18, of Clarksville. Last year's winner was Paul K. Gardner, 19, of Morgan. Both individuals were sponsored by the Maryland Sheep Breeders Association.

Another Howard County resident on this year's state-sponsored list was Kimberly A. Pardoe, 16, of Lisbon. She was named second alternate for a national 4-H horse project scholarship.

Mary A. Oesterling, 18, of LaPlata (Charles county) was selected as third alternate for a national 4-H dog project scholarship, and Glori D. Stifler, 18, of Glen Arm (Baltimore county) was named fifth alternate for a national 4-H citizenship project scholarship.

Alternates qualify for

national 4-H scholarships if the regular national project winners elect not to attend college. Their state sponsors made possible an all-expense-paid opportunity they would not otherwise have had to attend the National 4-H Congress.

A listing of some of Maryland's 1980 state 4-H trip winners to Chicago, and the project areas in which they earned recognition, are as follows.

Harford County - Karen E. Holloway, 17, of Darlington, beef cattle. From a small nine-year-old farm girl who was afraid of large animals to a polished 4-H livestock judge with her own purebred Angus herd, Miss Holloway has come a long way during her 4-H career. The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard S. Holloway, she is a senior at Havre de Grace high school.

Major 4-H achievements have included being top individual junior livestock judge at the Maryland State Fair in both 1976 and 1977 and first-place individual senior 4-H livestock judge at the state fair in 1978. Last year, as a member of the state 4-H livestock judging team, she placed second in both beef cattle judging and over-all standings in junior competition during the Keystone International Livestock Exposition at Harrisburg, Pa.

Also during 1979, Karen placed first in meats identification and senior herdsman competition at the

Maryland 4-H Livestock Roundup on the state fairground in Timonium. Later that year, she won a \$1,000 scholarship as winner of the junior stockman's contest at the Eastern National Livestock Show. She plans to use the money to study animal science at a four-year college. Her trip to the National 4-H Congress was sponsored by the Maryland Cattlemen's Association.

Howard County - Donna M. Day, 16, also of Marriottsville, swine. A junior at Glenelg high school, she is a member of the concert choir. Her 4-H activities have concentrated on livestock, vegetable gardening and camping. Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. H. Calvin Day. Mr. Day is the vice-president of Farm and Home Service, a Southern States Cooperative agency with stores at Ellicott City and Sykesville.

Donna exhibited the reserve champion 4-H and FFA market hog at the 1979 Maryland State Fair, and she has done well in swine fitting and showing competition. She and her older brother have also maintained sheep and beef cattle projects, along with a garden, on the family's 3½ acre mini-farm. She is hoping to attend college and pursue a career related to animals. Her trip to the National 4-H Congress was sponsored by the Maryland Pork Producers Association.

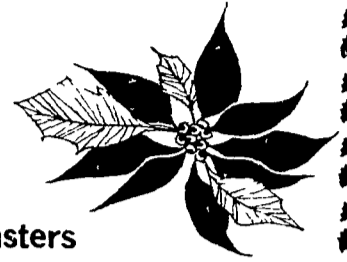
Howard County - Jack E. Girod, 16, of Dayton, poultry. Along with Miss

Day, Jack is a member of the West Friendship 4-H club. Like Miss Day, he is a

student at Glenelg high school. His sophomore experience is a (Turn to Page D5)

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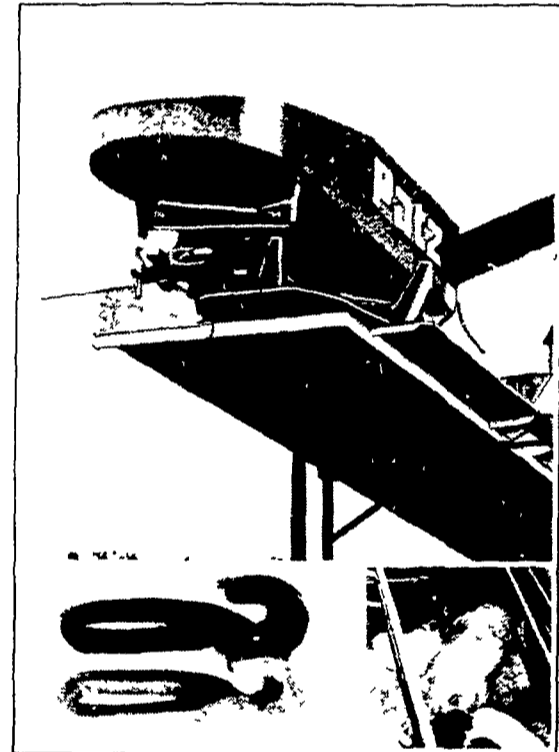


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