

Mercer Co. youths visit Lebanon County



Joe Murray, Lebanon County, shows Dawn Anderson and Marie Conner from Mercer County the terrain of Middlecreek Wildlife

Refuge. All three were participants in the Lebanon-Mercer County 4-H Junior Exchange trip.

LEBANON — From July 13-17, 12 Mercer County 4-H'ers learned about Lebanon County by living with Lebanon 4-H families.

The 4-H'ers, ages 10-13, and their chaperones arrived at the Lebanon Area Fairgrounds on Monday, July 13. After a supper picnic, the exchanges went home with their host families to begin their adventure.

The main purpose for the Junior Exchange program, says Gwen Bowman, 4-H program assistant, is to "give 4-H'ers a chance to meet and learn how other 4-H'ers their age live in another part of Pennsylvania. The participants also have a chance to travel, see other parts of PA and make new friends."

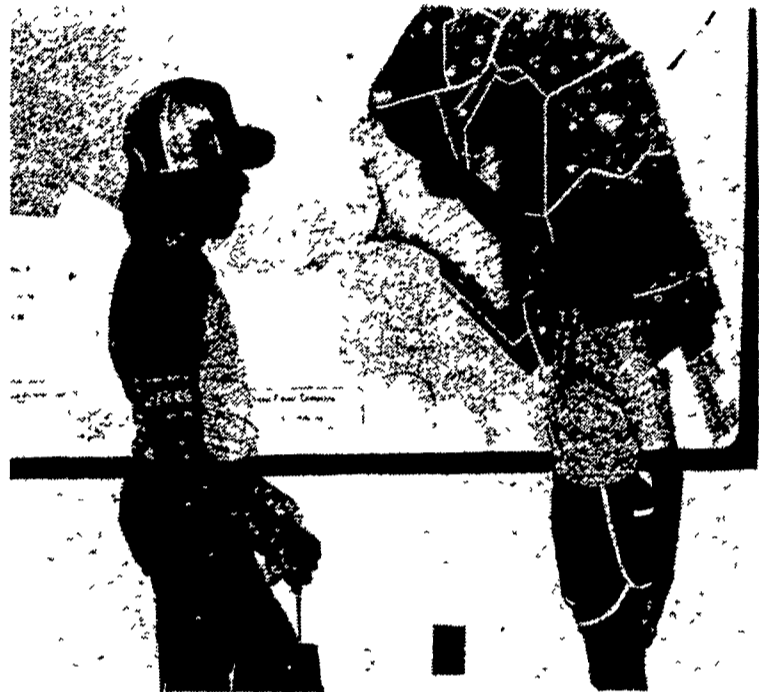
On Tuesday and Thursday, the 4-

H'ers spent the day with their host families doing whatever the family had planned. This was anything from going to the pool, to baling hay, to going on a picnic.

Wednesday was "Tour Day." All of the exchangees and hosts toured Bomberger's Bologna, Middlecreek Wildlife Refuge, Cornwall Furnace, and the Heliport Area at Indiantown Gap Military Reservation.

On Friday morning, the 4-H'ers headed homeward with a lot of exciting things to tell their families and friends.

The Junior Exchange program is a two summer experience. Next summer, Lebanon County Junior 4-H'ers will travel to Mercer County to see and learn about 4-H life in western PA.



Andy Bower, Lebanon County, shows Bob Barns where they are at the Middlecreek Wildlife Refuge.

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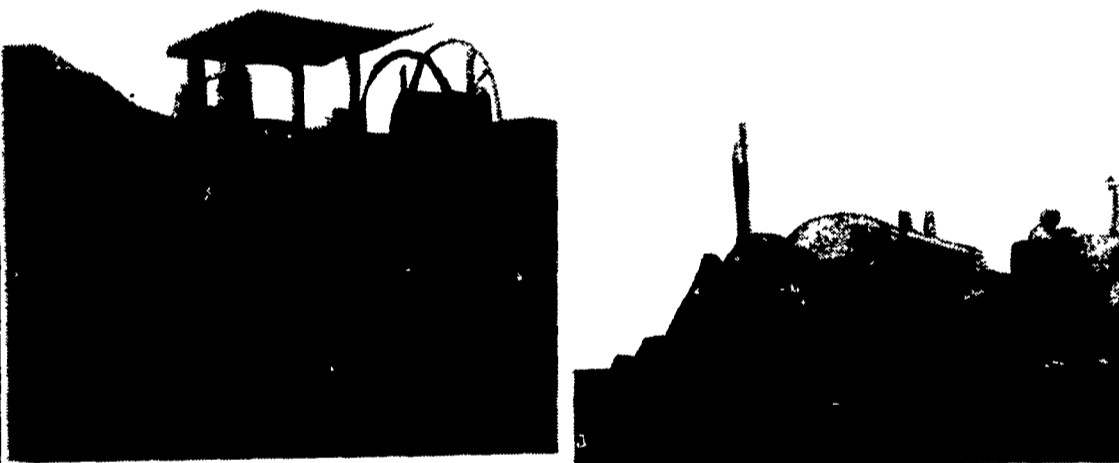
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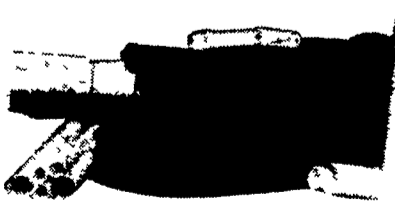
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