

# Kid's KOrner

## USDA team to help China start 4-H program

WASHINGTON, D.C. — Four Americans left for the People's Republic of China, April 8, to help the Chinese set up a 4-H youth program similar to the one in this country.

Eugene Williams, deputy administrator for 4-H youth programs at the U.S. Department of Agriculture's Extension Service, said the team will work with Chinese government and university officials, community leaders and coordinators of Chinese youth programs.

Joel R. Soobitsky, 4-H youth program leader, will lead the team. He is responsible for the Extension Service's international youth programs.

Other members are:

—Ray Crabbs, a vice president of the National 4-H Council, headquartered in Washington. He was chosen for his experience in preparing proposals and developing resources and his

knowledge of the relationship between the United States private sector and units of government.

—Dave Pace, a state 4-H specialist with the University of Minnesota, selected to represent the land grant colleges and universities and the nationwide Extension Service system. He has established other international exchange programs for young people in developing countries.

—Steve Boruchowitz, a specialist in Chinese International Affairs in USDA's Office of International Cooperation and Development, sponsor of the 4-H exchange program. He has established contacts with many officials in China and will be involved during and after the exchange visit in mapping long-range plans.

This will be the first USDA exchange team on rural youth programs the first such exchange to examine the organizational

management level for agricultural programs in China, Williams said.

Williams explained the primary purpose of the American 4-H exchange visit is to consider adapting and designing a 4-H type program for the youth of China, with the goal of improving that country's agricultural development through its youngsters.

Among other objectives are to help develop recommendations for the organization and management of a youth program to fit Chinese needs; to design long-range plans for future exchanges involving planners and youth; and to develop a proposal for resources needed to make long-range plans work.

"The team takes with it the many 4-H international experiences that already have resulted in country-to-country understanding and development," said Williams.

Today, more than 5 million youths are involved in 4-H activities in nearly 90 nations. This figure could multiply many times, said Williams, if this 4-H visit to China is as productive as expected.

Williams said the Chinese chose the 4-H working visit to discuss first from 42 proposals offered to a Chinese working team.

"We expect this beginning to have far-reaching implications for millions of young people, both in our own country and in the People's Republic of China," Williams said.

## Crafty Ideas FOR EASY EASTER BUNNY *because* ANYTHING GOES WITH STYROFOAM

Make this adorable bunny this Easter with styrofoam, plastic foam. This furry creature is simple to make.

To make the bunny's face, glue a 1" ball of Styrofoam 2" down from the top and a 6"x 4" egg, for the nose. (Use 1" chenille stem to hold in place.) For cheeks, glue 1" balls on each side, slightly below the nose. Use a file or palette knife to tuck a 3" square of nylon hose around the nose and cheeks.

Tuck fabric by holding firmly with thumb and use a palette knife to tuck it into Styrofoam 1/4" or more around each shape.

Tuck the edges completely into Styrofoam. Glue plastic eyes on each side of the nose.

Body: To the 6"x 4" egg, glue one half of a 1/2"x 2" egg of Styrofoam on either side for the "arms." (Cut egg with a plastic serrated knife.) For the hands, cut a 1" ball in half and glue at end of arms. Tuck a 3 1/2" circle of white fur around each arm and a piece of hose around each hand. Tuck 5"x 1" white fur across top of the face from cheek to cheek.

To make the ears, fold a 6" white bump chenille in the middle, shape and push into the top of the head. Glue to hold. Repeat for other ear. Then tuck 4"x 5" white fur from



back of ears down the back of the bunny. If material wrinkles, cut small darts to fit the shape of the egg. Tuck pieces of fur in front and sides to cover the rest of the egg. Glue a white pom-pom on back for tail. To make the bunny's carrot, fold a green bump chenille in half and point open end upward. Lay an orange bump chenille downward and pin to the hand. Make the "feet" by cutting a 1 1/2"x 2" egg in half and cover with white felt.

Attach both to the body with T pins. Finally, cut 2 small teeth from white felt and attach under the nose.



## Lehigh 4-H hears VMD speak

GERMANSVILLE — The Lehigh County 4-H Club met recently to hear Edgar Balliet VMD present a talk on sheep and lamb practices.

A question/answer period followed the talk, allowing 4-H'ers

to find answers to their individual problems.

The next meeting will be on April 13 at the Greg Snyder Sheep Barn in New Tripoli. The program will be selecting the correct market lamb.

## Food & Fun

Did you know that whey is the liquid left over when milk has formed curds and is made into cheese?

And, did you know a peanut isn't a nut? It's a member of the legume family

## Davidsburg 4-H meets

THOMASVILLE — The Davidsburg 4-H Club met March 18 at the 4-H Center to view a film on the Amish.

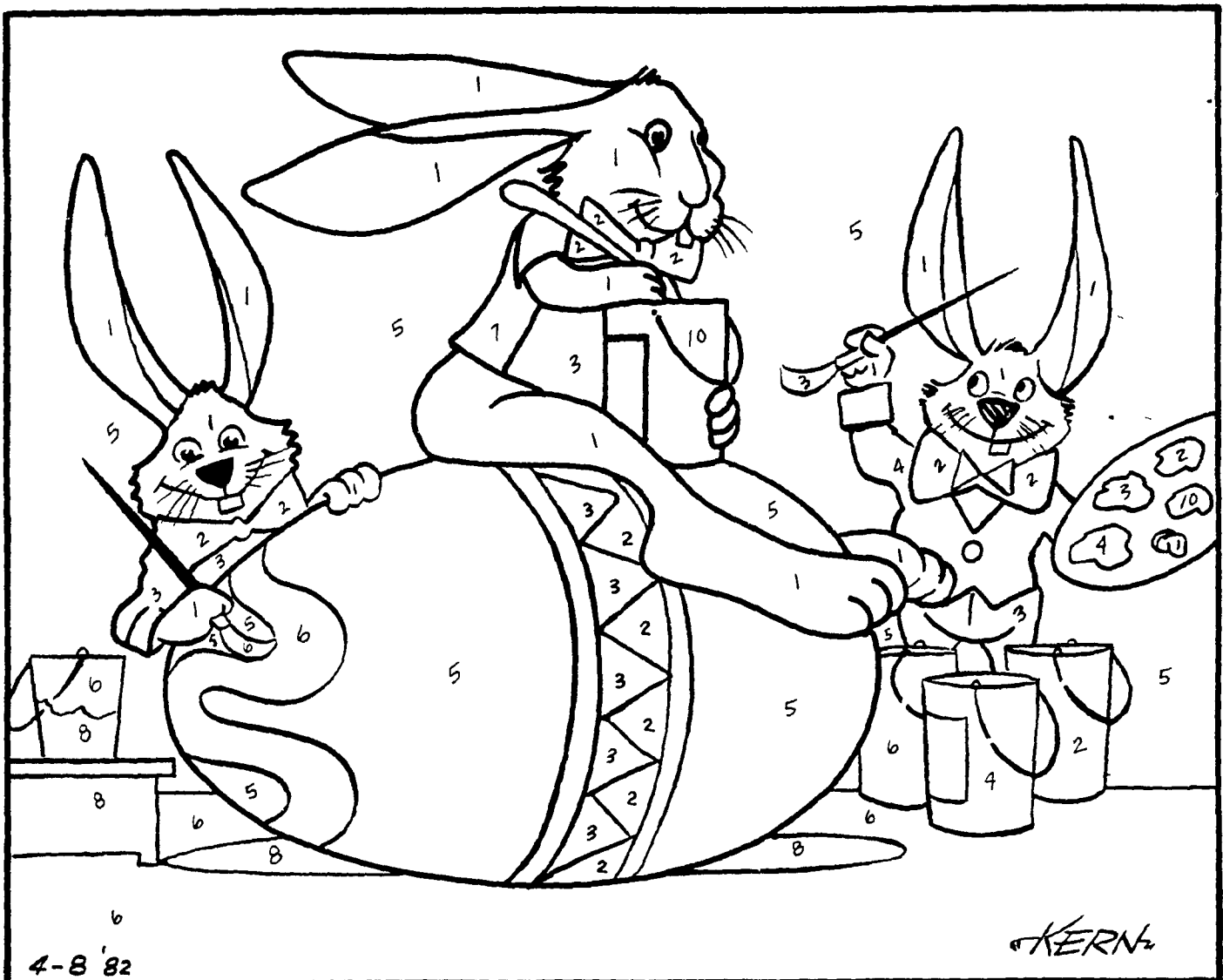
Future events reported include:

County Council, April 7; Dance Marathon, April 25; Hospital Fete, April 14 and 15; and the next meeting, April 15.

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| 3. YELLOW   | 8. LT. BROWN  |
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| 5. PEACH    | 10. LT. GREEN |

**EASTER:** MANY CHILDREN BELIEVE THAT THE EASTER BUNNY BRINGS THEM THE BRIGHTLY COLORED EASTER EGGS. ONE LEGEND TELLS OF A POOR WOMAN IN GERMANY, WHO DYED SOME EGGS DURING THE FAMINE AND HID THEM IN A NEST AS AN EASTER GIFT FOR HER CHILDREN. WHEN THE NEST WAS DISCOVERED A BIG RABBIT JUMPED OUT.



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