

4-H Leaders Recognized in Banquet

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LANCASTER — The hours of hard work and the endless patience of the 4-H leaders in Lancaster County were recognized Tuesday

night at the leaders banquet at the Farm and Home Center. Master and mistress of ceremonies for the evening were Hazel Nestleroth and Gary Akers,

both members of the Leader's Advisory Council. After a lasagna dinner, the program and presentation of awards began. In lieu of a speaker, four 4-H

members each gave a brief talk on how 4-H had benefited them. They each spoke on a different aspect of the program. They were: Charmaine Gray, 4-H in the City; Wanda Hershey, 4-H in the Community Club; Joseph Rohrer, 4-H and Agriculture; and Rhonda Witmer, 4-H and Home Economics.

Another highlight of the evening was the memorial presentation of \$1000 to Deb Martin, the 1983 Outstanding 4-H'er. The presentation came from the family of Elmer Boyd, a 4-H leader for 29 years. The money will be used by the 4-H organization to purchase awards each year for the county's outstanding club members.

Deb, 10-year-old daughter, of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Martin, Conestoga R1, was also featured in the program when she gave her speech on "Pennsylvania Agriculture."

The talent portion of the program was given by Beth Shertzer, who presented a piano solo.

Leaders of the clubs stood to be recognized. Some received pins, others certificates, and all a hearty warm of thankful applause. Teen

leaders were also recognized. Two of them, Brenda Aument and Joseph Rohrer, received the "I Dare You" awards for their involvement in the program.

Kendy Allen, leader of the Saddle Cinches Club, was awarded 3x5 American flag for the 4-H Participation Award, which is given to the club with the best record of service. Kendy explained that her group rides in a lot of parades and participates in many shows where an American flag is needed.

Christine Erb and her family were also honored for hosting a Japanese IFYE representative.



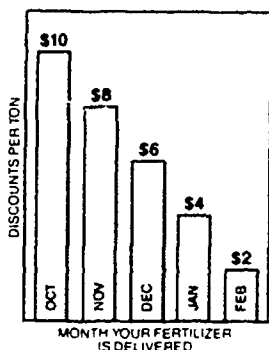
Deb Martin, second from left, was awarded the Elmer and Pauline Boyd Memorial Award of \$1000. Presenting the award was the family of Elmer Boyd, an Ephrata dairy farmer. The family, from left, are Kerry, Darwin, Bruce and their stepmother, Wilma.

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Debbie also hinted she could use some help making her prom gown.

Debbie is the family member who owns the cattle: a cow, a calf, a heifer, and two steers. They're part of her 4-H project.

Her older sister Martha, now an agriculture student at the University of Delaware, owns 40 ewes, which also started as a 4-H project. Martha wants to make them her career.

Sandra chuckles at the Klairs' habit of naming their farm animals, which her family doesn't do. But they have 1,000 sheep and 350 head of cattle, so there's a slight difference in scale.

Like Martha, Sandra hopes for a career in agriculture. Since she graduated from high school at the normal New Zealand age of 16, she has been working in an office, and has also been taking courses at a local community college for a year. She is aiming for a degree in horticulture.

Martha and Debbie are showing Sandra a side of American life she hadn't seen before by introducing her to young men they know and taking her to dances and parties. If a suitor tries to overstep his bounds, the New Zealander dismisses him as a "cheeky toad."

Sandra is a walking treasure-trove of New Zealand expressions that keep her hosts amused and confused. For Sandra, almost any meal can be called "tea." And tea at 5 p.m. could be a little snack or the main meal of the day.

A chocolate chip cookie would be a biscuit to Sandra and her compatriots. What we call biscuits, she calls scones.

Our lemonade is New Zealand's squash. What she calls lemonade, we might call lemon-lime soda. And so it goes.

Sandra has seen a baseball game, the Liberty Bell, a mushroom farm, historic New Castle and much more. Her final Delaware hosts, the Morneaus, Newark, are anxious to show her anything she might have missed so far.

Sandra's overall impression is that despite a few surface differences, things are remarkably the same in the two countries. But the Klairs, who have really taken to their new adopted daughter, don't just want to accept her word for it. They're already talking about visiting her some time after she returns home in December.