

# Lebanon Extension banquet spotlights 4-H



Assisting with the "Spotlight on 4-H" theme of the Lebanon County Extension banquet were George Cashel, Franklin county 4-H leader, and Deb Bolles, Lebanon county National Winner in Dog Care and Training, and her Leader Dog trainee, Lady.

**BY DONNA McCONAUGHEY**  
**PRESCOTT** — Lebanon county residents attending the annual extension banquet enjoyed a "Spotlight on 4-H." The highlight of that spotlight was speaker, George Cashel, a Franklin county 4-H leader.

Cashel has been involved in several aspects of 4-H including speaking on a state level to legislators in support of funding for extension, and particularly 4-H. With a bold directness and a country-style sense of humor, he dug into many facts about 4-H.

Every 4-H leader has thought, "Is it really worth it?" (all the time given to 4-H)." The answer is a resounding "Yes!" after listening to Cashel for only a few minutes. His challenges included, "What would you do without Extension agents?" "Our county agent gives up many a night with his son to give time to 4-H'ers."

Some of his final comments included, "The good Lord gave us all 24 hours in a day. Farmers have tried to make it 25, but we all have the same amount of time. It's what you do with that time that counts. Don't lose 4-H. It's our future, it's our tomorrow. They're going to make the laws in the future. Kids are worth it!"

Another part of the "Spotlight on 4-H" was Deb Bolles and her Leader Dog trainee, Lady. Deb was recently named a National Winner in Dog Care and Training. In addition to a brief talk about her 4-H involvement, Deb answered questions from the audience about working with a future Leader Dog. Deb also encouraged other families to become involved in this program.

Staff reports included Linda Seigel's report on a leader training



Aletta (Letie) Schadler, right, Lebanon County Extension Director, was honored by the Pennsylvania Association of Extension Home Economists in recognition of the national Distinguished Award she received in October. Patricia Huff, Dauphin county Extension Home Economist, presents the award.

program "Build on Your Experience." Over one-third of Lebanon county 4-H leaders attended this program designed and presented by Linda. Leaders increased their knowledge about the 4-H program, viewed new audiovisual materials, reinforced experiences in working with 4-H'ers of all ages, and shared ideas and problem-solving techniques.

Numerous family-oriented training sessions were offered in 1983. "Raising Responsible Kids"

was a popular program with county parents' groups, social service agency personnel, and county parents.

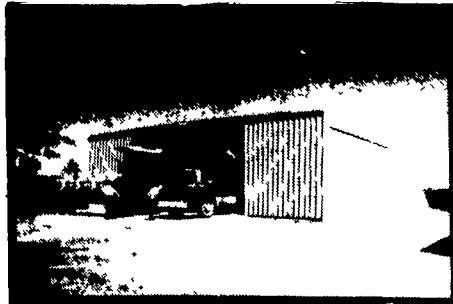
As the number of working parents increase, so does the concern for children left to care for themselves on a regular basis. An exciting new program for "latchkey Children" provided simultaneous education for parents and actual practice workshops for the children.

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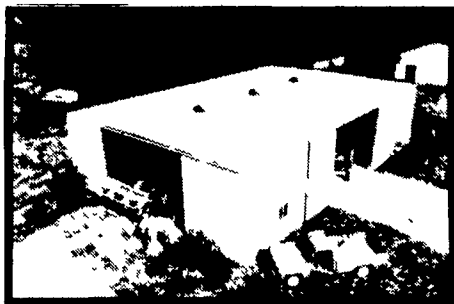


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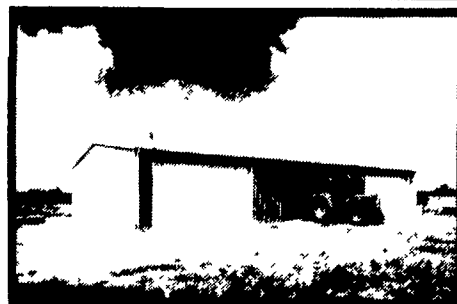
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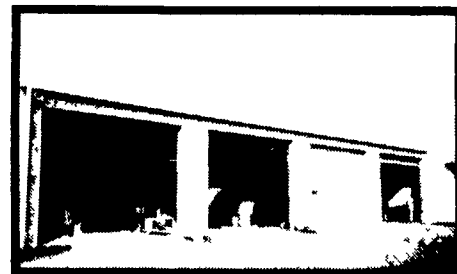


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