Outstanding 4-H'er

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first annual Elmer Boyd award. given by the Boyd family to an outstanding 4-H'er in memory of former 4-H leader Elmer Boyd. That menat a lot to Deb because the year before at the Leader's banquet she had sat with Elmer and his family. "He worked with capons, so I enjoyed meeting him," she recalls. "They are an outstanding family."

Ribbons and trophies fill Deb's bedroom, but it is the intangible benefits of being a 4-H'er that perhaps mean the most. "I have traveled all over - that's what is really neat," Deb says, en-thusiastically. "I often think how many fewer people I would know without 4-H. Penn State is like a second home to me, and my 4-H activities have given me the opportunity to look it over."

She has also visited Juniata College as a delegate to the Pennsylvania Association of Farmer Cooperatives Summer Institute, and then was selected to attend the American Institute of Cooperation at the University of Montana - that gave her first flying experience. She traveled with a 4-H exchange to North Carolina as well.

She says "I like getting to know

people from all over, and learning what projects they enjoy doing."

She says she likes to encourage youngsters to join 4-H. "It is most definitely worthwhile. It has helped me learn my own abilities. I don't know where I would have learned public speaking. It helps a person find out more about themselves and what they can really do."

Asked whether she has realized a monetary profit from her 4-H activities, Deb laughs, "Showing sheep is an expensive hobby. Showing, buying equipment and feeding them are all expensive."

Deb now operates a deli stand at Southern market where her mother has had a stand for years. There she also sells her flowers and vegetables along with other homemade salads and goodies, and that, too, has proven profitable, althought a lot of hard work. She enjoys standing on market mostly because, "Once again, I get to meet people from all over. Sometimes we have eggs going to Virginia or chow-chow going to Ohio," she remarks.

Not the least of Deb's abilities is her public speaking talent. She says she developed it through conducting meetings as officers, and last year she entered the public speaking contest and spoke

on "Pennsylvania Agriculture -We're Growing Better." She was asked to give that speech to the agindustry banquet sponsored by the Lancaster Chamber of Commerce, and there met Penrose Hallowell, Department of Agriculture Secretary, who was pleased with her facts and figures on Pennsylvania Agriculture.

A senior at Penn Manor High School. Deb is a member of the Future Farmers of America there, having joined to learn more about

agriculture.

Deb is unsure about her future, but says candidly, "I think I would have fulfilled my life if I came to farm and were a farm wife." A listener once chided her for wishing to be a farm wife, and Deb said that she knows what an important job it is and how diverse it

because of her role as farm wife. She would be happy working in agriculture communications, but says she may find politics interesting too. "I think I have the public speaking ability and can do research and debate. Maybe I will do something on the local level.'

is, feeling her mother is special

Deb still has two years to be involved in 4-H, and she has not stopped setting goals. "I'd like to go to National 4-H Club Congress in Chicago. If I do that yet in my 4-H career, I'll be happy.'

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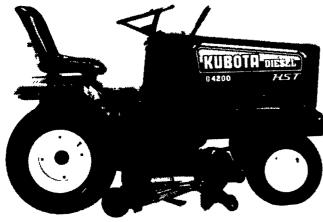


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