

New York teens win 4-H achievement scholarships

Ida's Notebook

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On a recent rainy Sunday afternoon, I decided to visit some nearby gift and craft shops in the village of Oregon near my home. Some are housed in an old barn and another in the lower floor of a stone mill.

The people who built these structures certainly could never have envisioned them being used for such purposes. The village was settled by the Bear family in the early 1700's. Eventually it became a bustling business place with a hotel, store, barber shop, wheelwright shop, shoemaker, blacksmith, two butcher shops, four cigar manufacturers, a funeral home, a school and a Union Church. It was a major stop on the Lancaster-Reading Highway.

But, then for many years, in-

cluding those when I walked through it on my way to school, it was simply a quiet village of about 30 houses. A main road bypassed the town as roads are wont to do nowadays.

Now, with the current interest in crafts, the place has come alive again. Many people are able to start their own businesses "on a shoe string" when they use their natural skills to create a product. One shop specializes in kaleidoscopes of all sizes, another in doll houses and their furnishings and still another in toleware.

Other gift shops carry quilted items, punched tinware, jewelry, toys, wood carvings and all kinds of needlework. I would suppose that this is a busy season for these shop owners as gifts are purchased

CHICAGO, Ill. — Six teenagers from New York state have been named winners of 1984 National 4-H Achievement Scholarships. Each of the winners will received \$1,000 scholarships.

The scholarships were announced during the 63rd National 4-H Congress this week. The scholarships are supported by corporate and institutional sponsors.

—Deborah Lynn Mutino of Orange County, who led other 4-H'ers in helping homeless men at Camp LaGuardia, a New York City facility, is one of nine national winners in the 4-H citizenship program. Mutino, who lives at 708 Vivian road, Chester, received a scholarship from the Coca-Cola Company, the program sponsor. A high school senior, she has been in 4-H for 11 years.

—Carolyn Ann Kreppein of Nassau County took over the

responsibility of leading a 4-H club of younger members when the adult leader resigned. Kreppein, who lives at 115 Hamilton Road, Rockville Centre, received one of nine national 4-H leadership program scholarships supported by Reader's Digest. A ten-year 4-H'er, she is a freshman at the State University of New York Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill.

—Craig Richael of St. Lawrence County raised vegetables and sold them at a roadside stand and turned many customers into friends. Richael, whose address is PO Box 16, Hopkinton, received one of the eight national scholarships in the 4-H gardening and horticulture program sponsored by the Ortho Consumer Products Division of Chevron Chemical Company. A high school senior, he plans to major in biology at Cornell University.

—Debbie Peck of Saratoga County played a major role in converting a little red schoolhouse into a home; she received one of the six national scholarships in the 4-H home environment program supported by the Friends of National 4-H Council. Peck, of Route 1, Saratoga Springs, a high school senior, used knowledge

gained in 4-H to convert the old building located on the family farm.

—John Melveney of Schuyler County received one of six national 4-H horse program scholarships sponsored by the American Quarter Horse Association. A freshman in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University who plans a career in veterinary medicine, Melveney never paid more than \$150 for any of the four horses he bought and rode to honors. He resides at RD #1, Logan Road, Burdett.

—Alice-Beth MacMillen of Tompkins County, who sold fresh-dressed turkeys and set up a self-service egg business, received one of nine national 4-H achievement program scholarships sponsored by the Ford Motor Company Fund. MacMillen, a high school senior residing at 4 Wilderness Road, Lansing, plans to major in communication arts at Cornell University. She has been in 4-H eight years.

4-H and youth development is one of five program areas of Cornell Cooperative Extension; the others are agriculture, home economics, community issues, and Sea Grant.

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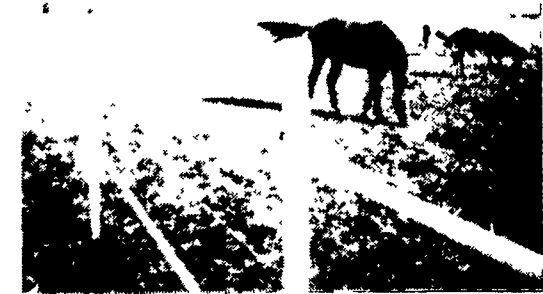
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