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## Teens Learn To Be Leaders

Fifteen teenagers from three Delaware counties spent some of their summer learning how to develop new 4-H projects to share with younger club members later this year.

Selected for their leadership potential, the teens completed a two-day Salute to Excellence workshop at the University of Delaware in August. Marty Butterfield and Joy Sparks of the Delaware 4-H staff trained the young people using a model from North Carolina 4-H called TRY (Teens Reaching Youth). Funds for the program were provided by the R.J. Reynolds Nabisco Foundation.

New Castle County teens participating were Karen Anderson, Middletown; Gayle Cleaver, Middletown; Chris Melson, Wilmington; Chad Nelson, Newark; Jason Pepin, Wilmington; Jamal Wiggins, Newark; and Ted Wolfer, Newark.

Kent County teens taking part in the training were Michelle Charles, Dover; John Clendaniel, Hartly; Chris Masten, Harrington; and Sherry Sharpe, Wyoming.

Sussex County teens in the program included Lisa Eger, Seaford; Dawn Melson, Bridgeville; Hope Messick, Laurel; and Carolyn Sipos, Seaford.

The training experience included a segment on the developmental characteristics of youth between 6 and 19 to help the teens understand their audience. They were also shown how to sell their program to different groups.

"For instance, if they wanted to use a program in a school and needed to enlist the help of the PTA or the school board, they were shown how to approach that party," explains Sparks.

As a final part of the workshop, the teens were asked to design a program to present to their 4-H club or to help their community or county. The young leaders have until Oct. 15 to develop their plans and recruit their audience. From Oct. 15 to the end of March they will put their program into operation.

Among the possible projects discussed by the group were programs on insects, ATV safety, horses, microwaved meals, space and 4-H itself.

The seven New Castle County 4-H'ers have a variety of interests and skills to share.

Chad Nelson, 14, wants to start a horticulture club. He plans to teach the younger members about houseplants and gardening.

Because she likes horses, Karen Anderson, 14, would like to take her 4-H'ers on field trips to learn about the different kinds of horses and-how they are used for racing, pleasure riding or harness racing.

An amateur entomologist, Ted Wolfer, 14, is interested in teaching his club about insects. If he is successful, he would like to expand his entomology program throughout the county.

Food projects fascinate Chris Melson and Gayle Cleaver, both age 15. Gayle plans a program on food and nutrition, and Chris expects to take younger club members to visit the Herr's pretzel and potato chip factor in Nottingham, Pa.

Jason Pepin, 15, is interested in space. He plans to use a new 4-H program called "Blue Sky Below My Feet" to teach 9- and 12-yearolds about gravity and forces, fibers and spacesuits and how food is eaten in space.

Jamal Wiggins, 16, wants to introduce 8- and 9-year-olds to the different projects in 4-H. He will use the "Exploring 4-H" program

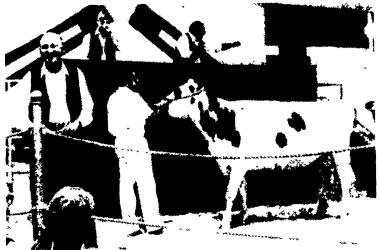
to provide activities for his club. The four Kent County 4-H'ers attending the August workshop want to get more people from their county involved with 4-H.

Sherry Sharpe, 15, and Chris Masten, 16, both hope to increase enrollment in Kent clubs. Sherry wants to involve more young people in 4-H club activities and get them to stay past the age of 13 or 14. Chris also feels a particular need for older members, and he plans to recruit older teens into 4-H.

Michelle Charles, 16, wants to recruit more 4-H project leaders, individuals who work with special interest groups ranging from photography to dairy science. The younger members of her club often have to do things alone, and Michelle believes they could get more out of club activities if they had leaders to help. She plans to become a project leader for her club.

John Clendaniel, 15, is working on an ATV safety project. He will make a video tape demonstrating ATV safety procedures for 4-H'ers and the general public. He will be teaching 6- to 25-year-olds.

The four Sussex County 4-H'ers will help younger club members and also contribute to their community's needs.



At the 1987 All-American Holstein Sale this first cow in the ring sold for \$20,000.

## Holstein Sale

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lent. The next dam is also 3E Excellent 91. Milk records on the dam and daughter are over 28,000 and 30,000 pounds. This choice consignment by Teresa Meyers,

Lisa Eger, 16, wants to start a day camp in western Sussex County to stimulate more interest in 4-H.

Hope Messick, 17, will work toward having a traffic light installed near the inside flea market off Route 13 in Laurel. She says the area is very congested and a traffic light would make it safer.

Harrisonburg, Virginia, sold to Maple Dell Farm, Woodbine, Maryland.

In all, 33 head sold for a total of \$104,100 with an average of \$3,155.

By starting a microwave cooking class, Dawn Melson, 15, will teach younger members how to prepare meals for their parents.

Carolyn Sipos, 17, intends to expand her club's clothing project. She also wants her club to post a 'Delaware 4-H welcomes you to Delaware" sign at the state line.



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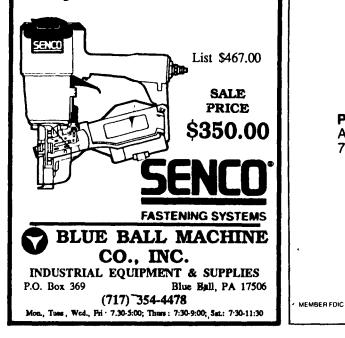
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