

4-H HAPPENINGS

Carroll County 4-H'ers Participate In Safety Demonstration

Representatives from various 4-H clubs throughout Carroll County, Md., participated in the Safety Demonstration Activity held at the Southern States Taneytown Cooperative, Inc. on November 4. For the past 20 years, the Southern States Taneytown Store at York and Commerce Streets has been the site of various Christmas "Safety" activities sponsored by the local cooperatives' Farm Home Advisory Committee and Southern States Taneytown Coop., Inc., Arthur C. Ridinger, manager.

This was the fifth year 4-H'ers were invited to come and present their project demonstrations and share them with the community. The youth educated and entertained an attentive crowd of about 60 guests with their diversified topics from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m. Members of the Advisory Committee served homemade cakes, cookies, candy and fruit punch.

The first demonstration was given by Jenny Kibler, a member of the Deer Park 4-H Club. Jenny's demonstration: "Measuring the Health of a Stream," explained the characteristics of a healthy stream. Josh Kibler of the Deer Park 4-H Club showed how one could be "Helping Our Feathered Friends" by making bird feeders. Kelly Rockafellow, also of the Deer Park Club, demonstrated "How to make a Heart Ornament" that can be used as a tree or win-

dow ornament or to decorate a

"Hot Milk Spong Cake" was Samantha Feeser's topic. A member of the Taneytown 4-H Club, Samantha made a delicious sponge cake.

Next to demonstrate was Mary Ellen Seraydian of the Progressive Clovers Club. Mary Ellen's "Paper Bead Necklace" is one way to make use of those pretty church bulletins.

Progressive Clover member Lori Hesson handed out recipes and cookies, and then explained how to decorate her Christmas cookies.

Another Deer Park member, Dotty Doyle, made a big bag of Trail Mix from various types of cereals and nuts.

4-H'er Debbie Tasto of the Deep Run 4-H Club made delicious "Peanut Butter Balls" which she then shared with the group. Dollie Tasto, also of the Deep Run 4-H Club, made a Christmas Ornament. Using popsicle sticks, toothpicks and snaps she created a tiny pair of skiis and poles to hang on the tree. Another Deep Run 4-H member, Daisie Tasto, made a Holiday Dessert that was simple yet colorful and delicious for the holidays. Aubrey Meek of the Winfield Panthers showed how to put together a beautiful Holiday Centerpiece of silk flowers.

A special guest, Mrs. Gail Smith, of the Pleasant Valley Fire Co. explained how to keep your home fire safe for the holidays. She stressed using freshly cut trees, UL approved appliances, and turning off Christmas lights when one is going away from home. It is also important to check the wires on Chrstimas lights each year.

Each 4-Her who gave a demonstration received a certificate of appreciation for participating in this Christmas festivity and visual presentation activity. The Deer Park 4-H Club received a first place certificate for having the most demonstrations, a total of four. The Deep Run 4-H Club had three demonstrations and received a second place certificate. The Progressive Clovers Club, Taneytown Club and the Winfield Panthers 4-H Club were given certificates of participation.

This year, along with the 4-H demonstrations there was a Ging-

erbread Contest open to all youth and adults. The classes were decorated cookie, holiday decorated centerpiece, and decorated gingerbread house. Each person entering the store was able to cast a vote for their favorites.

The adult winners of the gingerbread decorated cookie were 1. Vonny Dickinson of Taneytown, Md., 2. Joan Bassler of Taneytown, Md., 3. Karen Weant of Taneytown, Md. The adult winner of the gingerbead centerpiece was Joan Bassler of Taneytown, Md. The adult winners in the gingerbread house were 1. Vonny Dickinson of Taneytown, Md., 2. Amy Bassler of Taneytown, Md., 3. Ellen Childs of Taneytown, Md.

The youth winner in the decorated cookie and gingerbread centerpiece was Jenny Dickinson of Taneytown, Md.

The youth winners in the gingerbread house were 1. Samantha Feeser of Taneytown, Md., 2. April Hoff of Detour, Md., 3. Susie Speak of Taneytown, Md.

Each participant received a Southern States gift certificate.

Women In Agriculture: From Mules To Microwaves

GROVE CITY (Mercer Co.) — In history books around the world, the battles, accomplishments, and activities of men are preserved for future generations. The accounts of women of the past are nearly non-existent, however.

Through the American Agri-Women's program, "From Mules to Microwaves," the story of rural women from across the nation now can be recorded.

This project of collecting oral histories cannot wait, since the number of women who lived during the early years of this century is declining. Their life histories need to be preserved. The experiences of rural women are the foundation of this country and

recording them now will save them for the future.

These histories will not only be of the women who lived the experiences, but the observations of sons and daughters of these special women of our past.

Rural women across the country have been asked to participate in gathering this information. AAW is encouraging rural women from all states, ethnic backgrounds, diverse commodities, and varying lifestyles to assist with the gathering of the taped interviews.

For further information contact Carol Ann Gregg, project chairman, R.D. #2 Box 2180, Grove City, Pa. 16127; 412-458-8181.

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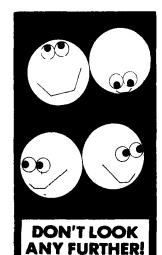
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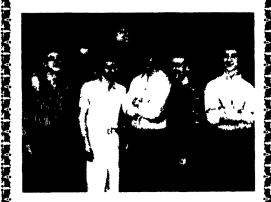
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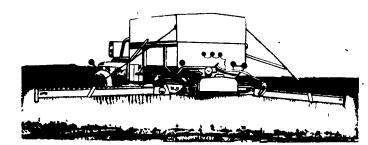
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