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"We expected twins," Janet recalled, "but after the second baby was delivered, the doctor announced that there was a third baby."

Bill promptly fainted.

The triplets weighted in at a healthy 5.5 pounds; 5.12 pounds; and 6.1 pounds.

That was the beginning of the "frightening and wonderful life of raising triplets," said Janet. This year the triplets, Jana, Kara, and Lance, are old enough to enter 4-H competition at the Farm Show.

The triplets will enter sewing projects and posters. The triplets' mother is their 4-H leader who also substitute teaches food and child development at a local school. If the triplets follow their older sisters' footsteps, they are certain to be successful in sewing competi-

Christa, who is now 15, placed first in the Make-It-With-Wool state contest and will travel to California for national competition on January 17. Christa was also a state finalist at Penn State 4-H Fashion

"It helps to have my mother as the sewing teacher," Christa said, "because she makes me rip it out and do it over when it isn't right."

Trisha, 11, placed second in the junior division of the Make-It-With-Wool contest. She was not intending to enter the contest, but her school district went on strike for five weeks, so she thought she might as well sew.

Trisha, according to her mother, is very bright and likes to read, quilt, play the clarinet, and make crafts and ceramics. She also likes to swim, play soccer, and softball.

As the only boy in a family of four girls, Lance claims, "It's a pain.

He wishes he had a brother because his sisters are always trying to get him to do things like dishes. Despite the "pain," Lance said that he likes his sisters and thinks that it's fun to be a triplet.

Lance made shorts for his 4-H

Lance enjoys sewing, but said, "I can't sew as good as my

sisters.'



Trisha watches sister Christa sew. Christa won the Make-It-With-Wool junior competition on the state level and will travel to California to compete nationally. Trisha placed second in the preteen division. Both entered 4-H sewing competition at the Farm Show.



The Gallagher family looks forward to the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Front, from left, are triplets: Jana, Kara, and Lance. Christa, 15, back row, left, and Trisha, 11, right, have had previous Farm Show wins. William is the Fayette County extension agent, and his wife Janet is a home economist.

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