



HAPPENINGS



Front row, left to right, Melanie Dietrich, Heather Glennon, Sen. Terry Punt, and Sen. John Hopper. Second row, Michael Hensel, Rep. Jerry Nailor, Amanda Baum, Diane Myers, and Charles Magee, representing Rep. Fred Noye.

Students Hatch Chicks
Students in eight Lycoming County School classrooms are hatching chicks this year as part of a special project sponsored by the 4-H department of Penn State Cooperative Extension.

Under the supervision of the teachers, students care for chicks in an incubator while they develop. Most eggs are obtained from the poultry science department at the university.

One school is hatching pheasant eggs obtained from the Loyalsock Game Farm and another is working with special "fancy" chicken eggs from Tioga County.

Through the project, the students are able to observe the daily development of the embryo by "candling" it: holding it up to a

light to see the embryo. Students learn to keep records as they daily monitor the temperature inside the incubator, the amount of humidity as seen on the hygrometer, and the number of times the eggs are turned daily.

Students are also able to work through a manual and learn the principles of reproduction through egg fertilization and cell division. They learn the parts of the egg and understand the incubation process. After the chicks hatch, they learn how to take care of them; how to water and feed them; and how to keep them clean and warm.

In Pennsylvania, more than 40,000 students take part in the chick embryology project every year.

Local 4-H'ers Participate In Capital Days

4-H'ers Yvonne Guillaume, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lorene Guillaume, Trout Run and Joanne Lehman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs.

Dean Lehman, Jersey Shore, participated in the Pennsylvania State Capital Days, an annual citizenship awareness event, held recently in Harrisburg.

They were among 160 students from across the state who participated in the two-day program that shows 4-H'ers how the state government works and helps them understand the responsibilities they have as citizens.

On Monday, April 8, the 4-H'ers visited different state agencies, including the departments of agriculture, transportation, education, and commerce. Following their visits, the 4-H'ers

developed a program that included a funding proposal and budget related to one of the agencies. The students then proposed the program to a panel composed of extension agents.

On Monday evening, Friends of 4-H donors were recognized with a banquet. The donors were seated with the 4-H'ers so they could learn about different 4-H programs.

On Tuesday morning, 4-H'ers joined Sen. Roger Madigan at a legislative banquet. The day ended with a tour of the capitol and visits to legislator's offices.

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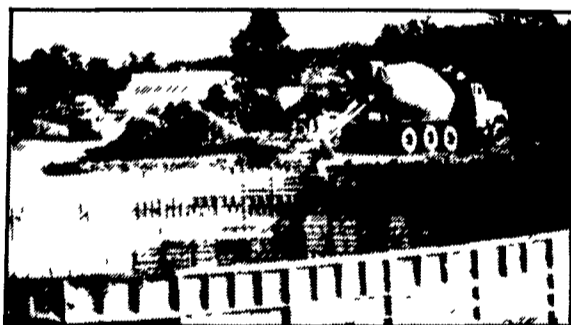
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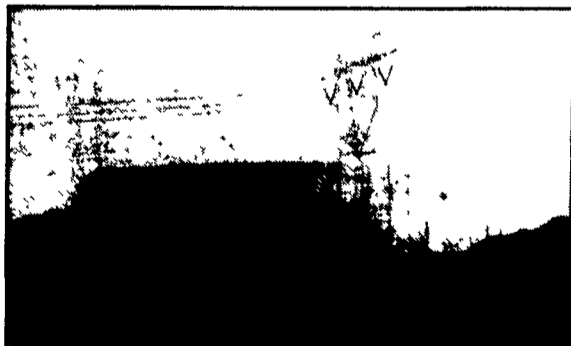
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