B4-Lancaster Farming, Saturday, July 17, 1993



Katy's dad takes a break from farm work to read the essay Katy wrote for Disney MGM Studios.

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proud of him," Katy said.

"People watching the filming got tears in their eyes when I recreated giving the puppy away," Katy said.

The filming took eight hours, but will be cut to four minutes of show time. The show will be aired in September. The exact time for the show will be released closer to the airing date.

For 10 years, Katy and her mother traveled to Lancaster to attend the monthly meetings of the Seeing Eye Puppy Club, but last fall, the two began a club in Dauphin County. Katy's mother is the leader, and Katy is the trainer. In addition to participating in training sessions, the members also visit hospitals, put on demonstrations, and participate in other 4-H events.

Because raising seeing eye dog requires a lot of attention, Katy spends most of her after-school hours with the dog on the family's 94-acre farm. The Yingsts own several surrounding farms and a 500-acre mountain camp in the area. Katy helps throw hay and straw bales and mows the expansive lawn around the farm. About 500 head of beef cattle are raised on the farm. At Central Dauphin High School, Katy is in the accelerated program and earns honors on every report card.

At church Katy is a member of the Board of Christian Education and she teaches Bible school and junior church.

If you are interested in raising a seeing eye puppy, call Chris Dickson at (215) 357-2471.

Raising puppies for the blind began in 1929. In 1942, the job of raising puppies was incorporated with the 4-H program. Since then, more than 10,000 seeing eye puppies have been given to the blind. All seeing eye puppies are raised in three states: New Jersey, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. But the dogs are distributed to blind persons throughout the U.S.

Veterinarian expenses are covered through the Seeing Eye program, and a monthly check is sent to each participant to help defray the cost of dog food.

Participants in the 4-H program must be between the ages of 9 to 19, but adults may also raise the puppies. The requirements include attending monthly meetings, a love of animals, and acceptance of responsibility.

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Farm women are encouraged to jot down their stories and submit

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