

# Migrant

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ing Spring Presbyterian Church, which has adopted Camp #1 of Mountain Brook Orchards, St. Thomas, for three years.

When the farmworkers arrive, church members take health kits and blankets to the camp "to get acquainted with them and to demonstrate our Christian love to these people who are in our community," Cole said.

The first year, all the workers spoke Spanish. The wife of the church's youth pastor speaks Spanish fluently, so she acted as interpreter.

"For last year, we all brushed up on our Spanish — and we got to the camp and they were all Haitian," Cole said. "It was a total shock."

Some farmworkers requested Bibles, Cole said, adding that many have a Christian background. Sometimes the church people lead devotions at the camp, "and the workers pray for us,"

Cole said.

Donna Brown is coordinator of lay ministries for First United Methodist Church of Chambersburg, which has adopted a camp for four years.

The farmworkers sometimes share their lives and beliefs. "People from the church are always deeply moved," Brown said. "They enrich our lives as well." Many of the workers have a strong faith, they are away from their families, and they appreciate the personal attention, she said.

In the peak season, four other paid chaplains and three volunteers assist Kauffman in the ministry to the camps, teaching, coordinating programs, doing personal consultation with the workers, and helping in emergencies. "It keeps us busy to cover all the camps. The time we can go there is limited, because of the farmworkers' work schedule." He and his staff cover the camps that are not adopted and keep in contact with the ones that are.

All activities are cleared with the orchard owners first, Kauffman said, and they are very co-

operative.

At El Vista Orchards, Inc., Fairfield, owner Dave Benner raises 450 acres of apples and 150 of peaches. He employs 50 farmworkers at the peak of the season.

Hector Lebron has been coming to El Vista every summer for 22 years. The church that adopts his camp provides transportation for the men to attend church and visits them for volleyball games, he said.

Dave and Mary Margaret Kuhn own Kuhn's Orchard near Cash-town, Adams County. About 75 percent of their 150 acres of apples go to Knouse Foods; they also grow 75 acres of peaches and nectarines. To help get the crop in, they employ 25-30 farmworkers at the peak of the season. Fruitbelt uses Kuhn's packing house to assemble the fruit boxes.

The majority of workers in the camps are single men, while the families usually live in private housing.

Most of those "single" men, however, have families back in Mexico who depend upon them, Kauffman said. "They send the largest part of their check home to Mexico, then they need the basics from our ministry."

While Kauffman acknowledged that some of the men drink and

cause trouble, "You have those few in any group," he said. "These are basically good, hardworking people."

At a camp for single men in Adams County, the workers prepared hot dogs and soup on their lunch break. Their huge kitchen is equipped with two stoves, three sinks, and two refrigerators. The large, clean bunk rooms held a fan and a television.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture estimates that each person eats about 90 pounds of fruit a year; in fact, most of the food on the average American's table is picked by a farmworker, Kauffman said. "If not for their skills, we wouldn't have these delicacies."

There is still a need for education in the community, he added. "Many people still don't see the farmworker as a valid asset to the economics of the community. The three-county area produces an estimated \$33 million worth of fruit each year. Without the workers to pick the fruit, where would it be?"

Statewide, farmworkers pick mushrooms, tomatoes and grapes. They find the same attitudes in other communities, Kauffman said. "There's been a lot of change, but we've still got a way to go."



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## HAPPENINGS

### 4-H Recognition Night

Recognition of 4-H members, leaders, and friends of 4-H donors was held recently at the Warrensville Fire Hall.

Bronze first-year pins were presented to 25 new 4-H leaders. Five-year leaders recognized included: Susan Andrews-RoughRiders, Patty Beaver-Valley Riders, Joan Dunkleberger-Bottle Run, John D. Harvey-Fairfield Community, Joan Hauser-Indian Park, Sandra Hollingsworth-Chippewa Acres, Mike Jarrett-Bald Eagle, Barbara Miller-Valley Riders, Patty Peterman-Green Valley, Stephen Peterman-Green Valley, Cynthia Sauter-Fairfield Community, John Shoup-Rifle Club, Douglas Stabler-Huntersville, Judy Stabler-Huntersville, Carol Ann Stein-Green Valley, and Joyce Stugart-Quaker Hill. They were presented a five-year silver 4-H clover pin.

The leaders honored for 10 years of service to the 4-H program were Cynthia Cristman-Cogan House and Nancy Jarrett-Bald Eagle. They received gold 4-H clover pins. Betty Delany-Bottle Run, received a pearly 4-H clover pin for 15 years of service. The Diamond 4-H clover was presented to three 20-year leaders. They were Marian Lovell-Bottle Run, Edward Snook-Livestock Committee, and Edna Styer-4-Leaf Clovers.

The 25-year 4-H emerald pin award went to Vivian Eck-Nisbet Community and Nancy Snook-Livestock Committee and the 4-H sapphire pin was awarded to Ralph Styer-4-Leaf Clovers for 35 years of service to the 4-H program.

The 1993 Friends of 4-H Donors were recognized, and members were recognized for their participation in team contests, Fashion Revue, Presentation Night, and Toastmasters Public Speaking. Members were also given first year Teen Leader awards, national awards, and officer pins.

New 4-H County Council officers are President Sarah Way, Vice President Shaunda Baier, Secretary Melanie Harris, Treasurer/News Reporter Lelsie Rinker, and 4-H advisory representatives Leslie Rinker and Daryl Rinker.

Katie Jarrett and Daryl Rinker were recipients of the Outstanding 4-H'er Awards. Krissy Girven received the James Nicholson Memorial Citizenship Award and the Russell Berger Memorial Dairy Award went to Adam Fraley.

Tom Murphy is 4-H coordinator and Michele L. Hollenback is extension assistant.

### Lycoming County 4-H Chooses Outstanding 4-H'ers

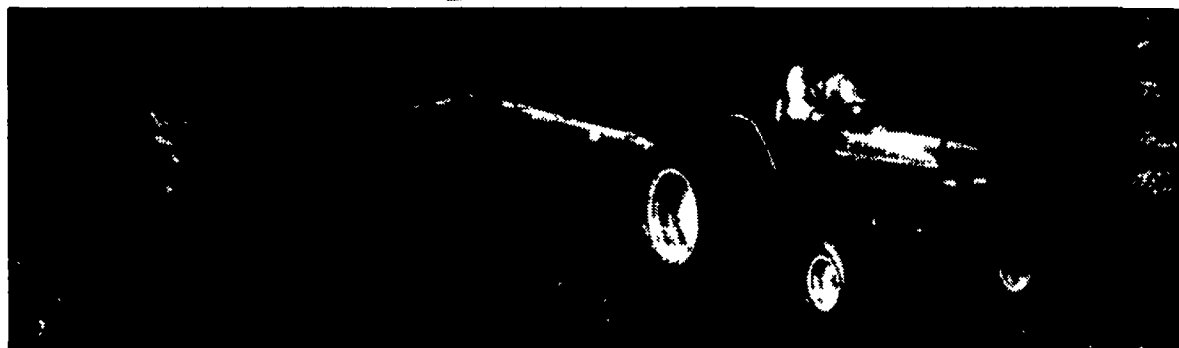
The recipients of Lycoming County's 1993 Outstanding 4-H'er awards were announced during the Annual Recognition Night held at the Warrensville Fire Hall.

Those recognized were Katie Jarrett, a student at Montgomery High School, a member of the Bald Eagle 4-H Club and the Toastmasters Public Speaking Club, and Daryl Rinker, a Williamsport High School student, a member for the Fairfield Community 4-H Club and the Toastmasters Public Speaking Club.

Katie Jarrett serves as a teen leader for her club, Bald Eagle. She is one of Lycoming County's 4-H ambassadors and an active participant in the county program.

Daryl Rinker serves as teen leader and was a past president for the Fairfield Community Club. He is serving as 4-H advisory representative of the county council and is also an active participant of the county program.

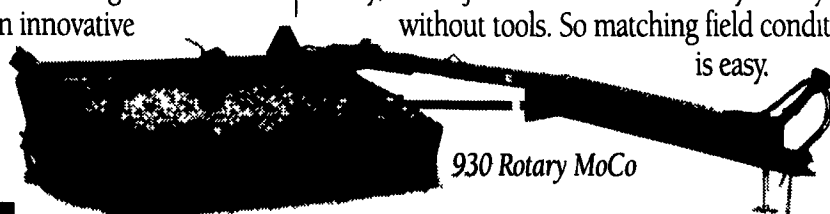
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