

Sow's Ear Weaves

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alone gave them 19 pounds of wool.

Hand-raised wool is washed carefully to preserve the natural lanolin. The fleece is then dried, carded, and spun. Drying is done using local weeds either in fleece or yarn form.

Laura and Richard have what they believe is the only actively-solar heated spinning and weaving supply shop anywhere. Two of the walls are made of "doors" which open to admit natural light and direct heat, and close to put heat into storage. A small woodburning stove, seldom used, supplements the usually ample solar heat.

"We do not do production weaving," assures Laura. "We use no automatic fly shuttles, no computer-controlled looms, no equipment more suitable to a factory than a home. Our weavings are one-of-a-kind. We usually design our own threading patterns.

Richard's weavings are totally self-created. When a professional weaver told him he could not weave a tree, he proved otherwise.

Laura, on the other hand, concentrates on historic reproduc-

tions, studying patterns in old history books. Eventually, she hopes to write her own book on creating tapestry forms complete with photographs of her reproductions.

Following the stereo barter, Richard and Laura have purchased several more looms, the most valuable being a Harrisville teaching loom. The warp set is detachable which allows for several students to take lessons without disturbing the weaving. "Within five minutes I can change the warp to suit the student," Richard explains.

Among their prize students is Karl Kauffman, well-known Pennsylvania Sheep shearer who, along with his team members, won first-place in the sheep to shawl contest at the Pennsylvania State Farm Show last year. It was Karl who did the weaving.

Some students come from as far away as Pittsburgh, a several hour drive from their Johnstown home.

It's a busy life for this couple who both suffer from arthritis. They raise their own wide variety of vegetables which includes such unusual specimens as the Jerusalem artichoke. They also pick blueberries, cherries, and apples to can, dry, or freeze and purchase all organically grown barley, corn,



HAPPENINGS

Adams Co. Horse Clubs
The Adams County 4-H Horse Clubs held the annual roundup on August 6 at Magic Rose Farm, New Oxford.

Twenty-four 4-H members exhibited their horses and ponies in at least one of the 44 classes.

Each member works with their animal all year and fills out a project book for this animal. Each member must attend five club meetings throughout the year, collect two class sponsors, give a presentation, complete their book, and receive a grooming and showmanship score.

The top three entries or top two pair in these classes are eligible to move on and compete in the Dis-

oats, and mullet to bake their own bread.

As the couple works they often think about the history of their location. In the mid 1800s a carding mill was located there to prepare wool for spinning. "We think about that as we card our own wool," Laura says thoughtfully.

trict VI 4-H Horse Show. The results of each class are as follows:

Grooming & Showmanship 16 yrs. & older: Debbie Wilkinson, Heather Hawkins, Jenny Baltzley.

Grooming & Showmanship 13-15: Julie Smith, Julie Fitzgerald, Sarah Sokolovich.

Grooming & Showmanship 8-12: Kate Brady, Sarah Emig, Mariah Weir.

Walk Trot Warm Up Horses: Melissa Hawkins, Heather Hawkins, Debbie Wilkinson.

Walk Trot Warm Up Ponies: Abby Hoffman, Cassie Frederick, Shawna Ford.

Stock Seat Equitation Sr.: Jeremiah Wooters, Rich Williams.

Western Pleasure Horses (14.2 & Over): Rich Williams.

Western Pleasure Ponies (14.2 & Under): Jeremiah Wooters.

Hunter Seat Equitation (No Jumps) Sr.: Melissa Hawkins, Sarah Sokolovich, Jenny Baltzley.

Hunter Seat Equitation (No Jumps) Jr.: Mariah Weir, Bobbi Jo Jordan, Kate Brady.

Hunter Ponies Under Saddle (14.2 & Under): Abby Hoffman, Cassie Frederick, Brandi Cook.

Hunter Horses Under Saddle (14.2 & Over): Melissa Hawkins, Heather Hawkins, Debbie Wilkinson.

Working Hunter Horse: Debbie Wilkinson, Heather Hawkins, Julie Fitzgerald.

Working Hunter Ponies: Cassie Frederick, Jenny Bahn.

Hunter Seat Equitation (Over Jumps): Debbie Wilkinson, Heather Hawkins, Julie Fitzgerald.

Hunter Seat Equitation (Over Jumps): Cassie Frederick, Abby Hoffman.

Obstacle Trail Course: Nicholas Demko.

Walk Trot Equitation: Nicholas Demko.
Hunter Hack Ponies: Abby Hoffman, Mariah Weir, Summer Staub.

Hunter Hack Horses: Melissa Hawkins, Sarah Sokolovich, Becky Frederick.
Pleasure Pairs: Sarah Sokolovich & Sue

Smith, Brandi Cook & Shawna Ford.

Open Trail Pony: Jeremiah Wooters.

Open Trail Horse: Becky Frederick, Cassie Frederick, Rich Williams.

County Team: Julie Fitzgerald, Sue Smith, Sarah Sokolovich.

Pole Bending (14.0 & Under): Jeremiah Wooters.

Pole Bending (14.0 & Over): Rich Williams.

Clover Barrel (14.0 & Under): Jeremiah Wooters.

Raised Box Key: Jeremiah Wooters.

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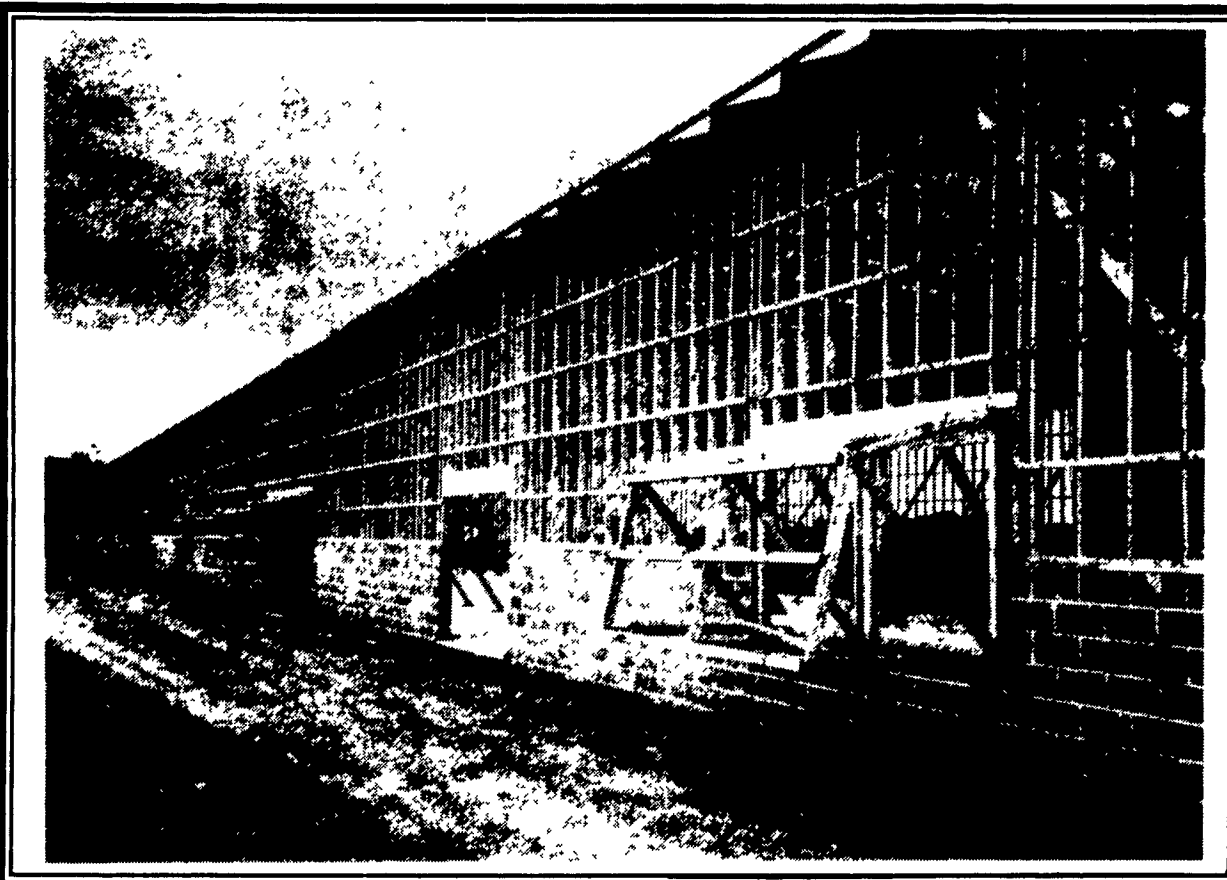
Horse & Pony Club

The club held its July meeting on July 20 at leaders Jack and Kathy Taylor's home.

Last minute assignments were made for provisions for the food stand, which the club will run at the county 4-H horse and pony roundup.

Members also discussed other types of fund-raisers to consider having in the future. After the business part of the meeting, a covered dish supper and cookout was held and everyone had a good time.

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