

Ten-year-old Mackenzie and her mother Lynn Crumpt of Holtwood show off some of the hundreds of items to be sold over the auction block at the Farm and Home Center on Saturday, February 17, beginning at 9:30 a.m. Proceeds are earmarked for the 4-H Development Fund for purchase of educational materials, entry fees to events, transportation costs, and other expenses for 4,000 youth ages 8-10 involved in "learn by doing" 4-H projects.

4-H Benefit Solicits Novel Items For Auction

LOU ANN GOOD
Lancaster Farming Staff
LANCASTER (Lancaster Co.)
— Innovative ideas promise an exciting 4-H Benefit Auction slated for Saturday, February 17 beginning at 9:30 a.m. at the Farm and Home Center Auditorium, 1383 Arcadia Road.

Auctioneers will hawk the wares of everything from fertile emu eggs and bull semen to diamond earrings.

Zoann Parker, 4-H extension agent, said that the funds raised provide 99 percent of the money needed for every major 4-H event held throughout the year for more than 4,000 members. Monies are used towards the purchase of educational materials, entry fees to events, transportation costs, and other 4-H expenses.

"We want to keep 4-H affordable for all families," said Parker, who constantly upholds "her kids" (4-H members) as the most outstanding in the nation.

Indeed, Parker herself recently accompanied four of the county's state winners to Puerto Rico when state funds for sending them to National 4-H were cut.

"I think they (4-H'ers) should be given every opportunity they deserve," Parker said of the trip that exposed the team to a different culture and gave them a chance to practice their Spanish, explore a national award dairy farm situated next to the ocean, a DHIA testing lab, and a rain forest.

Auction donations from friends of 4-H include an item certain to interest horse lovers, conservationists, and collectors of old books. It is a 1963 clothback copy of *Stormy, Misty's Foe*, the children's book by Marguerite Henry. The original Marguerite Henry book *Misty of Chincoteague* published in 1947 drew attention to the wild horses. This *Stormy* book, is dedicated to the children everywhere who helped restore the wild herds on Assateague Island after a 'Nor'Easter' devastated the island in 1962. Arrangements also have been made by the donor to have the book signed by Maureen Beebe Hursh, one of the featured characters in the books, when she visits the Farm and Home Center on March 16 as part of the Saddle



This collector's book has been donated to the Lancaster 4-H auction.

Cinches 4-H Club's model horse show. In addition, a copy of the December 1995 issue of *Research/Penn State* that contains the article about the wild mares of Assateague will be given to the buyer. To be auctioned are certificates

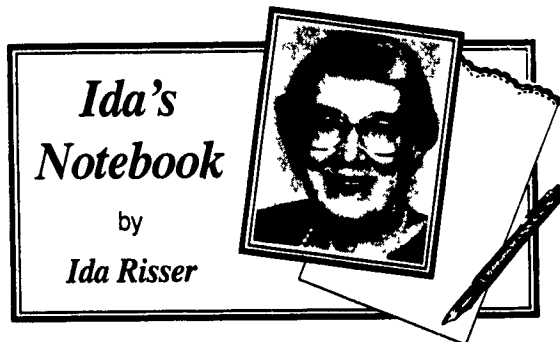
for 4-H market lambs, animal cages and feed, truckloads of crushed stone, 150 gallons of heating oil, tickets for dinner theaters and shows, topsoil, coal, mulch, 18 holes of golf, and gift certificates for local stores and restaurants, and admission passes for local attractions.

Traditional auction items prevail such as quilts, wall hangings, and Winross trucks that will go on sale at noon. Ertl toys and banks, plants, household goods, toys and numerous items will be sold throughout the day.

Food items will be sold throughout the day by the 4-H Exchange Club members.

Auction items may be previewed at the Farm and Home Center on Friday, February 16 between 2 p.m. and 7 p.m.

For more information or to donate items for the auction, contact the Lancaster County Cooperative Extension office at (717) 394-6851.



When the grandchildren come to visit it surely changes our lifestyle. We can't sit down to read and hear the clock tick in a quiet house. We don't hear the hum of the new refrigerator. And, we don't listen to our favorite television programs in the evening.

What we do is play with them and entertain them. They like to go in the basement and run the battery-operated car. Down there we also have a sliding board, a tricycle, and a small table for them that our son gave us when his three children outgrew the toys.

One of their favorite things is to have me read to them. We must all sit on the sofa so that one can sit on each side of Grandma. They're getting too big for my lap and too heavy. I've kept some of the books that my children had long

ago.

Another thing that we do to pass the time is drink and eat. Usually I only have milk or water in the refrigerator. But, they want juice. So, we go to the canning shelf and get a quart of grape juice and open it. I can add some water to it as I make a concentrate. Then we get the graham cracker box out of the cupboard too.

Even I enjoy one thing that we do to keep busy and that is to go through old sewing baskets. Somehow I've accumulated a half dozen from older relatives. They are quite interesting with odd gadgets, pretty buttons, an earring, tiny thimbles or beeswax. Some have a dried gourd for darning or even an old campaign button. There is always something to do.

SEE YOUR NEAREST



DEALER
FOR DEPENDABLE
EQUIPMENT & SERVICE

PENNSYLVANIA

Anville, PA
BHM Farm
Equipment,
Inc.
RD 1, Rte. 934
717-867-2211

Honey Brook, PA
Dependable
Motor Co.
East Main Street
215-273-3131
215-273-3737

Carlisle, PA
R&W
Equipment Co.
35 East Willow Street
717-243-2686

New Holland, PA
A.B.C. Groff, Inc.
110 South Railroad
717-354-4191

Ellizabethtown, PA
Messick Farm
Equipment, Inc.
Rt. 283 - Rheem's
Exit
717-367-1319

Oley, PA
C.J. Wonsidler
Bros.
R.D. 2
610-987-6257

Halifax, PA
Sweigard Bros.
R.D. 3, Box 13
717-896-3414

Pitman, PA
Schreffler
Equipment
Pitman, PA
717-648-1120

Honey Grove, PA
Norman D. Clark
& Son, Inc.
Honey Grove, PA
717-734-3682
Loysville, PA
717-789-3117

Tamaqua, PA
Charles S.
Snyder, Inc.
R.D. 3
717-386-5945

West Grove, PA
S.G. Lewis & Son, Inc.
352 N. Jennersville Rd.
610-869-2214
1-800-869-9029

MARYLAND

Frederick, MD
Ceresville Ford New Holland, Inc.
Rt. 26 East 301-662-4197
Outside MD, 800-331-9122

NEW JERSEY

Bridgeton, NJ
Leslie G. Fogg,
Inc.
Canton & Stow Creek
Landing Rd.
609-451-2727
609-935-5145

Washington, NJ
Smith Tractor &
Equip., Inc.
15 Hillcrest Ave.
908-689-7900



Woodstown, NJ
Owen Supply Co.
Broad Street &
East Avenue
609-769-0308