



Penn Yan, N.Y. State FFA Attend Farm Show Marcy Quackenbush Penn Yan FFA Reporter

Fifty-three members and five advisers from the N.Y. FFA chapters of Jasper—Troupsburg, North—Rose Wolcott, Penn Yan, Prattsburg, SCT Boces, and Sherburne—Earlville traveled to Hershey and Harrisburg, Pa. on Jan. 5-6.

Seventeen members from the Penn Yan Chapter of FFA attended the trip. They were Ross Castner, Tim Christensen, Jen Disbrow, Scott Fisher, Billy Hand, Ryan Haulings, Mark

Hopkins, Natalie Jensen, Matt Leach, Matt Lewis, Mike Lilyea, CJ Moore, Daren Morse, Muffy Nelson, Marcy Quackenbush, Steve Vaughan, and the Penn Yan FFA Adviser, John Kriese.

The trip started on Friday, Jan. 5 when the schools met at Penn Yan. Packed in two buses, the FFA members traveled from Penn Yan, N.Y. to Hershey, Pa. We toured Hershey's Chocolate World, where we learned how chocolate is made, and how chocolate bars are formed. The FFA members had an opportunity to look at souvenirs and candy at the end of the tour. We then had a

relaxing evening and peaceful night at the Hotel Hampton outside of Harrisburg.

In the morning, we went to the Pennsylvania Farm Show. Here we had the opportunity to learn more about the state of Pennsylvania, the agriculture of Pennsylvania, and more. We saw many varieties of livestock, booths, exhibits, and Pennsylvania food. The FFA members had an opportunity to see a rodeo where the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association competed.

Bob Collins, a Penn Yan FFA member who is also a member of the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association, competed while we were there, in the bareback bronc riding and the bull riding contests. Unfortunately he was bucked off both times, and received no score. Bob was also a saddle bronc riding director.

The trip was planned by Natalie Jensen, Marcy Quackenbush, and Mr. Kriese. We would like to thank Jasper—Troupsburg, Penn

Yan, and SCT Boces Central Schools for providing the transportation. And a special thanks goes to Mrs. Gloria Carroll and Mr. Thomas Rakovan for permitting us to go.

## 4-H Exchange

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Additionally, Lowell and Lynette made time for travel lectures. He presented 134 and she did 150 of them.

"The world has changed," she observed. "Today, nobody would make that many talks after traveling because everybody travels."

A deeply sensitive person, she refuses to pinch any of the myriad plants in what appears as her personal tropical rain forest. "I'm afraid it'll hurt their feelings," she says, explaining that most of the prolific greenery began as small gifts over the years. And while occasional transplanting to larger pots is tolerable, pinching is out.

Lynette has felt that she owes a great deal to 4-H. No doubt, that's behind her longevity in club leadership. "For a long time, I felt it was a debt I owed," she said.

She is a charter member of the Somerset County 4-H Development Fund which began in 1967, and was once selected as the Outstanding 4-Her. The same is true of Lowell.

While the Elys have no children, the Friedlines have raised their three on Walnut Dale Farm's 190 acres that Hubert purchased in the post-Depression era.

"He had two worn-out horses, worn-out harness and worn-out equipment," Lowell said, recalling his dad's struggle to build something from almost nothing. The milking herd today stays at about 56 head of Holsteins, but the total herd, at 110, almost doubles that figure, the dairyman said.

Their son, Jonathan, wife, Debbie, and daughter, Paige, live on the farm. Son Joel and his wife, Mary, also live in Somerset County.

Daughter Jillynn is in Kittanning, Armstrong County, where her husband, Dr. Scott F. Bastian practices veterinary medicine.

Lowell showed an early inclination to serve on governing bodies, starting with the 4-H county council of which he was its second president.

Today, the list includes Somerset County ASCS committee, 15 years; vice-president of the Producers Equalization Agency; director, Allied Milk Producers Cooperative; board member and long-time office holder in Somerset Rural Electric Cooperative; board president of PRIDE; board vice-chairman, Allegheny Electric Cooperative, Harrisburg.

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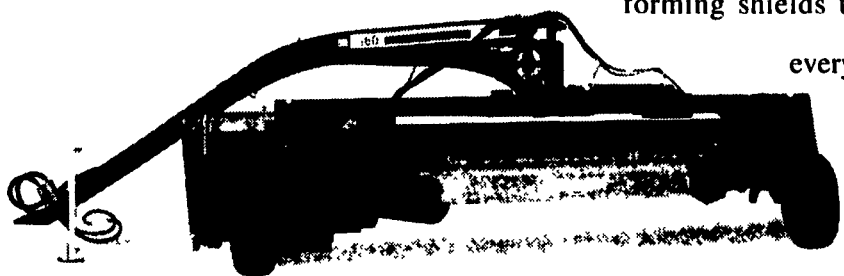
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