



From left, M. Maxwell Smith, retired Lancaster Agriculture Extension agent, discusses the impact the Rural Youth organization had on Lancaster County Youth with former members Emma Plastow, Marian Nolt Lefever, Richard Lefever, Melvin R. Stoltzfus, and Pauline Stoltzfus.

'Rural Youth' Gather To Remember

LEOLA (Lancaster Co.) — The gray and bald heads, trifocals, and canes were forgotten as 80 former members of the Rural Youth of Lancaster County (RYLC) gathered for a reunion recently.

Members recalled memories of more than 60 years ago as they talked about the role RYLC played in shaping their lives.

"Remember when 50 of us drove to Holloway Beach? One car got lost on the way down and another caught fire on the way home," a former member said.

Instead of watching sports events on television, members made their own entertainment. This included forming an orchestra, a band, a chorus, or going bowling, playing basketball

and volleyball, organizing a box social, a rummage sale, doggie roast, talent show, and numerous other events. The group acting in 22 three-act plays.

Roy Brubaker, a former president of RYLC, said, "The plays were pretty popular. One year we presented a play in the Millersville Gymnasium and had standing room only.

Brubaker also remembers attending leadership schools in Wisconsin, Iowa, New Jersey, and Ohio.

Eight past presidents of RYLC gave a short resume of events they remember during their term in office.

It was determined that at least 68 people met their spouses through

RYLC activities. Many members credit RYLC with giving them leadership skills that enabled them to fill positions in churches, communities, and vocations.

At the reunion held at the Leola Family Restaurant, the program was planned to be just like old times: Leo Weaver served as committee chairman; Samuel Shenk was master of ceremonies, Richard Lefever gave the invocation, and Julia Moore Zahn had devotions. Carl Diller played his harmonica and read a poem, "A Child's View of Retarded (Retired) Life." John and Evelyn Ranck played their accordions and led the group in old-time songs.

To keep "remembering," the group plan a picnic for next year's gathering.



Former Rural Youth presidents, from left, are Jacob Reapsome, Milton Brubaker, Roy Brubaker, Richard Lefever, Robert C. Groff, Allen Risser, Paul Huber, and Samuel Shenk.

Deadline For Beef Industry Scholarship

DENVER Colo. — Through the Chicago Mercantile Exchange Beef Industry Scholarship Program, the National Cattlemen's Foundation (NCF) and the Chicago Mercantile Exchange (CME) are offering \$20,000 in scholarships to college students pursuing careers in the beef industry. A total of 16 students will each be awarded \$1,250 in scholarship monies. One of the 16 recipients will be selected to receive the top prize of an all-expense paid trip to the Cattle Industry Annual Convention and Trade Show in Phoenix, January 26-29, 2000.

Student applying for the scholarship may pursue careers in agricultural education, communications, production, research or another area related to the beef industry. To be eligible, a student must: a) be enrolled or plan to enroll as an

undergraduate student in the College of Agriculture at a four-year institution during the 1999-2000 academic year; b) write a brief letter indicating what role the student sees him or herself in the beef industry upon graduation; c) write a 750-word essay describing an issue confronting the beef industry today or in the future and offer his or her solutions (cite two references used); d) obtain two letters of reference from current or former professors or industry professionals; e) prepare a cover sheet to include name, school name, year in school and both current and permanent mailing addresses and phone numbers; and f) submit materials to: Chairman Donald Butler,

National Cattlemen's Foundation, P.O. Box 3469, Englewood, CO, 80155.

Introduced in 1989 to celebrate the 25th Anniversary of Live Cattle Futures, the CME Beef Industry Scholarship Program continues to recognize outstanding youth in the beef community. The National Cattlemen's Beef Foundation will administer the program and select the winners. Essays will be judged on clarity of expression, persuasiveness, originality, accuracy, relevance of topic and solutions offered. Applications must be postmarked by November 29. Winners will be announced at the Cattle Industry Annual Convention, January 2000.



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