



# 4-H HAPPENINGS

### Don Guanella 4-H Gardeners

Fifty-five students at Don Guanella School have been taking part in a series of six 4-H indoor gardening lessons.

Through these "hands-on" activities, the students are learning various methods of plant propagation, plant parts, plant identification, and the care of a variety of indoor, outdoor and seasonal plants.

The students in Helene McCune's class with the help of Fred Grant, Miss Rose and Miss Aisha decorated a Christmas tree in their classroom with ornaments made out of all natural materials.

For their efforts, they were awarded ribbons and small prizes from Delaware County 4-H.

Those students participating were Maria Bey, John Briddes, Joshua Clift, Tahmir Craig, Shaquan Cruz, Jabree Cruz, Jeffery Kane, Samuel McKeown and Bobby Enloe.

### North Mountain

### 4-H Club

The last meeting of the North Mountain 4-H Club was Feb. 26 at the Water-Works Fire Hall.

Some of the members of the club went bowling at the Palmyra Recreation Center Feb. 10 from 6 p.m.-8 p.m. About 25 members and their parents were present. There were also snacks that members of the club brought.

In response to sending out Valentines to the veterans at the Veterans Hospital in Lebanon, a letter was sent to the club as a "thank you" from the people at the hospital.

Emily Whitmoyer suggested the idea of asking kids to bring in food items for the Ronald McDonald House as a way of getting into the Valentine's Day dance at Northern Lebanon. Her idea worked, and she brought in six boxes of food items.

The club would also like to congratulate Andrea Jones from the Latigo Club for receiving a certificate from the Ronald McDonald House. The Latigo Club also collected food.

Any club members who are interested can participate in Capitol Days April 23-24. Club members (ages 15-19) that sign up will go to the capitol and learn about the government and also meet other 4-H'ers from other states and counties. Club members will also be staying overnight at a hotel.

It is also that time of year again for 4-H Camp Shehaqua. The camp is looking for camp counselors. You must be 14 or older.

The next meeting will be March 26 at the Water-Works Fire Hall from 6 p.m.-8 p.m.

### North Mountain Market Goat Club

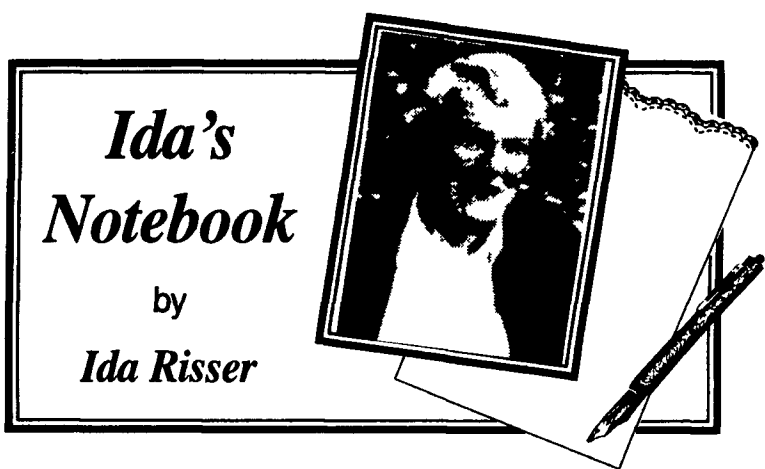
The first meeting of the North Mountain Market Goat Club was Feb. 24 at Nancy and Doug Dresch's farm.

At the meeting, recent and new members were introduced.

Doug Dresch went over the different rules of goat club and information members needed to know about showing their goat at the Lebanon Area Fair.

At goat club, the members selected new officers: president, Travis Dresch; vice president, Doug Dresch; secretary, Chris Werner; treasurer, Katie Eckert; and news reporter, Kate Gerber.

The next meeting will be March 10 at the Dresch's farm.



*Ida's  
Notebook*  
by  
*Ida Risser*

Recently, we took advantage of Charter Day when historical sites, administered by Pennsylvania Historical and Museum Commission, were open for free.

When I mentioned to my husband that the Joseph Priestley House in Northumberland was open, he was interested in finding it. And he has lots of maps on hand, he quickly said that he knew where it was located.

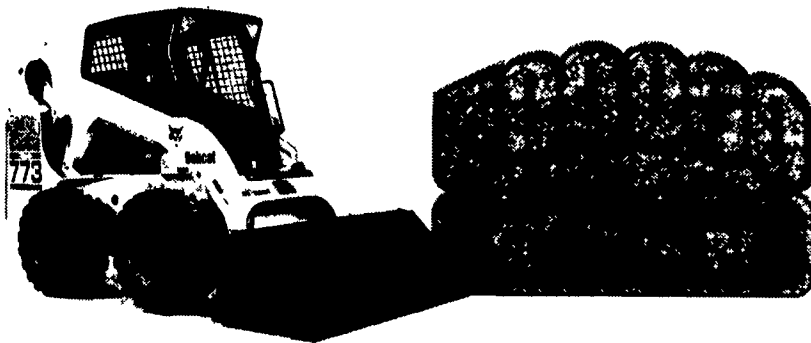
So, we asked another couple and drove north of Selinsgrove to the 1795 house. The Priestley house was built to be both stylish and grand. It stands beside the Susquehanna River, and there was a small village nearby in the 1700s. His wife died shortly after he arrived from London with his family.

Joseph Priestley is credited with the discovery of oxygen, and he wrote more than 30 scientific papers. The air we breathe is made up of many gases. Carbon monoxide was one of his discoveries. A retired chemistry teacher

portrayed Priestley and performed many experiments for the visitors.

Priestley also was a theologian and wrote a dozen religious works. He held services in his home and helped to start the Unitarian Church in America. His home was furnished with period pieces of furniture. He was a man ahead of his time.

Of the 27 museums in Pennsylvania, we have only visited seven of them. It usually takes time to plan a trip, but these places cover everything from lumber to iron and from oil to battlefields. There is a big difference between Daniel Boone's homestead and Pennsbury Manor where the Penns lived. And the Cornwall Iron furnace is nothing like the Ephrata Cloisters, but they all have their interesting points. So, maybe this summer you could take a day trip to one of these places near your home.



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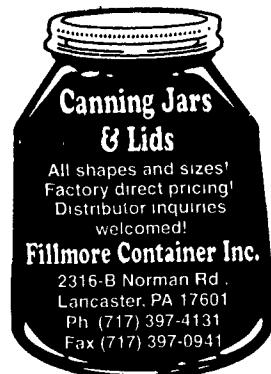


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