



## Entering a new era

The old Valencia Farm Center is getting a breath of new life, thanks to the efforts of the Day Valley 4-H Club.

The center, located at the crossroads of Valencia and Day Valley roads, was the focus of rural activity from 1920 until 1975 when it was given to the county for restoration. But because of other priorities, nothing has been done . . . until now.

The 4-H Club decided to restore the historic building that was used for town meetings, dances and dinners. Pat Manning, the 4-H organizer of the project, said the club has been busy cleaning, and researching the history of the Farm Center and the old town of Valencia.

"It gives the kids a feeling of belonging to something well-established. We want to get together with the old-timers and make it a community center again."

Pictured on this page are the projects, memorabilia and people who are making the Farm Center come alive again.

Photos by Tom Van Dyke



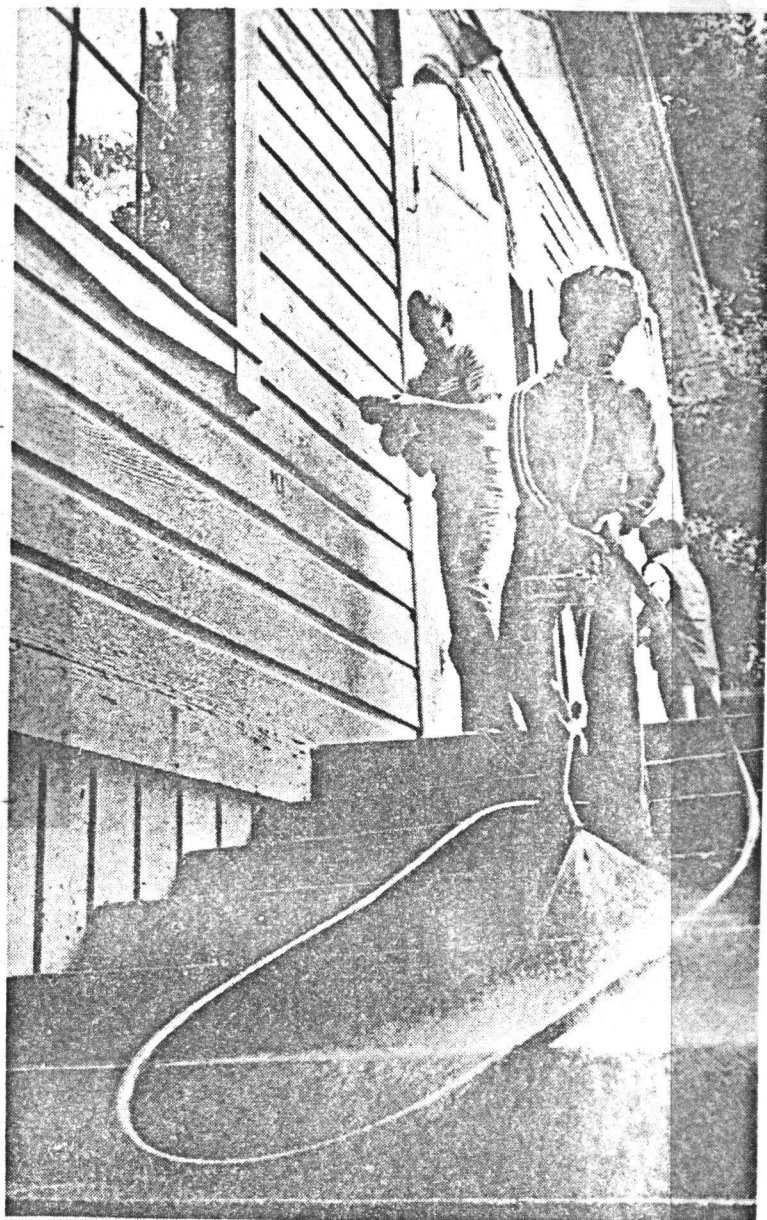
Ryan Manning saw to cleaning the inside of the windows.



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**Ronnie Iles and Ryan Manning helped wash and wipe away the grime**



**Ed Wennerholm, longtime Valencia resident, is happy to see the old building being restored.**