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Octoraro Farmers Club 100 Years Old

By Nance Mooney

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Fifty years ago, Saturday June 16, 1906 the Octoraro Farmers' Club celebrated its 50th anniversary in a woodland grove on the property of James J Jackson, along the Valley Road, about one mile east of Green Tere.

The various committees in charge of the celebration made special efforts to make the event one long to be remembered.

The decorating committee was no exception. Over the driveway leading to the grounds was suspended a large banner of red cloth which carried the following inscription "Octoraro Farmers' Club, 1856-1906." The letters, in large size were made entirely of wheat heads taken from 1906 crops.

Strawberries on White

At the speaker's stand was erected another banner bearing the same inscription with the letters formed out of ripe strawberries pinned to a white cloth. On the posts were placed pumpkins cut and shaped to resemble jardinières, filled with flowers. Honeysuckle and rambling roses completed the decorations.

The popular Sadsbury orchestra, many of its members from Philadelphia, was engaged to furnish music for the occasion.

According to the records Alban Walton, of Nine Points, head of the organization in 1906, called the gathering to order, with Josephine W. Brinton, of Christiana, as secretary. In addressing the group, Walton stated that the Octoraro Farmers' Club was the

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Haymaking Top County Duty; Corn Spraying

Good yields — at least average or a little better — are reported from Lancaster County hayfields where the top farming duty of the day is haymaking. Excellent weather, hot and clear, has helped speed this job along as a follow-up to tobacco transplanting.

Throughout the County some post-emergence spraying is being done to combat weeds in corn, which has reached ankle-height or more. Corn is being cultivated for the first time.

Drop Nozzles Advised

County Agricultural Agent Max M. Smith advises corn should be sprayed when six to 12 inches in height. After it reaches a foot tall, drop nozzles should be used to lower the spray.

Hail damage last weekend in the County was spotty, striking just west and northwest of Lancaster in the Rohrerstown, Mountville and Landisville

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Soil Conservation Winner



Winner of 1956 Lancaster County Outstanding Conservation Farmer of 1956 title was Arthur E Brown R2 Nottingham, pioneer in Garden Spot soil conservation

activities. His accomplishments along this line and in fields other than farming are described in the accompanying story. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo)

Outstanding County Conservationist 40-Year Graduate of Penn State

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Lancaster County's "Outstanding Conservation Farmer of 1956" will celebrate his 40th anniversary as an agronomy graduate of the Pennsylvania State University this weekend.

He's Arthur E Brown, 65, of R2 Nottingham who first looked upon contours as impractical, but in the 18 years since that time has moved to the foreground as one of the County's top-notch men in that field.

Conservation on the 103-acre Brown farm, just south of Elam, or Little Britain as it is well-known, is keyed to dairy production, and conservation has proved its worth.

Taking an hour or so before spraying for weeds in corn Tuesday morning, Mr. Brown described his interest in soil conservation which won him the County title Wednesday night last week in Lancaster.

He was born on the farm where he lives, and started farming for himself on a cash rent basis with his father that was in 1919, shortly after he had completed two years at the Franklin and Marshall Academy, and four years at State College where he was a graduate in agronomy. There was a brief period of fertilizer salesmanship before he came to the farm purchased originally by his father, George H. Brown.

Since his crops are patterned primarily for dairy, and the 40

Guernsey milk cows and 25 heifers, 20 acres have been devoted to hay, 15 to wheat, 25 to corn each year. Strip farming enables him to move up the rotation and the same acreage is devoted each year to those crops.

Cash Crops History

"The day of cash crops — as such — tomatoes, tobacco, is gone," he told Lancaster Farming as it applies to his own case. Outside of six acres in woodland, the balance of his farm is in bluegrass and white clover. Uplands are pastured, and the sole feed purchase for livestock falls in the protein and mineral class.

Marketing his Golden Guernsey milk through Abbotts in Philadelphia, Mr. Brown has just recently installed a stainless steel milk cooler in his milk house, where a two-day

Stock Yards Story Shown in Booklet

Compiled by Frederic Shriver Kline, professor history at Franklin and Marshall College, a new booklet, "The Story of the Lancaster Union Stock Yards" has been published for limited distribution.

Sixteen full-page illustrations and a two-color cover highlight the text. An aerial view of the Lancaster Stock Yards forms the back cover. Announcement of the booklet was made June 5 at a meeting of the Lancaster Live Stock Exchange.

At the same meeting, Aug 14 and 15 were designated as dates of the Garden Spot Baby Beef Show, and the Southeastern District 4H, Baby Beef and Lamb roundup and sale will be Nov 6-7-8, both events at the Stock Yards.

Nancy Newcomer Crowned County Poultry Queen

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Nancy Newcomer, 20, daughter of Mr and Mrs J Raymond Newcomer of R2 Lititz, will reign during the coming year as Lancaster County Poultry Queen, attend functions of state

THAT'S A LOT OF FOOD!

In the estimated 7100 or 7200 servings of barbecued chicken at the Lititz Sixth Annual Broiler Barbecue Saturday, at least 8850 pounds of Chickens were consumed almost four and one-half tons. Forty racks were in operation, and two pits, each 65 feet long, were in use. Gallons and gallons of barbecue sauce were also consumed.

required by her regency and compete for the title of State Queen.

Miss Newcomer, winning from a field of nine, was crowned in ceremonies Saturday evening at

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Poultry Queen



Miss Nancy Newcomer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. Raymond Newcomer of R2 Lititz, is shown as she was crowned Lancaster County Poultry Queen at Lititz Springs Park Saturday afternoon. With her is the retiring queen, Miss Ruth Ann Weickel, R1 Christiana. (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).