

Flying Farmers Hold First Air Tour In Region I; National Queen Guest

Perfect weather and marvelous fall colors helped to make the first annual Flying Farmer Air Tour a huge success. According to L. L. Logan, Kennett Square, director of the National Flying Farmers Assn, 23 aircraft and 54 persons attended at least some part of the tour which originated at Niagara Falls, N.Y. and terminated at Atlantic City, N.J.

The tour was planned and conducted under Logan's direction. National President Kenneth Butler, Hutchinson, Minn. and National Queen Florence Krohn, Prairie City, Iowa were special guests of the tour which included members of New York, Pa., New Jersey, and Maryland.

The group departed from Niagara Falls at 1:30 p. m., Oct. 11. There was opportunity to fly over the Falls and to take pictures. The first stop was at Cortland, N.Y., which route took the group across the Finger Lakes.

After refreshments at Cortland the group flew en masse to Tri Cities airport at Binghamton and then directly to Mt. Pocono, Pa., where they were met by R. Leroy Denlinger, Vice President of Mt. Pocono Chamber of Commerce; and Jack O'Neil, Top of the Pocono Secretary. The Chamber of Commerce furnished transportation to Ontwood Hotel where the

group had dinner and spent an evening of recreation together.

Many town folks were present at the airport and witnessed the group of planes in the air and their landing in perfect pattern in spite of a brisk wind. It was cold and clear which made the colors of the fall foliage exceedingly beautiful. Jack Davis, airport manager aided in the tie down operation. Even the Fire Company had two pumpers stationed along the runways for the added safety of the farmers who fly.

After an early breakfast the group took to the air Saturday morning which was another perfect crisp day with beautiful sunshine. Next stop was at Princeton, N.J. airport where the planes were greeted by a crowd including Princeton's Mayor.

Bus transportation was furnished to Walker Gordon Farms Rotoractor where a guided tour had been arranged. The group gathered for a luncheon at which time Mrs. Florence Rockwell, a member of Soroptomist International, Princeton, presented corsages to National Queen Florence Krohn, and to Mrs. Homer Maxon, wife of New York Flying Farmer President, and to Mrs. L. L. Logan, wife of Region I Director.

After a luncheon, followed by a briefing by Logan, the group flew to Atlantic City where all gathered at the Stern Hotel. All went to Hackney's for a seafood dinner and later an evening on the boardwalk. Breakfast was served at the Stern's Hotel Sunday morning.

Some remained in Atlantic City while others accepted an invitation to a turkey dinner at the home of Pennsylvania's past president John B. Gehman. Their airstrip is on their farm in northern Montgomery County at Barto, Pa.

Queen Florence was flown to Philadelphia International airport Sunday morning where she took an airline back to her home in Iowa after what she said was an expression of most wonderful hospitality on the part of Region I Flying Farmers.



THE OLD WAS COMBINED WITH the new as this Avery Steam Engine pulled a modern rubber tired wagon providing rides for both children and adults at the

Landis Valley Farm Museum festival Saturday and Sunday. The engine is one of the Brubaker collection which has been given to the museum. (LF Photo)

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Cattle Shrink Most During First 100 Miles

Cattle producers selling livestock by weight will want to consider shrink in their transaction, says Penn State livestock experts. Every livestock buyer and most sellers know that animals lose weight in handling, loading, and shipping. This weight loss is called shrink, or sometimes drift.

Shrink is important to those who make their living in the livestock and meal business, for good weight conditions relative to shrink and fill are valuable considerations to both buyer and seller.

Most cattle will lose about three or four per cent of their weight if held off feed and water from eight to twelve hours. This is called excretory shrink or loss of belly fill. The buyer usually benefits when cattle are weighed early in the morning. Even with access to feed and water during the night, cattle will weigh about two per cent less at dawn than they will in the evening.

Cattle will shrink about four per cent when trucked 200 miles, with about half of this shrink occurring in the first 25 miles. Approximately 2/3 of the total shrink takes place in the first 50 miles, and more than 83% of the total shrinkage occurs in the first 100 miles. So the highest rate of shrink occurs in the first few miles of the trip to market.

Smart cattlemen will consider weight conditions when selling, they say. The highest price per pound does not necessarily mean the highest profit per animal, for it depends upon how many pounds are weighed. A lower pound price on cattle as they stand may bring more net return than a higher pound price when the buyer has the advantage on weight conditions.

September Egg Output Down One Per Cent

In September of this year, farm flocks laid 4,416 million eggs, down one per cent from the number laid in September 1956.

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