



BARBECUED BEEF SANDWICHES go into boxes along with the rest of the meal as members of the Southern Lancaster County Fair association serve real "pit barbecue" beef in a scheme to bolster the finances of the association. Here, left to right are Mrs. John Hershey, Quarryville R1; Mrs. Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1, Jason Weaver, Quarryville R1 (in background); Mrs. William Douts, Drumore; Fred Linton, Quarryville R2; Mrs. Grayson Cooper, Peach Bottom, and John Hoffman, Quarryville, president of the Fair Association. L. F. Photo.



MEMBERS OF THE SOLANCO FAIR Association make sandwiches of pit barbecue beef Committee chairman, Jason Weaver, left, stuffs a bun with the succulent roast beef while Fred Linton, second from left, operates the slicer Mrs. Pearl Wenger, center, organized the committee of Farm Women to assist with the fund raising venture. She is assisted by Mrs. William Douts. L. F. Photo.

**Beef Barbecue**

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 "man" put in quite a few hours before any beef could be carved

With the assistance of Glenn Keene, livestock extension specialist from the Pennsylvania State University, Frey filled a pit, four feet deep, with wood. He lighted a fire and kept it blazing all night long, throwing on more wood as it burned down.

When there was a bed of coals about 18 inches deep in the bottom of the pit, long handled rakes were called in-

to use to level the coals and spread a thin layer of sand over top.

The beef, prepared ahead of time by salting, peppering and wrapping in heavy paper and then burlap, was put on top of the sand and the pit covered. First, pipes were put across the pit to support corrugated roofing, and the whole thing was covered over with soil to seal in all the heat and moisture.

From four o'clock in the morning until four o'clock that afternoon, the succulent baby beef simmered in its own juice and the committee just

waited.

When the pit was opened, the committee began to sing — or rather sing — into business.

Frey removed the 10 pound packages with a long handled fork, (the heat from the coals was still intense) and cut away wrappings, twine and excess fat. Fred Linton, also of Quarryville R2, manned the slicer and the committee began to make sandwiches for the waiting crowd.

Hungry ticket holders came so fast that Mrs. Pearl Wenger, Quarryville R1, and Mrs. William Douts, Drumore, re-

presenting the Farm Women's The pit was empty. Societies of the southern The beef was part of a county area, had to have some steer purchased in cooperation help from barbecue committee with the Solanco Future chairman, Jason Weaver, in Farmers of America from one making up sandwiches.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Kreider, Mrs. Grayson Cooper, Mrs. John Hershey, Mr. John Hoffman, and Mrs. Martin Greenleaf packed the sandwiches, along with potato chips, cup cake, apple sauce, pickles and orange drink, into the boxes which were carried to homes all over the lower end of the county. According to Charles Phipps, treasurer, and John Hershey, the group served just 700 meals by the time said.

of the FFA members, Robert Wolgemuth The Members of the fair association and Farm Women Societies donated some of the apple sauce and the cupcakes, but the rest of the material was purchased by the association.

"All the bills are not settled yet, so I can't tell just how successful we were, but it looks like we did all right, and we will probably try it again next year." Hoffman said.

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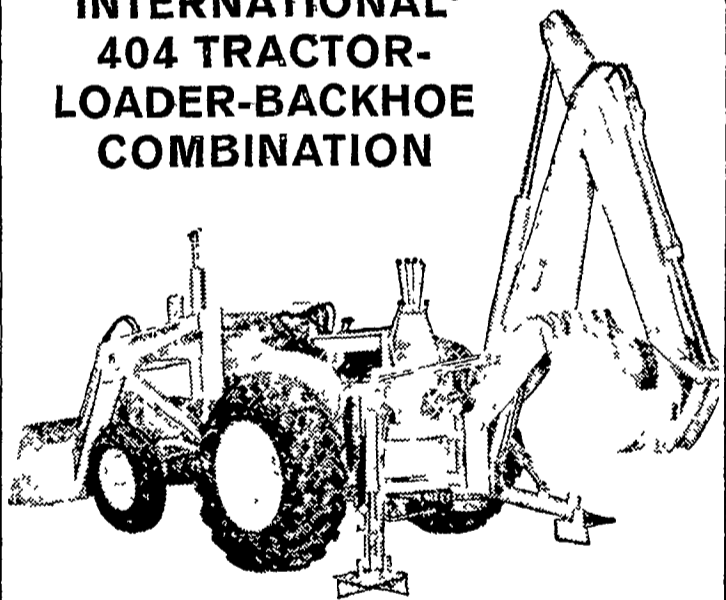
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