

Sr. Extension Members Attend National Meet

By: Darlene Bucher

International Peace Gardens greeted eight Lancaster County Senior Extension Club members who attended the national conference of rural youth this last week.

Approximately 175 delegates from 17 states and 3 foreign countries met in North Dakota for the 5-day youth program. The conference theme of "Facing Realities in Your Community" was carried out through interesting speakers, stimulating discussion groups and personal acquaintances.

The Pennsylvania group presented a short humorous skit during the "International Night" Members also led panels on community political realities and served on the officer's nominating committee.

The group, consisting of Darlene Bucher, Litz, Pat Young, Strasburg, William Endslo, Marietta; John Mast, Gap, John Wagner and Donald Wenger, both of Quarryville, left Saturday, August 17th by auto for the West.

In South Dakota they visited the Coin Palace at Mitchell, Badlands and Black Hills where they saw Mount Rushmore. Next they toured Big Horn Mountain and Yellowstone and Grand Teton National Parks in Wyoming. In Montana they saw Glacier National Park with its snow capped mountains. Traveling on through the Rocky Mountains they entered Canada, going as far North as the Columbia Icefields in Jasper National Park. Leaving the mountains, they traveled East across the

flat country of Canada and arrived at the Conference on Sunday, August 25th.

Donna Garner, Willow Street, and Roger Thome, Mount Joy, also arrived at the Conference on the same day, traveling by airplane.

The eight delegates left North Dakota on Thursday, August 29th. In Michigan they stopped to tour a copper mine, saw Picture Rocks, Tahquamenon Falls (second largest East of the Mississippi — Niagara being the largest), and Soo Locks. The group also stopped at Dearborn, Michigan, to tour Greenfield Village and Henry Ford Museum before they arrived back in Lancaster County early Monday morning, September 2nd.

Second Annual Senior Extension Club Field Day will be held Sunday, September 8. Neighboring county clubs have been invited to attend this event at Mount Joy Sico Park.

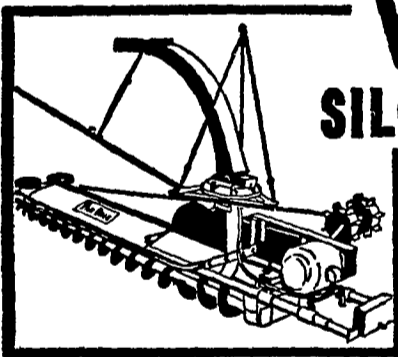
Afternoon recreational activities will begin at 1 o'clock. Softball, volleyball and other competitive games will be featured.

The Food Committee will provide lunch at 6 o'clock. Evening activities will include monthly business meeting followed by a program presented by the Lancaster County Club.

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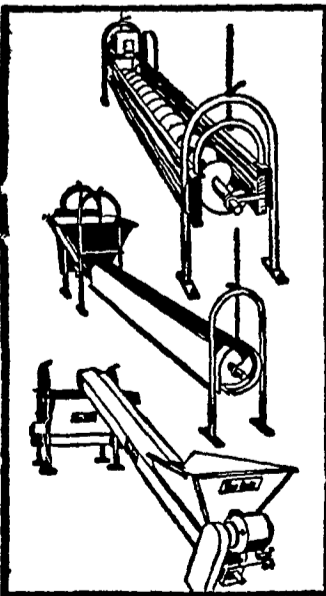


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