

Schaefferstown Will Hold Folklife Festival July 26-29

Unusual crafts demonstrations and Pennsylvania Dutch folklore will feature the second annual Folklife Festival to be held at Schaefferstown July 26-29. The entire project is the work of Historic Schaefferstown, Inc., whose goal is the restoration of the Alexander Schaeffer homestead farm on

which the festival will take place. The 90-acre "wine-culture" farm retains its stone farmhouse built in 1736, on which restoration is underway. According to Dr. Charles D. Spotts, Smoketown, who is active in the Schaefferstown project, there were 10 buildings on the farm when Schaeffer

resided there. It is the hope of Historic Schaefferstown, Inc., to rebuild and restore all 10, eventually, he said.

Senior craftsmen of the area will demonstrate old Pennsylvania German crafts and will train young apprentices.

Craftsman Harry Stauffer, 68, from Farmersville, will turn red oak logs into 36-inch shingles, once commonly used on log houses but now almost forgotten. Apprentice Thomas Jones, 17, Telford, will assist him.

Stauffer and Alan Keyser from Skipack will collaborate in demonstrating the use of various old tools used in carpentry, masonry, tanning and weaving.

Lancaster Countians will participate in the three-day program, as well as merely attend it. For instance, apprentice Jere Martin, 19, from Blue Ball, will make pewter spoons.

Fifteen-year-old apprentice David Bixler, Waynesboro, will assist his father Leo Bixler in distilling pine tar from yellow pine stumps. The 18th-century process was used in making cough remedies, pine tar soap and lubrication for the wheels of Conestoga wagons.

Craftsmen from Bethel, Pa., led by William Mercky, will specialize in woodcraft, using the old wooden moulding planes.

Pennsylvania Dutch folk sing-

Wheat Export Target Set

A U.S. export target of 750 million bushels of wheat for the 1968-69 marketing year has been announced by the U. S. Department of Agriculture, and predictions are that the similar goal

ing, led by 87-year-old Rein Gottshall from Royersford will be the feature of the Friday night program.

Saturday, the Folklife Conference will bring together scholars and plain Dutchmen for serious study of the Pennsylvania Dutch from all sections of the United States and from Canada.

Sunday there will be more folk singing, an old-time band concert and Twilight Chorals by the Ephrata Cloister Chorus. Also Sunday, Dutch traditionalists will discuss old farm customs and superstitions.

Homemade food of all types will be available and crafts items made on the grounds will be sold, but officials of Historic Schaefferstown, Inc., emphasized there will be "none of the usual countryfair commercialization." Items sold will include quilts, baked goods, wooden ware and tinware.

for shipments during the 12 months ending June 30, 1968, will be exceeded. Final official figures will be available early in July.

In announcing the wheat export target for the coming marketing year, Secretary of Agriculture Freeman said:

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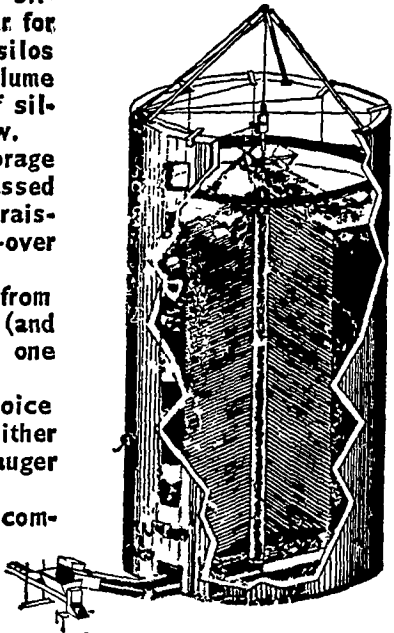
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