

Graybill Tells of Pennsylvanians' People-to-People Tour

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"Happy Birthday" Homer Then they brought in a cake, which was the largest single layer cake I have ever seen, with my name on it. They gave me a big knife and told me to cut it. This was some surprise.

November 17th was a full day of agricultural tours and meetings. On November 18th we departed Addis Ababa. We flew over the Blue Nile, the Nubian Desert, a part of Egypt, and the Red Sea to Beirut, Lebanon.

Security is very tight here. I saw a large anti-aircraft gun at the end of the runway and many guards with guns on their backs.

We left Beirut for Athens, Greece, at 6 p.m. I saw a beautiful sunset from 35,000 feet over the Mediterranean Sea. We arrived at Athens November 18th. We toured the city and visited the National Museum and the Acropolis. I have many good

pictures of this area. November 20th was another night out, the last, with a dinner party after a long day of tours and sight-seeing.

On November 21 we departed Athens and flew Northwest across Europe over London to Shannon, Ireland, to re-fuel. Then on to New York. We arrived at Kennedy International Airport at 6 p.m.

That was the longest day of my life. We had 20 hours of daylight. From there to La Guardia by bus for the night. Sunday morning, November 22nd, I departed New York for Harrisburg. I arrived there at 10:18. This made a total of 45 hours of flying time.

In all, our tour took us to visit eight different countries, and three continents, plus the Cape Verde Islands. We probably traveled 2,000 miles by bus.

We were very busy and oc-



Among a delegation of Pennsylvania Agricultural leaders on a European tour October 31 to November 21 were the following Lancaster County people. J. Homer Graybill, Manheim, (1st row third from

left); Miss Faye Kreiner, Manheim, (1st row second from right) and Irvin Graybill, Jr., Stevens RD1, (4th row fourth from left).

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cupied, and welcomed by the people. For many of them, it was hard for them to believe that we, as farmers, were on our own People-to-People Good Will Tour, and not government sponsored.

We had seen many things that we never knew existed. We saw many women carrying large bundles on their heads, we saw them carrying sticks of wood for fuel or to the markets to sell.

We saw one lady walking along the country road with a huge bundle on her head, and she was knitting at the same time. These women walk many miles.

We passed farms where they were cutting grain by hand, using a sickle instead of a cradle, like we used 100 years ago. They would tie it in small bundles and then put it on small stacks in the field.

On one farm we saw them take it out of the field on donkeys. I could not see how they could

load so much on a donkey and not have a spill. I have pictures of it.

We also saw them threshing grain by driving cattle round and round until the grain was all tramped out. Then they took the straw away and swept up the grain.

In another part of Africa, we saw two combines (Massey Harris) and also a few balers (American made, New Holland).

We also went to see some large dairy farms. On one of these farms they milked the cows in the field and then took the milk to the barn.

They have very cheap Negro labor. On these farms one man must stay in the field with the herd all the time. One dairy man on our tour said he pays his herdsman as much as this farmer pays 20 men and he produces as much milk. Labor is also very cheap and plentiful in this city.

In Ethiopia, when we got to our hotel, I heard a strange noise. On investigation I found there were hundreds of men driving nails on some new construction. In another part of the city they were installing a new pipeline. It was three blocks long, and there was a man about every 20 feet with a pick and shovel.

There are many people in this part of the world that never get farther from what they call their home than then two feet will carry them.

The People-to-People Program is very worthwhile. We met and exchanged ideas with ambassadors in some of the countries, also leaders of agriculture and farmers who were very much thrilled to have us, and exchange their ideas and good will. I learned much about world conditions and found that many people have a desire to go to America.

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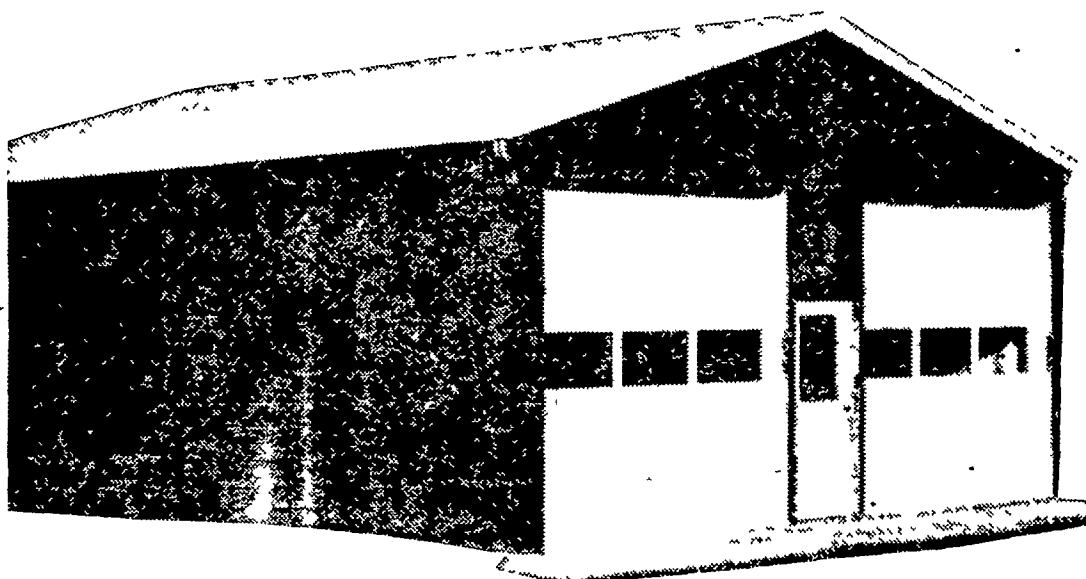
Organization of the Lancaster County 4-H Tractor Maintenance Program is now under way for county youths between the ages of nine and 19.

The first meeting for the Central Area Club will be at 7:30 p.m. Monday, Feb. 1, at the Landis Brothers Farm Equipment Service Shop, Manheim Pike.

The program will include demonstrations, films, trouble shooting and work on machinery will be stressed. Safe operation of machinery will be stressed. Awards will be made for outstanding project work.

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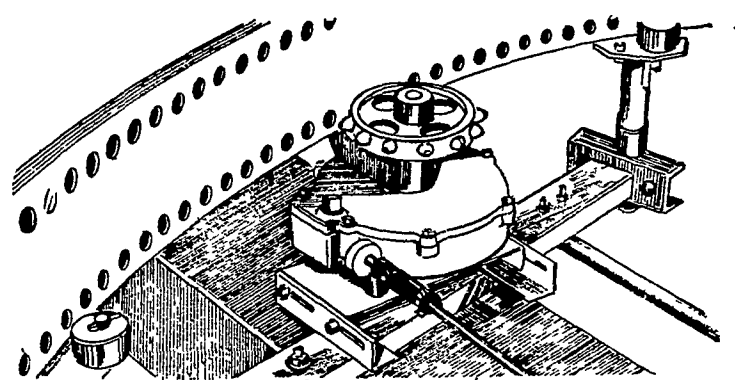
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