

# Miss McCartney Helps with Brazilian Festa

**Editor's Note:** Miss Davida McCartney, Chester Springs, Chester County, is an International Farm Youth Exchange (IFYE) delegate assigned to a Youth Development Project (YDP) in Sao Paulo, Brazil. She is assisting in the development and expansion of 4-H type programs. Following is her report on "mini-clubs":



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How time is flying! I wanted to write a letter about the Christmas and New Year festivities in Brazil, but here it is February!

I've been really busy with the youth of Pompeia. It is summer vacation from school, so they have more time now. This has been both an advantage and a disadvantage, though. I've started to work with the Volunteer leaders of a group of poor children in town. But as most of them are teacher, it is their summer holiday, and they are busy with traveling and other activities.

The group called SIM (Servico de integracao dos menores) was started by the judge in town to give the poor boys something useful and beneficial to do. They are divided into three groups. About 10 of them have a garden and sell their vegetables to the townfolk. There are 15 shoeshine boys, and 20 that work cleaning the streets. This last group is paid by the borough.

Since the school has morning, afternoon, and evening sessions, the boys are required to study at one session, and then they can work during the other hours of the day.

Five meetings have been scheduled for the group leaders,

but because of the holidays, attendance has been poor.

Since my specialty is in the home economics line, and the kids are all boys, I had planned to work with the leaders with special emphasis on organization and recreation. At our recreational meeting so far the turnout was poor because they never get the chance for group recreation other than soccer.

In the rural area of Pompeia where I live, I've started a "mini-club" with the help of Nanaera Matsushita, my neighbor. Nanaera returned home from her IFYE stay in Ohio and Connecticut in November, and had a "mini visit" with my family just before she left the U.S.A. She is a really enthusiastic partner.

Through the local school, we invited the students, their friends and parents to an organizational meeting. About eight parents and 20 kids from the ages of eight to sixteen showed up.

Nanaera explained the objectives: learning through a gardening project, and being and working and playing together. The parents seemed to understand, and agreed to let their children come. But an 8 a.m. Sunday meeting was the only suitable time that they could agree upon.

At the first meeting there were 12, from two Japanese and about five Brazilian families.

But since then, the weather has really been against us and few have ventured out. They have long walks, and it isn't pleasant in the rain and mud. However, we did plant some vegetables and start an experiment to observe germination and growth of seeds under various conditions.

I plan to work in some general information on nutrition along with the study of the plants. The members haven't yet chosen a name for the group, but I call it a "mini-club" because of their ages.

The typical 4-H or Agricultural Club here has members between the ages of 18 and 28.

And now for the latest activities of the 4-H Club of Mizuho with which I am most closely associated.

Yesterday was a big day for them. From the first meeting I attended in June, planning for their Festa da Sodinah (Soda Party) has been an item of business. Beer, coke, and soda festas are a common way for groups to make money.

They sell mugs made specially with the name of the club and type of festa on them. The patrons buy the mug, then can drink as much soda as they want. The group makes its profit by selling other drinks, potato chips, and Brazilian festa food.

But the a club of 16 members, it means a lot of work.

They spent four whole days walking around the town in groups, selling the mugs. The two days before festa the girls made all the food, and the boys butchered a cow for the churrasco. Churrasco is meat seasoned for a day in a mixture of wine, water, oil, and various seasonings, and then roasted on a spit over a fire. Delicious!

The girls used one-and-a-half sacks of potatoes for chips. I had brought a handful of potato peelers from the U.S. for gifts, but since I was the only one in the house that used the one I gave to my family, I hesitated to give away any more.

But they made quite a hit, and when I said each girl that liked the peelers could take one home, there was no one who waited to be urged.

The day before the festa we made the dough for the coxinhas at the school. This entailed

mashing cooked potatoes and manioc (tapioca), and mixing in egg and milk. This was made into cone-shaped balls filled with seasoned ground meat. The same meat mixtures was used to fill rissoles—rounds of pastry closed in a quarter moon shape around the meat. Both rissoles and coxinhas were dipped in a mixture of egg and milk, rolled in fine bread crumbs, and fried in deep fat. The frying was done the morning of the festa. What a project!

A thousand mugs were sold and lots of soda was drunk, but the food and coke fanta and beer didn't go over very well. It was really a shame because the group worked so hard.

Now the club can relax a little, but I hope soon to get them started on a community service project. So far the excuse has been—"But there's too much to do in preparation for the Festa".

That's all for now—until we recover from this event.

## Employees Promoted

Three employees of Victor F. Weaver, Inc., New Holland have been promoted to supervisory positions in the prepared foods division as a result of the increased production of Weaver products.

Raymond L. Trout, Willow Street RD1, has been appointed to the position of foreman in the night batter dip department. Trout joined Weaver in 1971 as the department's assistant foreman.

George Zimmerman, Kinzer RD1, and Larry Martin, 344 E. Main St., New Holland, have been promoted to assistant foreman positions in the batter dip fried chicken operations.

Zimmerman began his employment at Weaver in 1971, serving in several production capacities, and has more currently been serving as a

department group leader. He will be assisting Trout in departmental supervisory responsibilities.

Martin came to Weaver in 1971 as a group leader in the prepared foods department. In his new position he will be assisting in the supervision of the newest batter dip fired chicken department.

Thomas R. Koch, Denver RD1, has been named to the post of standards and methods engineer.

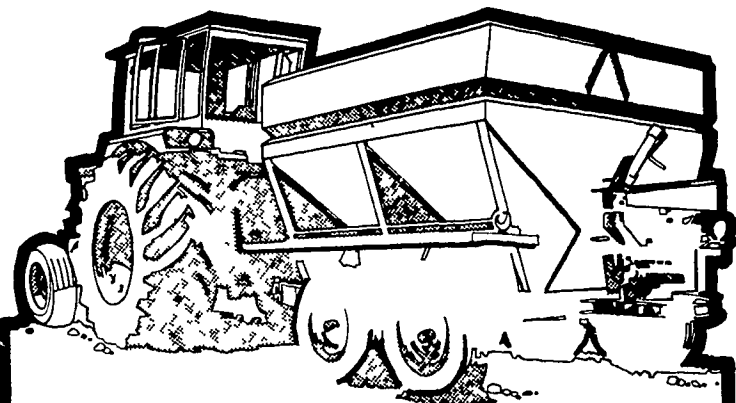
Koch joined Weaver in 1971 as a foreman in the company's fresh processing division. Currently, in conjunction with his supervisory responsibilities, he has been assisting in the establishment of a vestibule training program, which provides added job experience for new and established employees.

In his new position, Koch will be responsible for the study and preparation of new methods and production efficiencies in plant operations.

### Conservation Banquet Set

The Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District annual banquet will be held at 6:30 p.m. Thursday, March 23 at the Farm and Home Center.

Speaker for the evening will be R. M. Davis, state conservationist, U. S. Soil Conservation Service, Harrisburg.



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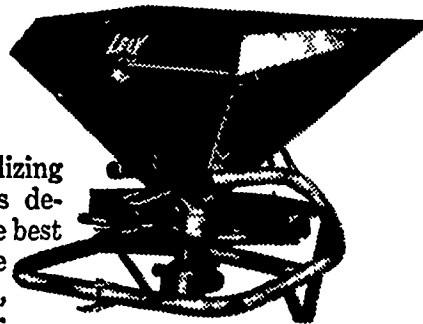


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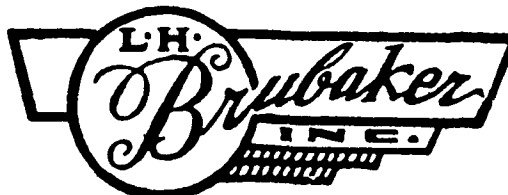
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