



The floating market in Bangkok is a sharp contrast to the many markets in

Lancaster County and surrounding areas.

Area Farmers

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produce on the floating market place. Many of the people live on the boats their entire life. The boats are also called sanpans. The water is very filthy, and still the people wash their clothes, dishes, hair, bodies and even teeth in it. We even saw dead animals floating in the river.

We were also in a very primitive area of farming, where the farmers irrigate by throwing the water over the crops with a kind of shovel, with a 10-foot handle on it.

Bangkok itself has very modern stores and hotels. On the 14th of November we departed Bangkok for Hong Kong.

On November 15 we went sight seeing, which included several

farms, and also a Harbor Cruise, past the sanpan water villages. We had dinner on a floating restaurant. We passed the wreckage of the Queen Elizabeth, which burned in the Harbor some time ago.

Hong Kong is known internationally as the place to get souvenirs, and the women on the tour really showed it by doing lots of Christmas shopping.

We had our last-night-out party, which was my birthday, November 16. They surprised me with a huge birthday card and a cake and the traditional singing of Happy Birthday.

On November 17 we departed Hong Kong on Japanese Airlines for Tokyo. On a Boeing 747 there were 361 passengers on board. We again crossed the In-

ternational Date Line and arrived in Honolulu. We went through customs and left for Los Angeles, arriving there at 6:30 p.m. the same day. Los Angeles looked like an ocean of lights, and very beautiful. Here Mr. Heisey led the group in singing "God Bless America."

Here, we left the group and stayed in California for two weeks. We visited friends in Pasadena and Palm Springs. During the two weeks we managed to see quite a bit of California. We went to Disneyland and this was the climax to our trip.

When we arrived home we had a new grandson, and he was glad to see us!

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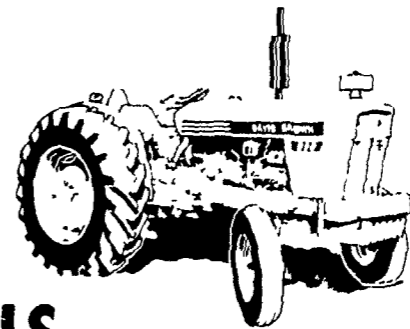
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