

City 4-Hers view Berks County farm life

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KUTZTOWN — A merging of country and city took place July 19 when the Kutztown Community 4-H Club hosted the Cloverleaf 4-H Club from inner-city Philadelphia. The two clubs met at the Kempton Community Center to begin the day with a picnic and general get acquainted period. Wading in the adjoining creek proved thrilling to the youngsters used to hot concrete sidewalks. After games were played and songs sung the group walked over to the Kempton Farm Museum for a personal tour from the curator, Howard Geisinger, Kutztown. Here all of the children had an opportunity to learn exactly how the surrounding hillsides were farmed one

hundred or more years ago. Included on the tour were glimpses of homelife from the past—rocking washing machines, gas clothes irons and wood stoves.

After the Farm Museum a slightly longer journey was made by the joint 4-H Clubs. They boarded a special touring car of the WK&S Railroad for a trip through the valley along the banks of the Ontelaunee to Wanamakers, a small village three and one-half miles north of Kempton.

These two clubs were able to share this day together through the initiative of their leaders, Mrs. Mabel Wilson, Philadelphia and Mrs. Barbara Stratton, Kutztown. Mrs. Stratton and Mrs. Willson met two years ago at a 4-H club leadership conference in Washington, D.C. That summer the Kutztown

group sold pizzas to bring the Philadelphia club to Kutztown for a tour of Kutztown State College, lunch at Kutztown Park and a visit to Crystal Cave. The city youngsters also were able to visit an operating dairy farm. The following year the Philadelphia group raised money to bring the Kutztown club to the city for a tour of Philadelphia landmarks. This year again, the exchange trip was funded by a pizza sale.

In the future the two clubs hope to continue this event, presenting aspects of city and country life to young 4-H members while they have a fun-filled day also.

Berks County Holstein day planned

The Berks County Holstein Club will hold its annual field day on August 1 at Elwood Ohlinger's Reu-Hel Farms located north of Leesport, between Mohrsville and Dauberville on Railroad Road.

Judging of dairy classes will begin at 10:00 a.m., with a noon lunch immediately following and a short program after that. Members are asked to bring their own chairs.

Field day slated at research center

A field day on the topic of herbicide weed control in different crops will be held on July 30 at the Southeastern Research Center of Penn State near Landisville. There will be two programs one at 1:30 p.m. and another at 7:00 p.m.

Speakers on the subject will be Dr. Richard Cole - soybeans; Dr. Nathan Hartwig - corn and John Yocum - tobacco. The public is invited to attend the program.

Cloverleaf 4-H Club

The Weisenberg Rainbow Clover Community 4-H Club met on July 17, 1975 at the Seipstown Grange Hall. Twenty-two members and 5 leaders were present. Project books were checked and arrangements were made to enter our projects at the Allentown Fair and for round-up.

Our club attended the Lehigh County wide Annual picnic and field day at Neff's Valley Park for the first time as we are a newly organized

Lincoln 4-H Club

On July 14 the Lincoln Community 4-H Club went to the Elm-Penryn 4-H Club. A demonstration was given by a member of the Elm-Penryn club on planting seeds for the Outdoor Flower Gardening project.

At the last meeting of the Lincoln Community 4-H Club they went to William Martin's pool for a swimming party. A short meeting followed after the swimming party.

At the next meeting of the Lincoln Community 4-H Club they will host the Lititz-Manheim 4-H Club.

The meeting will be held on August 19, 1975 at the Mt. Airy fire hall at 7:30 p.m.

club. A good time was enjoyed by everyone, especially swimming. Our club won the challenge in the Pyramid.

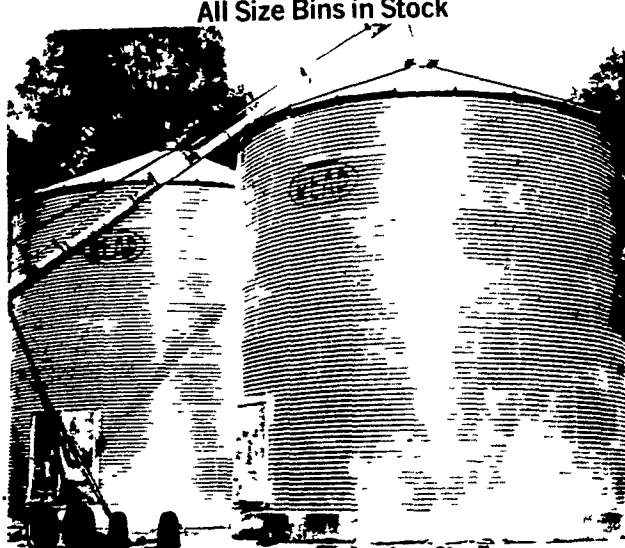
Hershey Park in August.

John Masters
News Reporter

For future plans we are going to attend Brunch at Walp's Restaurant on October 11, 1975, and also in the planning stage of going to

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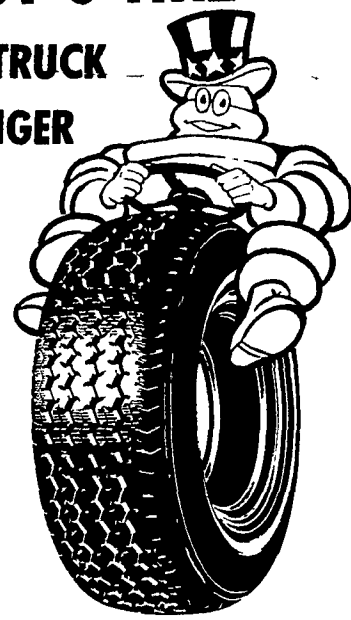
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