

Peachilicious Weekend draws 8000



Paul McPherson, president of the National Peach Council and sponsor of Peachilicious Weekend, helps a customer decide on a basket of peaches during the three-day peach festival.

By JOANNE SPAHR GATCHELLVILLE — Cars kept pouring into the lane at Maple Lawn Farms, here, last week during "Peachilicious Weekend,"

until it got to the point where the president of the National Peach Council and sponsor of the event, Paul McPherson, had to get out and direct traffic.

"It was a little more than we'd expected," commented his wife, Gail, who was the coordinator for the three-day event.

In total, nearly 8000

visitors took advantage of the balmy holiday weather to get out and enjoy what McPherson had called, "the last chance for local consumers to capture the goodness of the fresh peach in 1976."

"We had cars where we never dreamed we could," says Mrs. McPherson.

During Saturday, the first day of the event, approximately 1000 people showed up; on Sunday, 3000 more came; and the crowd hit its peak on Labor Day with a grand total of 4000 visitors for the day.

Mrs. McPherson credits a lot of Monday's traffic to the 12-quilt auction sponsored by the York County Farm Women's groups, which was held in the afternoon. The proceeds from the sale are to go to the York County 4-H Center Kitchen Equipment fund.

"We started a year and a half ago on this project," explained Mrs. Ethel Gross, chairman of the project.

While the idea had been decided upon for quite some time previous to the sale, not all of the societies finished early.

"Some of them are hot off the quilting frames," the chairman had commented.

In total, the auction netted \$2210, which Mrs. Gross thought was "pretty good, considering it was our first attempt."

The top two quilts sold for \$300 a piece. One was "Americana," a red and

blue cross stitch on white which also won first prize in the East Berlin Senior Citizen Quilt Show. This quilt was worked on by Groups 1, 6, and 26, and was purchased by Dr. Glenn Grove, York.

The other top seller was "Cathedral Window" made by Group 1. It was purchased by Mrs. Jessie Gross, York.

"Bicentennial," a golden eagle applique in the center of patchwork by Group 26 was the next lowest priced quilt at \$270. A quilt made by Group 25 named "Trip Around the World," brought \$250.

"Nine Patch," an old fashioned pattern made from scraps of new material and unbleached muslin

brought \$135. "Wreath Rose," an applique design by Group 17 brought \$190.

One hundred and sixty dollars was the going price for "Granny Nine Patch," by Groups 1, 6, and 26, and "Ocean Wave," by Group 8.

"Butterfly," an applique by Group 27, brought \$145, and another "Nine Patch" sold for \$120.

A red and white stripe with a separate pillow cover by Red Lane Homemakers brought \$100, and a single bed quilt by the Davidsburg 4-H Club made of a red, white, and blue combination of cross stitch and patchwork brought \$80.

During the Monday rush,

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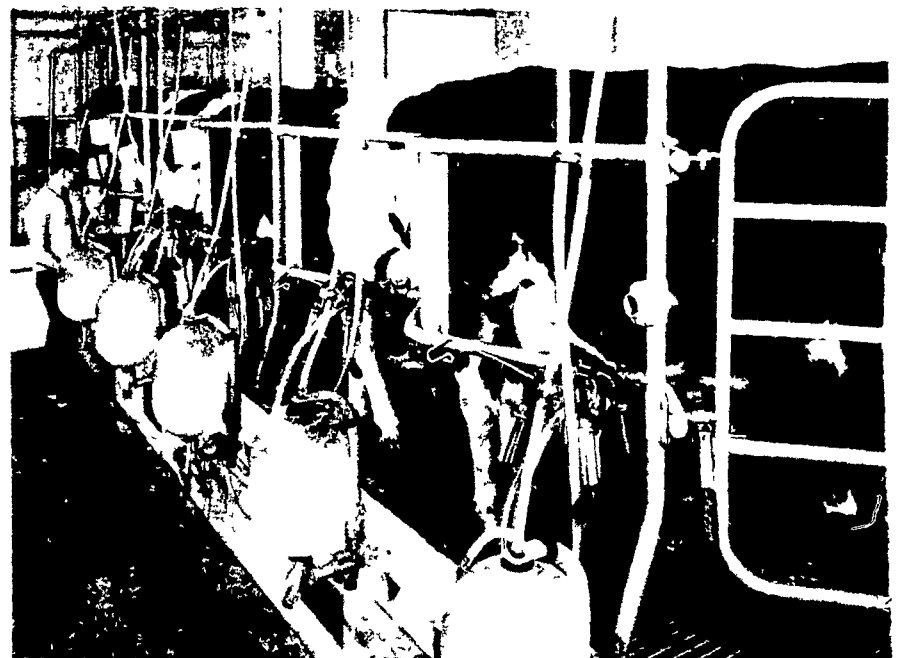
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