

Adams County holds Farm-City Week

GETTYSBURG, Pa. - "A declaration of Independence" was the theme for this year's Adams County Farm City Week Dinner Dance. Over 200 farmers and town residents attended the dinner dance to include a week of busy activities. Stanley Wolf, Farm City Week co-chairman, announced this year's celebration was the best in the history of the

county. Over 500 people visited the Farm-City display next to the Adams County Courthouse which featured chickens, goats, turkeys, dairy and beef cattle, sheep, farm machinery and educational exhibits. Approximately 200 county residents visited farms on Sunday to become better acquainted with the county's agriculture. In return various museums in

Gettysburg allowed county residents to tour their facilities free on Tuesday, reported Wolf at the banquet.

Wayne Cluck, representing Gettysburg Kiwanis, stated Kiwanians this year were again proud to be the national sponsors of Farm-City Week. Kiwanis feel eliminating the misunderstanding between farmers and their urban businessmen by bringing them together is an important goal of Farm City Week.

John Peters representing the county's farmers felt there was great interdependence between farm and urban population. "We need you to keep our county's farms operating. Banks, health services, supermarkets, machinery dealers, clothing stores, oil companies are just a few businesses today's farmer needs to produce the necessary food and fiber to feed this country and the world". Peters stated. He reported Adams County produces more fruit than any other county in the United States and is one of the top ten counties in turkey, broiler, eggs, dairy, small grains, corn, and beef production in Pennsylvania even though it ranks 44th in land area.

This year's Farm City Week observance was sponsored by the Adams County Agricultural Council in cooperation with the Gettysburg Kiwanis and Gettysburg Chamber of Commerce.

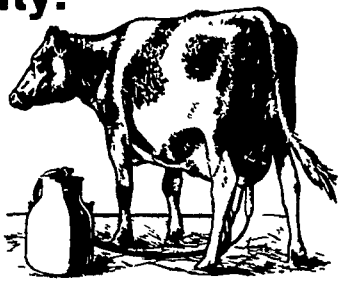


The six representatives from Solanco FFA who are going to Kansas City are Lee Ferguson, front left; Robert Zander, front right; Jim Krantz, center left; Vickie Warfel,

center right; Ken Wiker, back left; Bruce Kreider, back right. Charles Heim, vocational agriculture teacher at Solanco, will serve as their advisor.

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Annual trek

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The instructor who will go with the group is Thomas Arehart.

Solanco

Solanco's group consists of Ken Wiker, Holtwood R2, Bruce Kreider, Quarryville R1; Jim Krantz, Quarryville R1; Robert Zander, Kirkwood R1; Lee Ferguson, Kirkwood R1; and Vicki Warfel, Quarryville R1.

Charles Heim, vo-ag teacher, will accompany the group.

Pequea Valley

Pequea Valley will also be sending a group to the convention. Holly Fuess, vocational agriculture teacher will chaperone them.

The group consists of Mike Martin, Honeybrook R2;

British poultry men

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England. The U.S. market is largely fresh, while it's 70 per cent frozen in the Queen's territories. All chilling in Great Britain is done by air, in contrast to water cooling in America. An estimated 360 million broilers are processed annually in the United Kingdom.

"The U.S. poultryman has himself geared to grain prices," one of the visitors observed, noting that this isn't so in his homeland. "Grain prices don't vary all that much in Great Britain," he explained. Also, there's more private enterprise in the United States, which allows for a few more economic formulas than what might be found in Great Britain.

Claiming the distinction of being the world's biggest egg producer is the corporation of W. and J.B. Eastwood, Ltd. Some facts about their gigantic operation include:

Six million laying hens, which comprise 18 per cent of the entire egg industry in Great Britain. A weekly kill of 850,000 broilers accounts for 15 per cent of the country's total. All told, they produce more than 40 million broilers per year.

A fully integrated company, Eastwood has its own docks at the harbor, its own transportation facilities, its own feed mill, and much more. An interesting fact about the milling business is that they process 8000 tons per week, but don't sell a gram of it. All those birds eat an awful lot. Eastwood also has its own construction company to go to work

nish, Lancaster R6; Don Almond, Lancaster; Jay Shertzer, Millersville; Ray Caldwell, Millersville; Galen Long, Columbia; and Daryl Hershey, Millersville.

On the trip out, the various groups will be stopping at points of interest along the way. Several popular spots are the Air Force Museum at Dayton, Ohio; Indianapolis Speedway; Mark Twain's home in Hannibal, Mo.; the Harry Truman Library Museum, Independence Mo.; the Linton Charolais Farm, Mo.; and Purina Farms, Grays Summit, Mo.

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whenever new buildings are needed. Its land holdings add up to approximately 15,000 acres. In addition to all of this, the firm kills 450 pigs per week and maintains a herd of 1300 sows.

Eastwood Limited produces its own boxes and sells its own products, whether it be broilers, eggs, red meat, or what have you. They've got breeders and hatcheries and make good use of recycling technology.

On the latter, it was reported that British poultrymen receive less static from their government and the public than Yankee chicken farmers. Using "wastes" is widely practiced and accepted. Dried poultry manure is frequently used as a protein substitute, as are the wastes from processing houses.

Commenting on the buildings, the foreigners said Americans spend more money on their poultry houses. "Aluminum siding is too expensive in Britain," said one, while another nodded in quick agreement. Two-story houses are unheard of. Fuel is considered a bargain here, compared to prices in Europe, where a gallon of gasoline sells for approximately \$1.20.

A final comment was made on exports. Great Britain does have an export market and it's unique in that a council of the broiler industry takes care of these matters. The income from sales abroad is therefore not exclusive to any particular firm, but is instead a venture in which all members share.