Farm-city tours report record attendance

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LITITZ - Chester, Berks, and Lancaster County all reported excellent turnouts and huge successes in the farm-city tours which the Farmers' Associations sponsored. Both the farmers involved in showing their farms and the visitors

viewing the agriculural operations seemed well pleased with the tours.

On one farm in Lancaster County, there were a reported 1500 to 2000 people present over the two day period, with all the farms having at least one thousand

"The people touring were courteous and very interested," Mrs. Marsha Barley, Lancaster R2, told of the visitors. "The farmers were pleased all around, and the people seemed fascinated with modern

visitors, a group that was called "fantastic".

The visitors at the different stops had opportunities to see a calf born, take a hay ride, and tour a new poultry house, among other things.

At the J. Harold Musser farm, Mount Joy; the Omelet King was present, and on the first day 500 omelets were handed out. The crowd was so large the second day of the tour that the omelets were cut in thirds to accomodate everyone.

Potatoes were given out at the Clyde K. Eshelman Farm, Lancaster, and he estimated that between the two days visitors, he handed out close to a ton of potatoes.

One family toured some of the farms on bikes, riding them from Lancaster City. When asked why they rode their bikes to the farms, they related that they had wanted to tour the farms and that bikes were the only transportation that they had to get there.

Visitors from foreign countries were also present, with guests signing the registers from Germany, Poland, and the Phillipines, as well as all over the United States.

In Berks County, a very positive report of the ac-

tivities was also given. The fifth year for the tours in that county, the group is already thinking about trying to get more farmers involved next year to make a success even better. People who came, loved it, was the way one man put it. The group, both the farmers and the visitors were all well pleased. The children who came to the farms seemed to especially get a thrill out of the farm animals. Everything went very well indeed, he added.

And in Chester County, the same happy story was told. Large crowds were present at the different farms, with the largest group attendance of any year reported. Both the farmers and the vistors were happy with the tour results.

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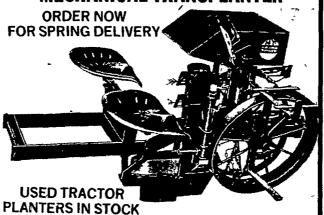
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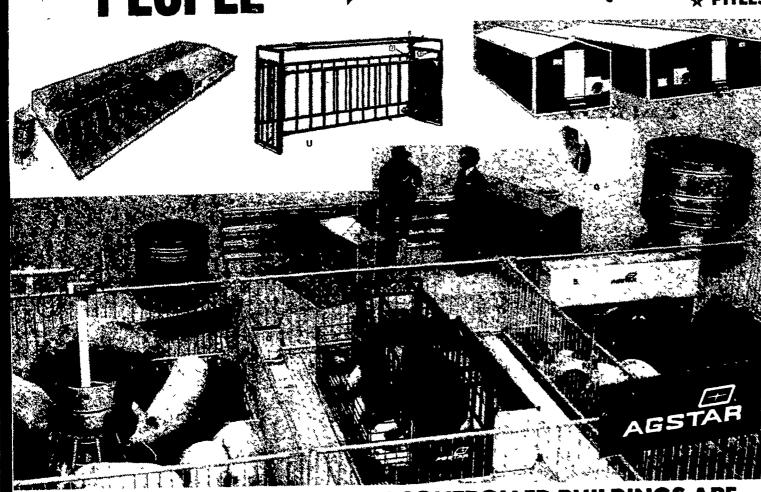
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