



The friendly atmosphere, pretty scenery, and warm temperatures were very appealing to a group of West Germans who toured Lancaster County this week. They noted that land prices were considerably less here than in their homeland and that prices paid to farmers for their products are also comparatively low. Life here, they believed, was more relaxing and they took advantage of it despite

a demanding tour schedule. Above, members of the group, which consisted of mostly farm women, relish a bit of "Gemuetlichkeit" at the K.D. and Else Linde farm in southern Lancaster County. The Lindes are German immigrants themselves, having come from Germany in the early 1950's. They own "Lindenhof," the home of Pennsylvania's top Guernsey herd.

## Visiting farm group calls area Garden of Eden

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER — The garden-like beauty of Lancaster County was most impressive to a group of 45 German tourists who travelled through the area this week. Time and time again they commented about the blossoming trees and flowers, immaculate farms, and placid countryside.

The West German delegation - all from Schleswig-Holstein, the northern tip of Germany - was composed of mostly farm women, although about a dozen farmers were also along. Their mission was to tour some of the more interesting sights along the East Coast. While in Lancaster County, they were particularly interested in the Garden Spot's agriculture. They were impressed by the area's beauty and relaxed atmosphere.

Compared to the pace of German farming, and particularly agricultural economics, farmers in this area have it relatively easy, the visitors thought. For instance, a price of \$5000 per acre of good farmland would be cheap by standards now experienced in Schleswig-Holstein. Farmers there are paying \$8000 per acre for their land. A large home with a yard and garden would be a bargain for \$100,000. Rented ground costs around \$200 per acre.

Schleswig-Holstein, which is located just south of Denmark, is a prime agricultural district in the Federal Republic that is experiencing many of the same pressures

that farmers are experiencing in Lancaster County. Only over there the pressures are even greater, the visitors believed. Life here seemed to be more easy-going, an

impression that may have been helped along by the presence of the Amish people.

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