



Michael Ott, 15, of Plowville, cradles wheat which will be threshed by steam power at the Hay Creek Valley Fall Festival in September. The Festival will be held at the Geigertown Fire Company Grounds.

Hay Creek Festival

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beams from logs. They will then demonstrate the construction of an actual building by joining the structural members using the colonial peg method.

Other craftsmen will split fence posts and also produce hand and machine split shakes that at one time were used as shingles. Blacksmiths will shoe horses and make wrought iron farm implements and kitchen utensils.

The lost art of making wagon wheels will be revived by a wheelwright. Old fashioned brooms will be made and sold. Coopers will be building kegs and pails. A basket maker will demonstrate his skill.

Association members will be dressed in colonial clothing while going about their tasks. The ladies will show off domestic specialties by demonstrating

spinning, natural dying and the weaving of wool, chair caning, herbal medicines, quilting and the making of sauerkraut.

They will also bake home made bread, prepare apple cider, and apple butter. The bread and apple butter will be offered for sale.

Saturday evening at 8 p.m., the Association will present free on stage an old time fashion show. The modelling of actual old clothing will be staged with music and choreography by the Alpha and Omega Players of Douglassville and a musical saw played by Janice Eadline.

Occupying the rest of the festival grounds will be what is likely to be the largest technological history exhibit in this area. Visitors can walk up to and examine at least 2 steam traction engines, ten 50 year old gasoline powered tractors

and 100 turn of the century stationary gasoline engines.

Most of the engines are in mint condition after being restored by association members. The engines will be running and many will be used for powering machinery during the festival.

Of the gas engines on exhibit, the earliest dates from 1900. At the turn of the century these engines were used on the farm for stationary power while horses were still used for field work. These bulky engines are quite primitive when compared to a contemporary gasoline engine. For example, a turn of the century 1½ hp engine weighs about 500 pounds, a sharp contrast to a modern 1½ hp lawnmower engine which weighs about 27 pounds.

The steam power section will have numerous exhibits

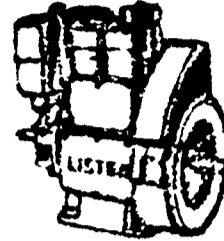
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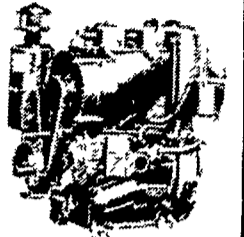
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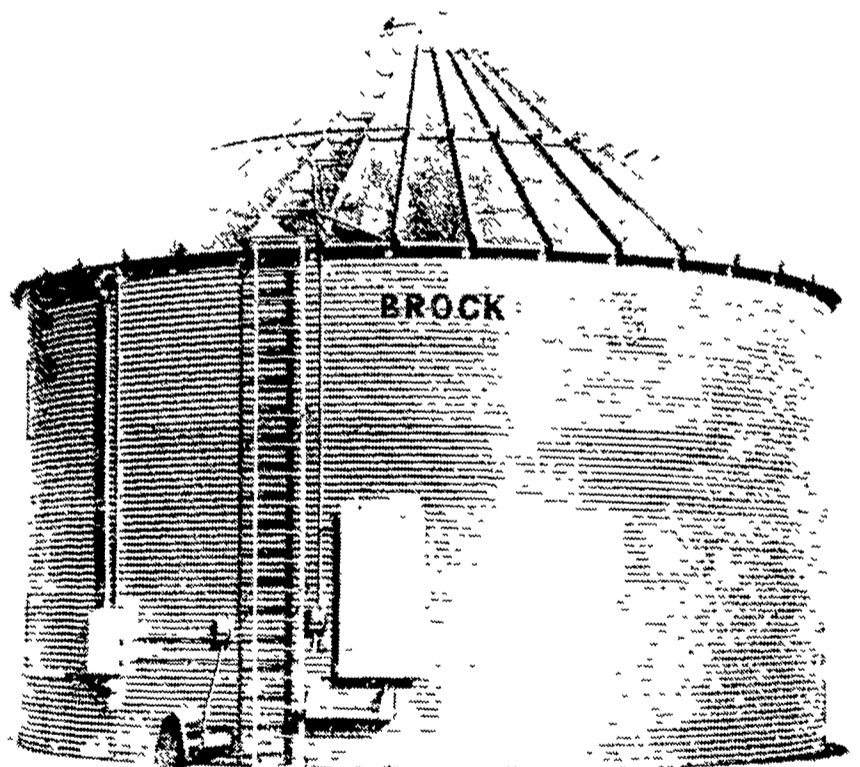
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