

Forest fire crew to hold open house

On Saturday, October 20, members and friends of The Lancaster Forest Fire Crew will celebrate the anniversary of the organization with a number of special events.

The public is invited to an Open House at The Fort Holbrook Fire Base & Training Center, (which is the headquarters of The Lancaster Forest Fire Crew), from one until five p.m., on Anniversary Day, October 20. The Fort Holbrook Base is located on Oak Road, just off River Road, between the villages of Safe Harbor and Highville, in Manor Township.

The incomplete Station, which is being built by the Crew members, presently includes an obstacle course for physical training, an arboretum, residence for the Forest Fire Warden, administration building, picnic area, motor pool and small shop, as well as a mini-museum.

Smokey The Bear momentoes will go to all the children visiting the Station during the Open House, when accompanied by parents or other adults.

Other events planned for the Anniversary Day celebration include a Family Style Dinner at The Conestoga Fire Hall on Saturday Evening, prepared by The Ladies Auxiliary of The Conestoga Fire Company. The Dinner is limited to advance reservations, and will be followed by the Annual Meeting of the Forest Fire Crew.

Fire Service and Conservation Officials will speak during the affair, which will also include an Awards and recognition

program, and presentation of the Annual Report. Final event of the day will be an informal birthday party back at Fort Holbrook following the Banquet Program.

The Lancaster Forest Fire Crew actually began with an organization under another name, made up of young boys who wanted to be involved in 'home-front' services during the Second World War. That first group began operations in 1942.

The group received a Commission as a State Forest Fire Crew in 1951 under the then, Department of Forests & Waters. In 1971 the Crew was chartered as a Forest Fire Company.

The Fort Holbrook property was purchased in 1972, and the dedication of the site under development took place in 1974. A number of people from the early years of the organization are expected to be on hand during the various events on October 20, and will be introduced at the Banquet Meeting in Conestoga, that evening.

Primary activities of the all-volunteer, Forest Fire Crew include wildfire protection, mutual aid commitments with other emergency agencies, youth training, fire prevention, fire service research, and safety education.

Operating from within Lancaster City since its inception until the move to Fort Holbrook, in 1973, the Crew draws its membership from a large area of the County, and is now engaged in recruiting efforts in the areas closer to the Holbrook Station.

While responding on calls

over a wide area, with one squad of men pre-selected for out of State calls, the primary response area of the unit for emergency services is composed of the five townships closest to the Station.

The unit runs about one hundred calls a year of all types in connection with its emergency services. Two of its members were a part of a picked group sent from Pennsylvania to forest fires in California, during September of 1979. Present members ages vary from 14 to 84.

The organization is funded entirely by contributions and the various fund raising activities of its membership. Major fund raising efforts in

the coming year will include a public auction, (March), arts & crafts fair, (May), Gospel Concert, (June), festival, (July), and multiple yard sales, (September). The Annual Funds Appeal of the Friends of Fort Holbrook will take place in November, this year.

Group tours and programs are welcomed at Fort Holbrook, and are tailored to meet the requests and schedule of each visiting group. Programs frequently include picnics, interpretive hikes, slide programs, and walking tours of the incomplete Station.

Persons interested in arranging group visits are invited to call 872-7298 to make group reservations.

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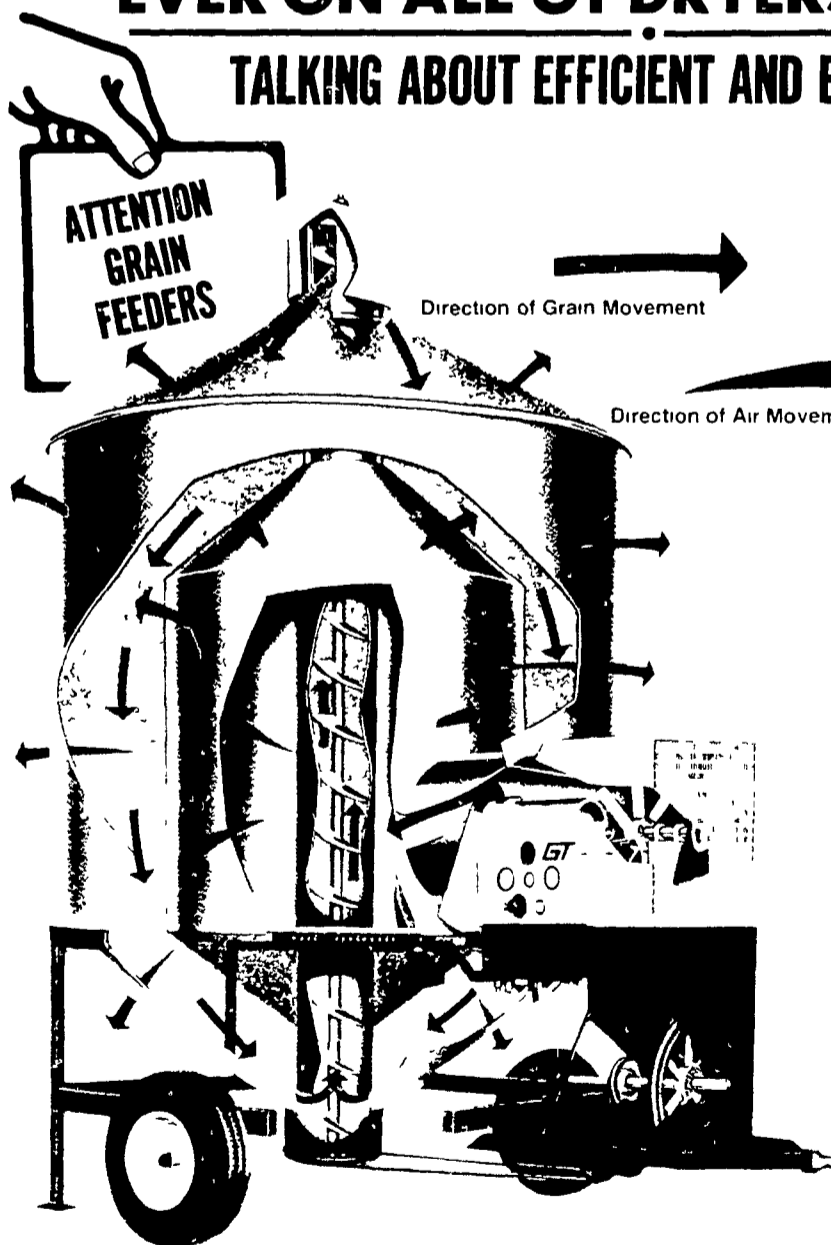
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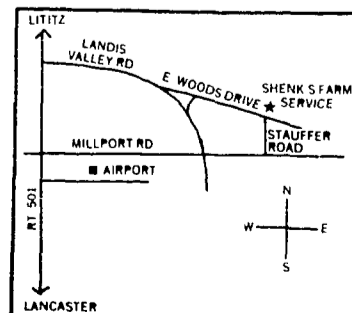
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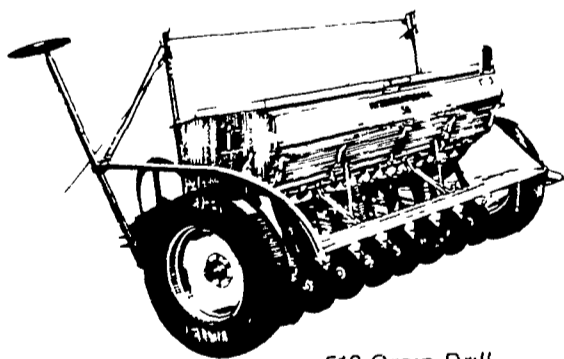


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