

Troy Fair celebrates 105th year

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TROY — Dairymen from Canton took home the grands in both Holstein and Guernsey competition at this year's Troy Fair.

The annual fair in Bradford County opened its 105th year on July 21, with a tour by state officials, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture, E. Chester Heim, Senators Henry Hager and Frank O'Connell, and Representative Roger Madigan.

The officials were joined by Neal Mack, Troy Fair chairman and secretary-treasurer of the State

Association of County Fairs, and Ben F. Mader, chief of the Fair Fund of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture.

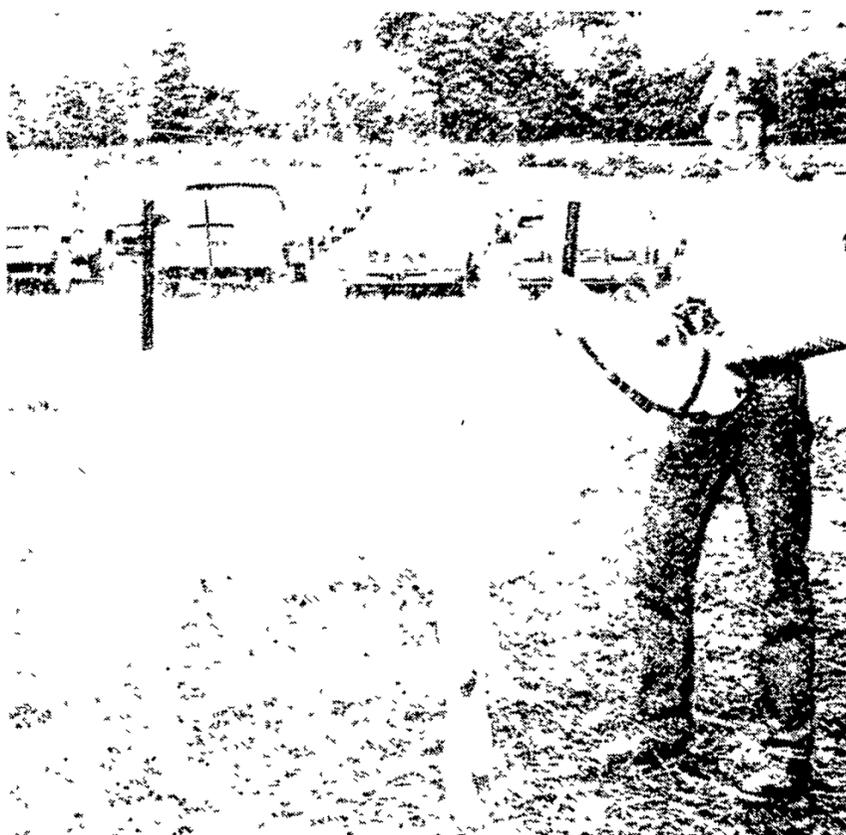
Mel Peifer and Landis Brothers, of Canton, exhibited the Grand Champion Holstein at this year's dairy show. While Wright Brothers, also of Canton, took the Grand Champion honors in the Guernsey show.

One of the highlights of the Fair was the Ninth Annual Sheep and Wool Day held on Wednesday. For the eighth year, Dr. T. J. McLaughlin, a dentist from Indiana, put his

three dogs, Drift, Glenn, and Hem, through their remarkable paces as they herded a small flock of sheep from one end of the field to another and eventually up a ramp into McLaughlin's truck.

Other sheep contests and related crafts included: fleece judging, by Robert Kimball from Penn State; sheep shearing, demonstrated by Tom Horton, Lady's Ewe Leading Event, by Howard Smith, Jr.

Vicky Ralph, North Orwell showed the art of spinning wool from an Angora rabbit while holding the rabbit in



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her lap. Bill, her husband, was on hand with his craft of making and repairing spinning wheels.

Craftsmen demonstrating their skills filled an entire tent, and spilled over into another. Tole painting, basket making, corn husk dolls, making old-fashioned band boxes, repairing Oriental rugs, wooden toys, leather craft, dried flower pictures, colonial-type dolls, and many other crafts drew much attention from the large crowd of spectators.

Appearing for the first time at the Troy Fair was

Bruce Henry, Montgomery. Henry makes and plays the dulcimer, a stringed instrument indigenous to the eastern Appalachian area. Five years ago, he recalled, he attended an arts and crafts show, heard the dulcimer played, and was so intrigued, he had to try it himself. Since then he has made and sold over 50. Henry teaches mechanical drafting at the Sun Area Vocational Technical School in New Berlin so making his own designs is easy. The trailing heart design seen on the front all of his instruments is his trademark.

According to Henry, he and his wife, who is a professional music teacher,

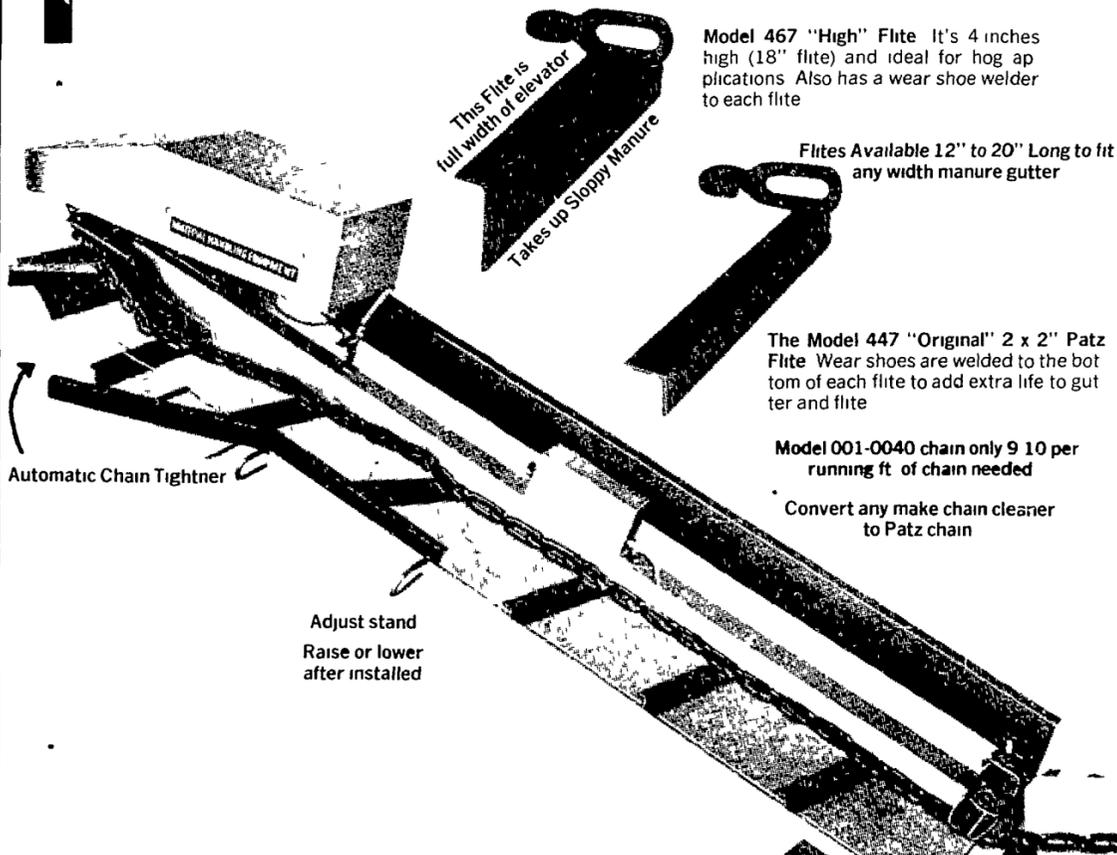
sing together, accompanying themselves on the dulcimer. They often give programs for public groups featuring songs of the Scotch-Irish people who populated the Appalachian area.

On Thursday of Troy Fair Week, quilts and miniatures were featured. Over 75 quilts were displayed in the craft tent under the direction of co-chairwomen, Anne McClintic, and Holly Keegan, both of whom took their turns demonstrating some aspect in quilt making.

Some of the quilts on display were entered in a First Quilt Contest sponsored by the Log Cabin

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