

Blevins festival a success

STEWARTSTOWN — "Famously," responded Mrs. Dorothy Blevins when asked about the strawberry festival, held on the Blevins Fruit Farm, last Saturday, turned out. This was the second year the festival was held at the farm.

The Blevins family holds the festival to "show off" their berry patch. They started concentrating on producing the best berries possible several years ago, noted Dorothy. According to daughter-in-law Nancy Blevins, a consultant was called in to help them with

their mulching and weed control.

This year the festival consisted of a variety of organizations with food stands most of which had something to do with strawberries. There were strawberry short-cakes, strawberry pies, strawberry candies and of course strawberry sundies. In addition to strawberry items, there were pork sandwiches, funnel cakes, and hot dogs with sauerkraut.

Crafts were a major part of the day's activities. A number of crafts were demonstrated including: weaving, pottery, leathercraft, china painting.

The children could enjoy the painting of clown faces, and a petting zoo and pony rides.

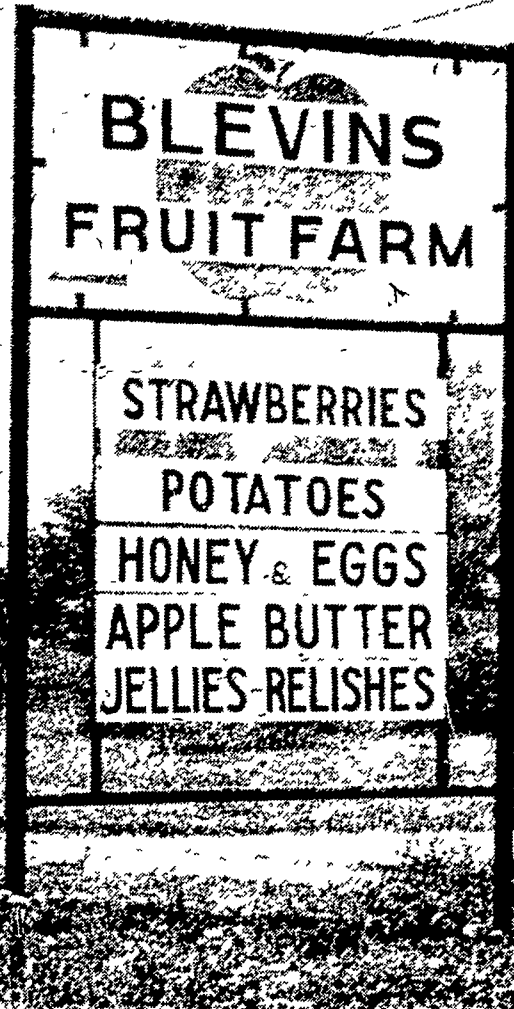
Tours of the Blevins' farm were also available. A haywagon took visitors to the festival around the farm. Once the wagons reached the strawberry patch, visitors were allowed to pick strawberries.

The Blevins farm is a 3 generation family run farm. It was started in 1930 with only 60 acres and today contains more than 1200 acres. They rented an additional 500. The Blevins farm has 400 acres of peaches, 150 acres of apples, 50 acres of sweet corn and 7 acres of strawberries.

In addition, they have sweet and sour cherries, nectarines, plums, pears, and a variety of vegetables.

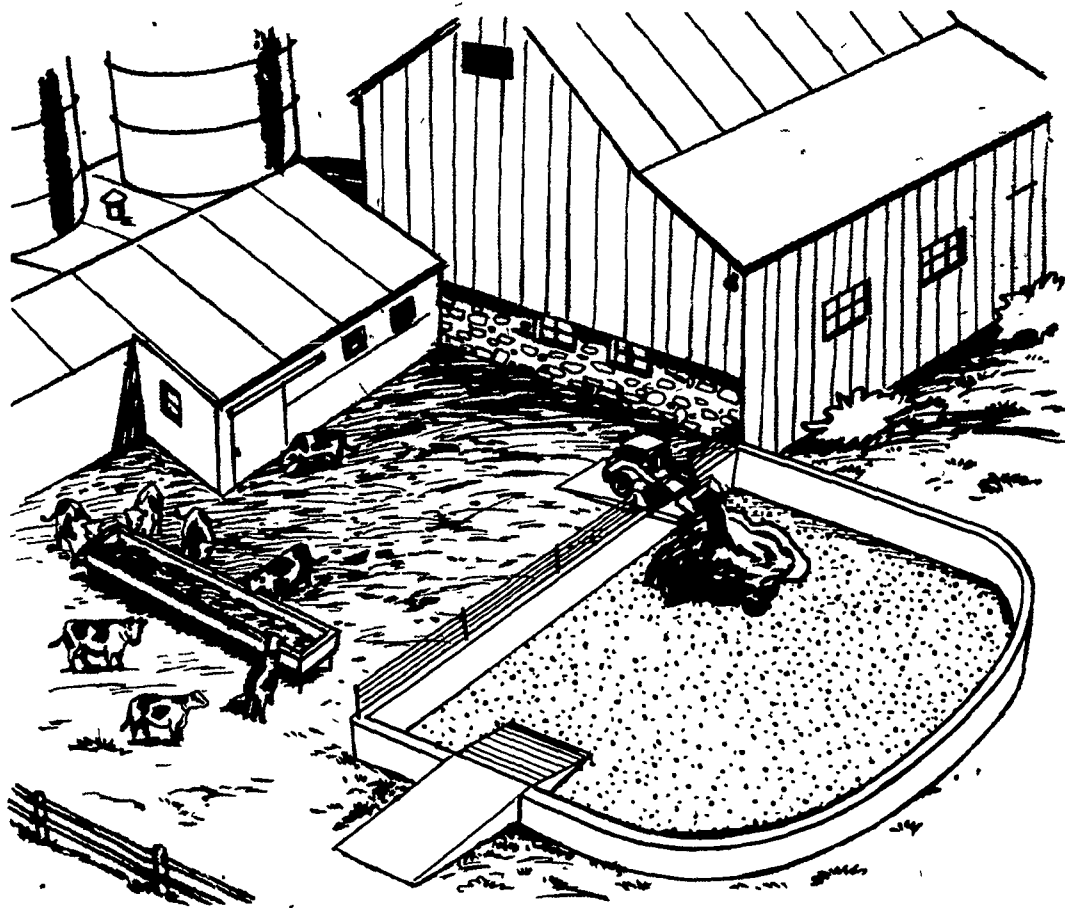


Strawberry jam and syrup were some of the products available at the strawberry festival.



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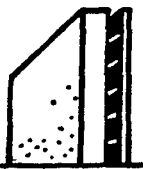
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