

It's a 'Remember How' Saturday at Centre

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CENTRE — It was a "Remember How" Saturday.

Remember how schools used to be financed before the days of an administrative hierarchy running each large consolidated district by taking annual larger and larger bites out of the pockets of property owners.

That earlier method of educational financing was in the days when a mill was a place a farmer went voluntarily to get his grain ground into flour and the like.

Now, a mil — with only one "l" — is an annual involuntary trip of another sort when farmers and other property owners don't go to a grinding, but more appropriately to a cleaning.

But remember how it once was different.

Parents got together to give of their time and effort to finance the education of their children. And that was also back in the days when parents didn't renege on the dual responsibility of education that combined both continuing effort in the home and the school.

Well, it's still done in that old way in at least one area of Pennsylvania, as shown in the accompanying photos taken at a "Remember How" Saturday amidst the rolling farmland near Centre, a small rural village, between Thompsettown and Mifflintown, north of Harrisburg.

The occasion was the annual Amish Parochial School Benefit Sale for the one-room school serving the Amish farm children of the area.

It's an area of shocked grain, windmills and shorter silos — one that time has kinda passed by. And



Cooling dusty, tired tootsies at the school house pump.

with the new Rt. 322, that rolls the modern traffic by at a greater distance, it has remained even more unspoiled by so-called

progress.

It must have been the way Eastern Lancaster County looked before receiving the strangling



Auctioneer implores audience for another quilt bid.

double squeeze of commercialism and development.

But back to the "Remember How" Saturday.

Remember how quilts used to be made. Carefully sewed over the long winter months with tiny

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Quilts hang in school house for inspection prior to sale. Some 30 bed quilts and smaller crib types sold for

prices ranging up to \$575.



All ages attend annual one-room school benefit sale.



Horses, buggies, cars and trucks fill a hillside pasture for annual benefit sale to support one-room Amish school house at Centre in Juniata County. In

background are just visible the school and large tent in which the day-long sale was held.