



Participating in the ribbon cutting for the official opening and dedication of the new John F. Cope processing plant are, from the left, Pa. Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell; Mrs. John F. Cope; her son, Thomas L. Cope, company president, who represents the fourth generation of the family in the business; and U.S. Congressman Robert Walker.

40 million ears of corn dedicated



The dedication ribbon amidst a sea of Silver Treat sweet corn.

Hallowell cites farmer/processor link at Cope rites

BY DICK ANGLESTEIN RHEEMS — An important multifaceted agricultural symbol was dedicated in the Lancaster County community of Rheems on Friday, August 14.

For a number of sweet corn growers in a four-state area, it was a symbol of a market for some 40 million ears of their product.

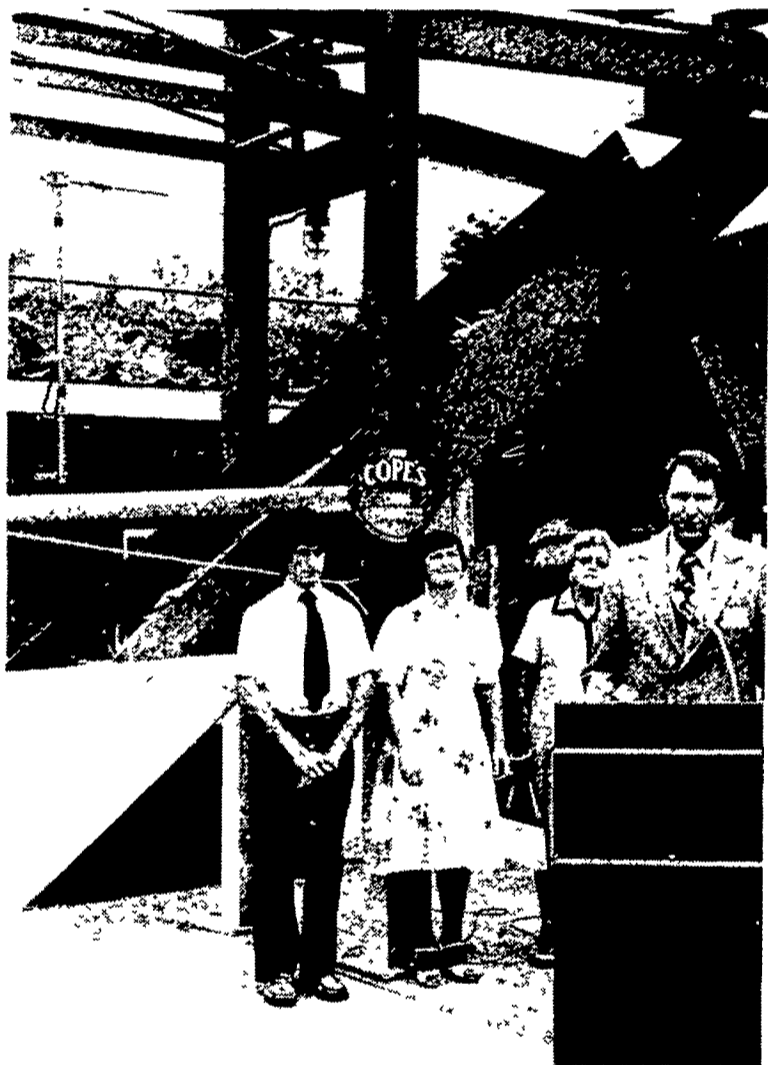
For a pioneering Lancaster County food processing business, it was a symbol of a "phoenix" rising out of the ashes of a disastrous fire.

For the family involved in the business, it was a symbol of the varied cooperation that permitted the resumption of making a unique "Dutch" food product within a year's time.

For Rheems and surrounding area, it was a symbol of the return to employment for a number of residents.

For agriculture in general, it was a symbol of that vital link between farmers, who grow the various raw foodstuffs, and the processing industry, which converts it into the finished edible product for the dinner table.

And it was this latter symbol that State Sec. of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell stressed at the dedication ceremonies for the new processing plant of John F. Cope,



While Thomas L. Cope, president, pays tribute to the cooperative efforts that brought the company back from a disastrous fire of July a year ago, other family members look on. From the left, they are John T. Cope, fifth generation in the family business; Mrs. Thomas Cope; and Mrs. John F. Cope.

Inc., which turns out that unique, tasty dish — dried sweet corn — which no respectable Pennsylvania Dutch cook would leave off the menu for any holiday or other important meal.

Secretary Hallowell said that the new plant was a symbol of the growth and progress in the state's agriculture-agribusiness economy.

"Our farmers and our food processors, like the John Cope Company, do not operate in a vacuum," he noted.

"Without a strong farming sector, many of our food processors would be unable to continue in business. By the same token, if our food manufacturers weren't located here, many of our farmers would be at a competitive disadvantage.

"This is important to Pennsylvania consumers as well, because the relationships between our farmers and food processors hold down the costs of food products by reducing the costs of transportation and energy."

Hallowell explained that the state's 62,000 farm families help support 15,575 food manufacturing establishments with annual sales of \$9.7 billion. The industry employs 98,000 Pennsylvanians with a payroll of \$1.23 billion, and accounts for 30 percent of the total real value added by all Northeastern U.S. food manufacturers.

The new Cope plant presently makes about four million pounds of sweet corn products.

This translates into about 40 million ears of corn which arrive from late July to the end of September at the Rheems plant from about 50 growers scattered throughout Pennsylvania, New Jersey, New York and Maryland.

The plant's new production line handles 12 tons of raw sweet corn per hour and is capable of processing up to 18 tons an hour.

Established in 1900, the Cope Company is the second largest corn processor in the state.

The company's famous dried

Farm Business News

Purina announces Lancaster Chow plant

ST. LOUIS, MO. — Ralston Purina Company announced today that it has purchased approximately eight acres of property in East Hempfield Township in Lancaster County for the purpose of constructing a new Chow feed manufacturing facility.

The announcement was made by W.M. Jones, group vice president and director of the company's Chow division.

According to Jones, "the new facility will employ approximately 15 people and will produce Purina Chow feed products for livestock and poultry. Our new plant will service independent Purina dealers in the immediate Lancaster area, including the southeastern portion of Pennsylvania."

The new production facility will be a multi-million dollar project with an initial plant capacity of 150,000 tons of Chow feed products per year. Construction is scheduled to begin immediately and start-up planned for November 1982.

Ralston Purina Company is a broadly based food and feed company with sales of 4.9 billion during its last fiscal year. As the world's largest producers of commercial feeds for livestock and poultry, Ralston Purina has over 120 manufacturing plants in the United States and 11 foreign countries.

Ellien joins Dean Witter

LANCASTER — Robert Lindon, research director, announced that June Ellien joined the Dean Witter Reynolds Commodity Division as a grains analyst recently. Ellien is a fundamental analyst and will be concentrating on the wheat and corn markets.

Ellien comes to DWR from Gill & Duffus, an international trading group. Prior to Gill & Duffus, she was with E.F. Hutton. She is a member of the Chicago

Agriculture Economics Club and the Research Division of the Futures Industry Association.

Dean Witter Reynolds, Inc. is a member of all major U.S. stock and Commodity exchanges. The company has branch offices in all 50 states and in many overseas locations. Senior vice-president, Arthur R. Marcus, a member of Dean Witter Reynolds' board of directors, is head of the Commodity Division based in Chicago.

Suggested Readings

Extension offers free home maintenance publications

NEWARK, Del. — Not every vacation brings ocean breezes or trips to exotic lands. Sometimes summer vacation is a time for paint-up and fix-up around the house.

If this is your time to catch up on home repairs, the University of Delaware Cooperative Extension Service has some free publications that can help. One new series that may be of interest explains the various aspects of wood finishing.

Extension Publication #132 goes into Finishing Exterior Plywood, Hardboard, and Particleboard, starting with care and preparation before construction.

Extension Publication #133 discusses Paint Failure Problems and Their Cure. Moisture problems are covered, as are blistering, peeling and cracking.

Discoloration of Housepaint — Causes and Cures is the subject of Extension Publication #134. The booklet explains how to deal with paint discolored by mildew, blue stain, iron stain, chalking, or brown stain over knots.

Extension Publication #135 discusses the Selection and Application of Exterior Finishes for Wood. It explains the various types of wood one might encounter, from fiberboard to lumber, and the kinds of paints and stains that are suitable for each.

To learn more about Finishing and Maintaining Wood Floors, ask

sweet corn is distributed worldwide. Other products include frozen corn, popcorn, dried squash seeds and dried green beans.

Among new products for the future is sweet corn powder for use in soups and sauces.

for Extension Publication #136. The publication explains how to prepare the surface and how to select and apply a finish.

The Extension Service offers many other free publications about home repair and maintenance, including several others about wood.

Wood Decay in Houses — How to Prevent It and Control It, USDA Bulletin #73, describes causes of damage and safeguards that may be taken. Diagrams show proper building practices to avoid wood decay.

USDA Bulletin #203, Wood Siding, explains how to install, finish, and maintain wood siding.

Painting Inside and Out explains proper surface preparation, how to plaster, paint selection and application tips, and some common reasons for paint failure. Ask for USDA Bulletin #222.

One common reason for paint failure is excessive moisture. This is especially true of basements. USDA Bulletin #115, entitled Making Basements Dry, describes the causes of wet basements, methods of correcting the situation, and ways to avoid the problem in new construction.

Find out what to do about leaky faucets, frozen water pipes and the like with USDA Bulletin #2202, Simple Plumbing Repairs for the Home and Farmstead.

Mildew is an all too common problem in our local climate. To learn How to Prevent and Remove Mildew, ask for USDA Bulletin #68.

To obtain any of these free publications, write to E.W. Walpole, Extension Agricultural Engineer, Agricultural Hall, University of Delaware, Newark, DE 19711.