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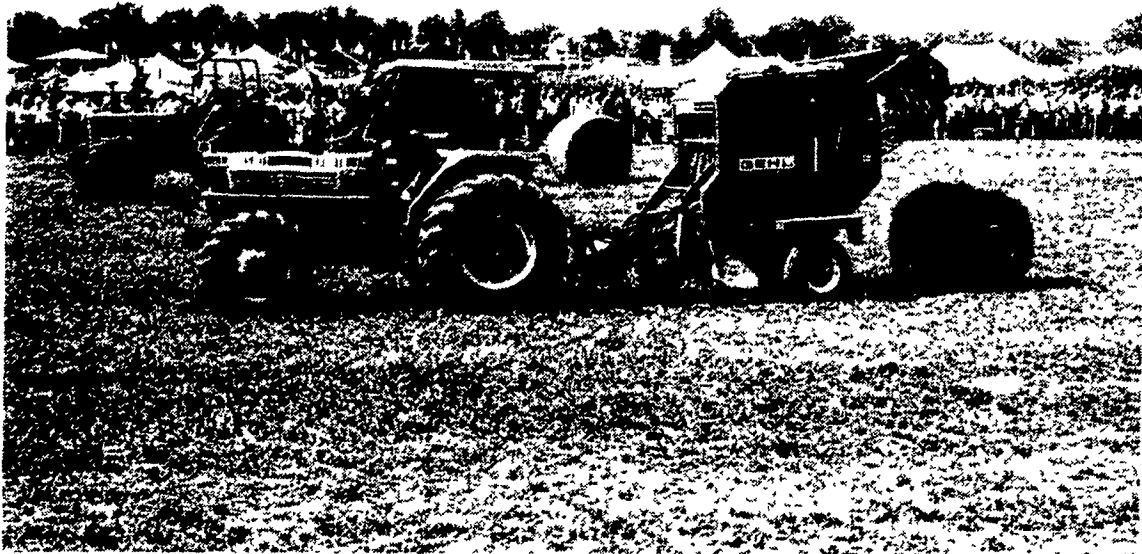
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Memorial Apple Museum, a collection of apple tree varieties. The museum was constructed to preserve the varieties grown throughout Pennsylvania.

Although Ag Progress Days was considered a success by this year's officials, plans for next year's event got underway yesterday. Under the leadership of Joseph

Harrington, Penn State professor of agronomy and overall chairman of Ag Progress Days, the committee begins immediately to evaluate the event and look for improvements.

This is important, Smith said, to begin planning for 1984 while everyone's thoughts are fresh in mind.



Scranton addresses Republican outing at Penns Cave

BY TRISH WILLIAMS

CENTRE HALL — Lt. Governor William Scranton addressed a large gathering of Republicans Tuesday evening, as the Centre County Republican Committee and the Pennsylvania Ag Republicans met at Penns Cave for their summer outing.

Centre County GOP Committee Chairman Floyd Fisher welcomed Republican party members from across the state and introduced honored guests, including, Secretary of Agriculture Penrose Hallowell, Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Chester Heim, Senator J. Doyle Corman, Representative William F. Clinger, and Centre County Representative Lynn B. Herman.

Hallowell commended the Pennsylvania Ag Republicans for their work, and said due to the success of their efforts he has recently been entertaining questions from Republicans in New York state who are looking to form a similar organization in their state.

The gala event that drew over 200 Republicans included a chicken barbecue, musical entertainment and the opportunity for social exchange.

Following the barbecue Lt. Governor William Scranton addressed the group, atop a flatbed wagon. Talking about the Republican party, he said, that we are seeing a tremendous resurgence of a state that has been traditionally Democratic.

"We are a state facing, at this time in our history, an enormous economic, political and social challenge," said Scranton. "We are a state that in many ways founded this nation politically. We are a state that in many ways founded this nation economically, with the industrial revolution, and we are now facing a new era. We are facing an era of economic challenge from our 49 other states, and from many nations of the world."

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dustries of the industrial revolution. And we are facing a time when this very proud and very strong industrial state must show the leadership it takes to adapt to the realities of a new time."

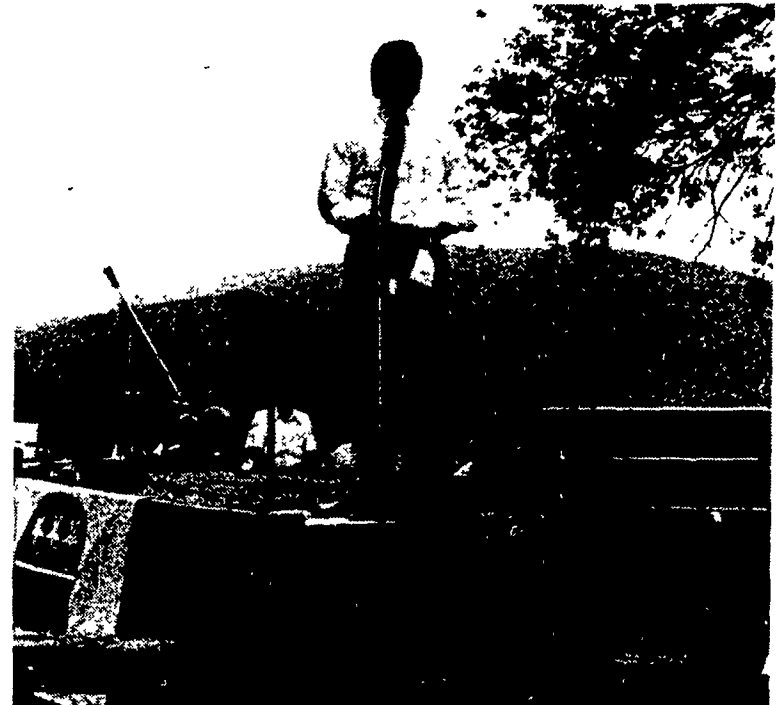
"I think the ability for that type of leadership resides in the Republican party," said Scranton.

"It is going to be very important that we as a party, show this state and demonstrate to the people of this state that we as a Commonwealth have what it takes to meet the enormous challenges that face us."

"And one of the ways that we are going to do that, one of the ways we are going to prove to ourselves as a state, I am positive, is not to turn our backs on what has been our traditional strengths, but to improve upon them, nurture them, and to make them work for a very proud and better future. And there is no more and no greater strength of importance to Pennsylvania historically than Pennsylvania agriculture."

Scranton urged fellow Republicans to attend Ag Progress Days, "It is a tremendous experience," he said, "not just because you get to see a lot of fancy equipment, and not just because you get to talk to a lot of fine people and eat a lot of very good food. But because you get a sense of the richness and diversity, and the excitement and even the experimentation that is going on in Pennsylvania agriculture. And you begin to understand that what has been a traditional strength of Pennsylvania, can very much be a strength of this state in the very difficult years we face ahead in the future."

In his closing remarks, Scranton urged party members to work for the election of Republicans to the judicial branch of government. He said, "We in Harrisburg can work for days, weeks, and months on end to introduce legislation that makes sense, only to have those decisions turned around months later by the judicial branch of government."



Lt. Governor William Scranton addressed a gathering of the Centre County Republican Committee and the Pennsylvania Ag Republicans from atop a hay wagon.

Morris addresses Penn Ag Democrats

BY TRISH WILLIAMS

STATE COLLEGE — Samuel Morris, chairman of the Agriculture and Rural Affairs Committee of the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, was the featured speaker at the annual luncheon of the Penn Ag Democrats.

Boyd E. Wolff, chairman of the Penn Ag Democrats, welcomed members and introduced invited guests to the luncheon at the State College, Holiday Inn, held in conjunction with Ag Progress Days.

In his opening remarks, Wolff reported a continued growth of the organization, with current membership now at 118. Senator Michael A. O'Pake, a member of the Senate Ag Committee of Pennsylvania, said that he sensed the growth of the Penn Ag

Democrats and their interest in agricultural policy in Pennsylvania, and encouraged them to keep in contact with legislators.

Morris, who gave regrets that he could not kick off his talk with a good news-bad news joke for lack of good news, said that despite difficult economic times and the serious drought that is plaguing farmers, legislators are working on new programs to correct some of the injustices confronting them.

Speaking about the troubled milk security, Morris said, the situation is unfortunate, with the funds depleted by three previous bankruptcies it does not look like there will be any money available for Schep's producers.

"We need something different," said Morris, referring to the current Milk Security Fund. "We

are thinking seriously of reworking the fund, modeling a plan similar to the that used in Wisconsin."

The Wisconsin milk security plan requires semi-annual reporting from the milk dealers, explained Morris, and it has an established ratio of liabilities to assets, once the ratio drops below the established level, contributions are automatically collected. Under this plan farmers are paid first, other creditors receive payment after the farmers.

"This is one area," said Morris, "where we need more regulation. We need to meet with Sen. O'Connell who is the father of the Milk Security Fund."

Morris reported that he is on a committee currently drafting a revision of House Bill 115, the Agricultural Development

Authority bill. Morris said the bill needs state appropriations. It is an attempt to help young farmers get started in the business, and keep our stock of farmland in agricultural production, by providing low interest loans. It is not intended to further the commodity surplus problem, but it is intended to provide a means for young farmers to take over the family farm or a similar farm.

Morris encouraged farmers and legislators to get involved in directing legislation concerning non-point pollution of water, before the EPA forces regulation on farmers.

"There is no word yet on disaster relief for farmers effected by the drought," reported Morris.

A meeting of the executive committee followed the luncheon.