

5,000 attend Guernsey Ice Cream Festival

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MERCER — An estimated 5,000 people attended the 35th Annual Guernsey Ice Cream Festival in Mercer July 12 to consume some 1,500 gallons of homemade Guernsey ice cream.

This annual event, begun as a club picnic, continues to grow every year. It is always held the second Friday in July and has become a dairy promotion and a fundraiser for the Mercer County 4-H's, the 4-H park and the Guernsey Club.

The whole community gets involved in the project with volunteers mixing ice cream, baking cakes, setting up, serving, and

cleaning.

About 400 dozen eggs and 1,200 pounds of sugar went into the ice cream, a Guernsey Club original mix. Over 1,000 pounds of strawberries, 25 gallons of chocolate syrup and 250 cakes also disappeared into the mouths of hungry customers.

This combination of community effort, farm fresh ingredients, friendly atmosphere and good weather draws people from near and far every year.

The unique and popular event has become a kind of institution in the area and will most likely remain a tasty and delicious part of Mercer County for years to come.



Becca Firth, a member of the Nimble Thimble 4-H Club, gets a heaping dish of Guernsey ice cream from Guernsey Club member Dick Snyder.

Block receives Ford guide



Secretary of Agriculture John Block (left) accepts a copy of Enterprise Farming 1985, newest edition of Ford Tractor Operations' well-received "guide for small farms." Making the presentation is Robert J. Nicolazzi, Ford Tractor's North American general operations manager. The 98-page magazine contains 30 articles that describe successful and innovative small-acreage farming practices. Copies are free to customers who visit participating Ford Tractor dealerships.

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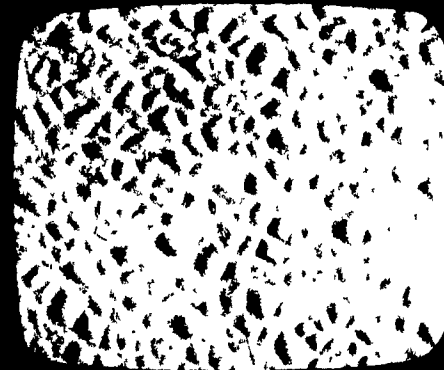
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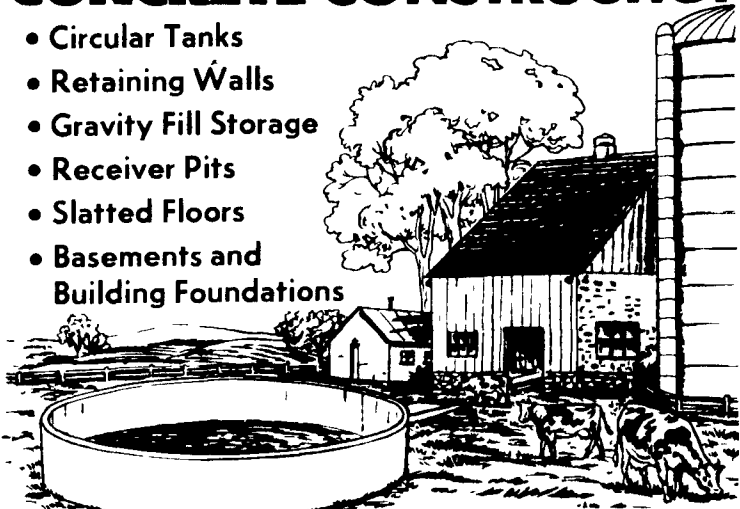
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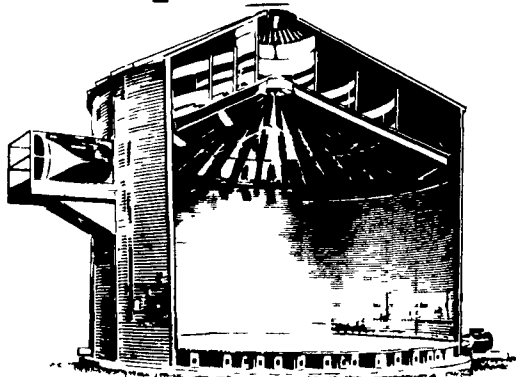
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