

Penn State Sends Ag Time Capsule

UNIVERSITY PARK — A unique time capsule that represents today's research and provides for research in the year 2087 will be part of the 1987 Ag Progress Days, on August 18-20.

The College of Agriculture Time Capsule celebrates the centennial of the Hatch Act, which established agricultural experiment stations in each state. Pennsylvania's experiment station, now part of the Office for Research in the College of Agriculture, was established as part of Penn State a few months after the Hatch Act was passed by Congress.

Penn State's College of Agriculture will dedicate the time capsule at the conclusion of Ag Progress Days, at Rock Springs outside State College, on August 20 at 2:30 p.m.

The glass-domed time capsule will feature items symbolizing research in the college, and samples of such things as acid rain which can be more thoroughly analyzed by scientists of the next century.

It will also include a \$100, 100-year certificate of deposit, donated by People's National Bank of Central Pennsylvania. In

100 years, the certificate of deposit will have an estimated value of \$86,000. That money will be designated for future agricultural research at Penn State.

People who are part of the agricultural community will also be part of the heritage the time capsule will provide. The time capsule will include photographs of families or their farms on in their agriculture-related businesses, along with written messages from these families to the agricultural community of the year 2087.

The time capsule, a glass dome that is 30 inches high, was donated by Corning Glass of New York. It will be filled with helium and sealed. After Ag Progress Days, it will be placed on display in the lobby of the Agricultural Administration Building on the Penn State campus.

At Ag Progress Days, the time capsule will be on display in the theme building along with the research items that will be placed inside. Visitors interested in contributing photographs should bring them to that building. The College of Agriculture will accept 100 photographs (no larger than 3 and 1/2 by 5 inches, no Polaroids) on

each of the three days of Ag Progress Days, August 18, 19 and before noon on August 20. Cards will be provided for family members to write their messages and identify the people in the picture and its location. Families will receive formal invitations to the opening of the time capsule in the year 2087, to pass down through the generations.

The research-related items to be

included in the time capsule have not been identified yet. However, they will include samples of acid rain and of stream water now considered "pure." Researchers today have no way of knowing how acid rainfall was a century ago, because measurements at the time simply were not thorough or accurate enough. Researchers of the future would probably encounter the same problems,

since their technology will be far ahead of ours. Other samples could include preserved food or seeds.

Ag Progress Days is one of the largest outdoor showcases of university programs and agricultural technology in the East. It is held at the Rock Springs Agricultural Research Center, nine miles southwest of State College on Route 45, August 18-20 from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Admission and parking are free.

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- 12 00 NOON Trappe, Pa - Keystone Grange, Main St., Rt. 422
- 2 00 p.m. Devault, Pa - Chester Valley Grange - Rt. 29
- 4 00 p.m. Unionville, Pa - East Lynn Grange
- 5 30 p.m. Russellville, Pa. - Grange Hall
- 7 00 p.m. Wakefield, Pa. - Fulton Grange - 2 miles E of Rt 272

Wednesday, August 12, 1987

- 8.00 a.m. Paradise, Pa. - Paradise Municipal Bldg. Rt. 741 E. of Strasburg
- 9 30 a.m. Elizabethtown, Pa - Elizabethtown Assembly of God
- 11:00 a.m. Lebanon, Pa. - Kimmerling Grange - 990 Mt. Zion Rd., Lebanon
- 12.30 p.m. Harpers Pa. - East Hanover Twp. Bldg. old Rt 22, 1/2 mile past Rt. 934
- 2 00 p.m. Pine Grove - Exit 32 off Rt. 81, Maxines Restaurant
- 4.00 p.m. Bernville - at the Grange Hall
- 6 00 p.m. Kempton, Pa. - at the fire house

Thursday, August 13, 1987

- 8.00 a.m. Auburn, Pa. - Red Church by Kee-Dee Drive In, Rt 61
- 9 30 a.m. Leesport, Pa. - Ontelaunce Municipal Bldg, N of Leesport
- 11 00 a.m. Fleetwood, Pa. - Grange off Rt 222
- 1 00 p.m. Kutztown, Pa - Rt. 222, Kemp Street
- 3 00 p.m. Trexlertown, Pa - Grange, Rt 222
- 4 30 p.m. Barto, Pa. - Church by Howard Mosser Farm

Friday, August 14, 1987

- 8 00 a.m. Schnecksville, Pa. - Grange
- 10 00 a.m. Moorestown, Pa. - N Star Grange, Rt 512
- 12 00 NOON Scirota, Pa. - LeMars Fashion
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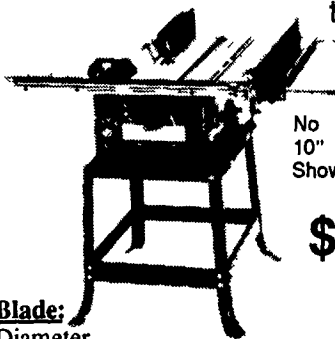
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