

Americana Crafts Demonstrated At Ag Progress

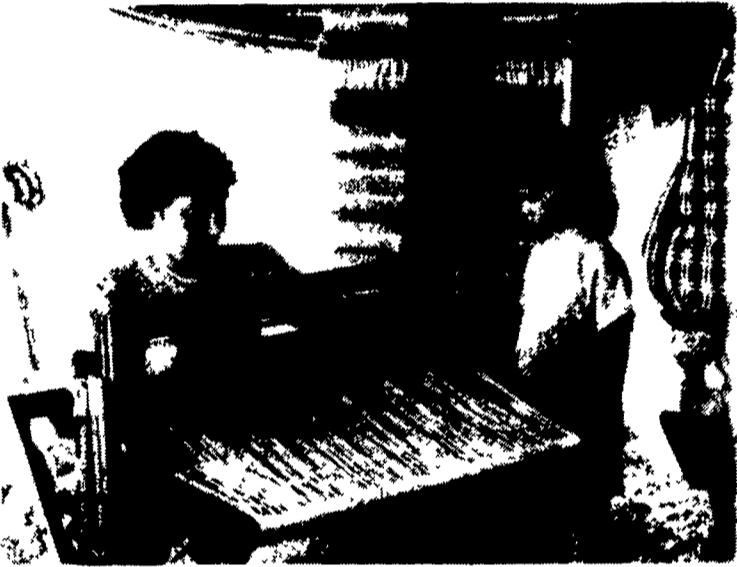
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ROCK SPRINGS (Centre) — A new highlight at this year's Ag Progress Days was the Heritage Crafts Tent, which featured Pennsylvania artists and craftsmen versed in various of the day-to-day skills of the Early Americans. Artists displayed and demonstrated their crafts and talked to visitors during the three-day event.

Here is a hodge-podge of the talent that gathered August 16 to 18.



By the time Ag Progress was over, Perley Bowen hoped to have crafted enough roofing shingles to cover the out-house that is part of his business establishment, Bowen's Schoolhouse. One in a long line of carpenters, Bowen is self taught and has been working with wood for 40 years.



Ellen Meneely shows visitors to Ag Progress how to weave. The owner of Elm Studio in Punxsutawney, Meneely began weaving three years ago while still an accountant. Now she works full time creating clothing and housewares. Meneely also was a part of the winning Sheep To Shawl team at the Farm Show.



Whether lilies, mums, buttercups, wild roses, or daisies, Robert Zorn creates them from wood with the help of his wife, Carol. The Tidluote man uses woods such as butter-nut, cedar, cherry, and sumac. Here he demonstrates carving a mum.

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