

Fruit Researcher Celebrates 25 Years At Penn State

UNIVERSITY PARK (Centre Co.) — The fruit industry has always been a part of Robert Peters' life. Twenty-five years ago, he accepted a position as a technician at the Penn State Fruit Research Laboratory at Biglerville. This year he celebrates a quarter-century of Penn State service.

Peters began working in orchards for M.E. Knouse after graduating from high school. He later worked for Penn Dairies for five years but soon returned to orchard work. When his career with Penn State began, the Fruit Research Lab was located in Arendtsville, under the direction of horticulture professor Dr. Frank

Hewetson.

Peters has seen numerous changes in the areas of fruit research and in the Fruit Research Laboratory. One of the most notable changes has been the growth of the lab itself. In 1971, he moved with the lab from a small house in Arendtsville to its present-day facilities near Biglerville. Today, working under Dr. George Greene, Peters is one of two technicians who work with three part-time workers and a summer crew of college students.

Peters notes the changes in the lab's research. "The main projects used to involve cork spots on Yorks," he remembers.

Peters also has witnessed the

computerization of fruit research. "We used to keep all of our records using pencils and paper. Now, when we do counts, we use hand-held records in the orchards and the data can be transferred right into the computer in the lab."

Peters says the best part about his job has been its variety. "One day I am working inside and the next day outside," he says. His job responsibilities are varied and include keeping all spray and field records for the horticulture program, pruning, spraying and helping to conduct detailed laboratory experiments.

When he is not working, Peters enjoys fishing and hunting and also maintains a woodworking

shop in the basement of his home in northern Adams County. He and his wife, Gertrude, are the parents of two children, Robert Jr. and Kathy. They have one granddaughter. Peters also is on the church council of Trinity United Church of Christ in Biglerville

and is a member of the Benevolent and Protective Order of Elks in Gettysburg and the Adams County Fish and Game Association. In Cameron County, he belongs to the Sinnamahoning Sportsmen's Association and the Wycoff Run Campers Association.

Farm Calendar



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Adams County Dairy Princess pageant, Biglerville High School, Biglerville, 7:30 p.m.

Western Maryland 4-H/FFA spring show, Hagerstown Speedway, Hagerstown.

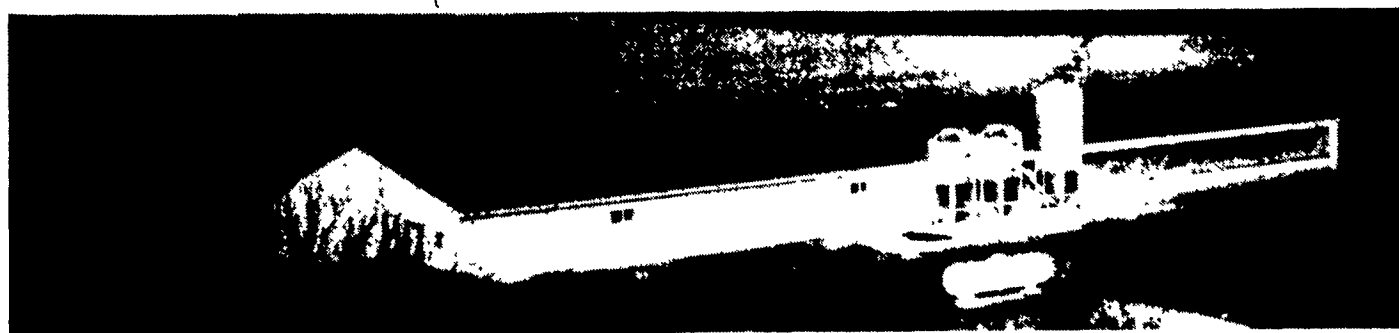
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