

Lebanon Farm-City Activities Accomplish Goal

KENBROOK (Lebanon Co.) — The banquet culminating Lebanon Valley's award-winning Farm-City Week program is always the highlight for volunteers and participants who gather to share stories and feast in friendship.

This year, participants said the success of the program had reached an even higher plateau in accomplishing the program goal "To foster a better understanding between the urban and rural communities."

Held at Kenbrook Bible Camp,

the banquet attendees relived experiences of the 1990 Farm-City Week.

Numerous activities highlighted the week-long event, including farm and industry tours by children, senior citizens, farmers and

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Himmelberger Homestead Link To Past

KENBROOK (Lebanon Co.) — During the Lebanon Valley Farm-City Week banquet a Century Farm Award was presented to Byron and Phyllis Himmelberger, North Annville, whose great-great-great-grandfather John Miller purchased the farm in 1783.

The farm is a 207-year direct link to the past Himmelberger and Miller heritage.

It's original deed goes back to 1747 when it was purchased from William Penn's sons Thomas and Richard Penn for 26 pounds, 3 shillings and 9 pence by Joseph Buckwalter.

In 1775 John Saylor and his wife Barbara bought the farm from Buckwalter.

Feb. 5, 1783, is when possession of the farm began its Himmelberger heritage.

John Miller's son was also named John Miller. The younger Miller took over the farm and sold it to his son, Abram Miller.

Abram and his wife has twin sons John Miller and Henry Miller. After Abram dies, the twins mother split the farm between the two boys. John Miller received 86 acres which included the buildings.

John's daughter Alice married John Himmelberger and together they purchased the farm. Of Alice and John's five children, the eldest son Amos Himmelberger and his wife Beulah bought the farm in Jan. 31, 1944 for \$6,500.

Amos and Beulah had three daughter and one son — Byron. Byron and his wife Phyllis purchased the farm in 1969 from his mother's estate.

Located along Heimandale Road in North Annville Township the land contains a five-room spring house, the main log house and a summer house all of which were built in the mid-1700s.

The present barn was built in 1876 and modernized for milking in 1980.

Other buildings on the property include a pig sty and a heifer shed.

The couple operates the 230-acre dairy farm milking about 40 cows and keep about 40 heifers. A son Dale farms full-time with his father and another son David helps out regularly.

The couple's other children include Dennis who with his wife Donna, lives in Billings, Montana.



Linda Schnelzer models the shawl that was made at the Lebanon Valley Mall promotion for Farm-City Week.



Rick Kopecky, with SETCO, gets his chance to tell about working on the farm.

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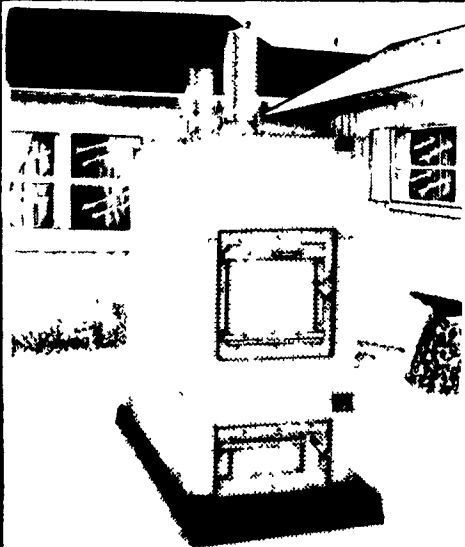
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