

Robsons Host Farm-City Day

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MANSFIELD (Tioga Co.) — High heat and humidity settled in a haze over Gray Valley Farm July 9, but that didn't stop more than 2,000 visitors from attending what has become an annual event in Tioga County known as Farm-City Day.

The farm, owned by Harold (Bud) and Leona Robson, was the fourth Farm-City Day site in as many years.

Nestled atop Pickle Hill outside of Mansfield, the farm is a pretty sight to behold with its rolling green fields, large red barn, and white board fence lining the property.

The Robsons also have plenty of well-cared-for trees and shrubs, a bountiful garden, plus a flower bed boasting a rainbow of colors. For the visitors' benefit, each plant in the garden and flower bed was identified by a little sign made for the occasion.

Several dignitaries attended Farm-City Day at Gray Valley Farm. In the opening ceremony, State Representative Matt Baker talked about the importance of agriculture to the county and its

ranking in comparison with other counties throughout the state. "A good proportion of cows in the state reside in Tioga County," said Baker, citing figures to the crowd.

Baker also mentioned how dangerous working on a farm can be, which was evident with hostess Leona Robson's hand bandaged from a recent injury involving a barn fan.

He then presented a certificate of achievement to the Robsons for their participation as host and hostess for the 1994 event.

Tioga County Commissioner Walt Barnes also presented a plaque to the Robsons, and concluding the opening ceremony, Pennsylvania Dairy Princess Jennifer Grimes and Tioga County Dairy Princess Laura Fitch each welcomed the crowd to Farm-City Day.

Throughout the day the Robsons were kept busy greeting visitors entering the barn or other out-buildings and exhibits on the premises.

One of the most popular attractions at the event was the children's petting zoo. Housed in a large tent with the walls drawn up

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Shawn Morris, his wife Barbara, and their 1-year-old son Steve, all of Wellsboro, with Shawn's parents Tracy and Emille Norris of Muncy, Ind., and Shigeharu and Minori Kawakami from Fukuoka City, Japan.



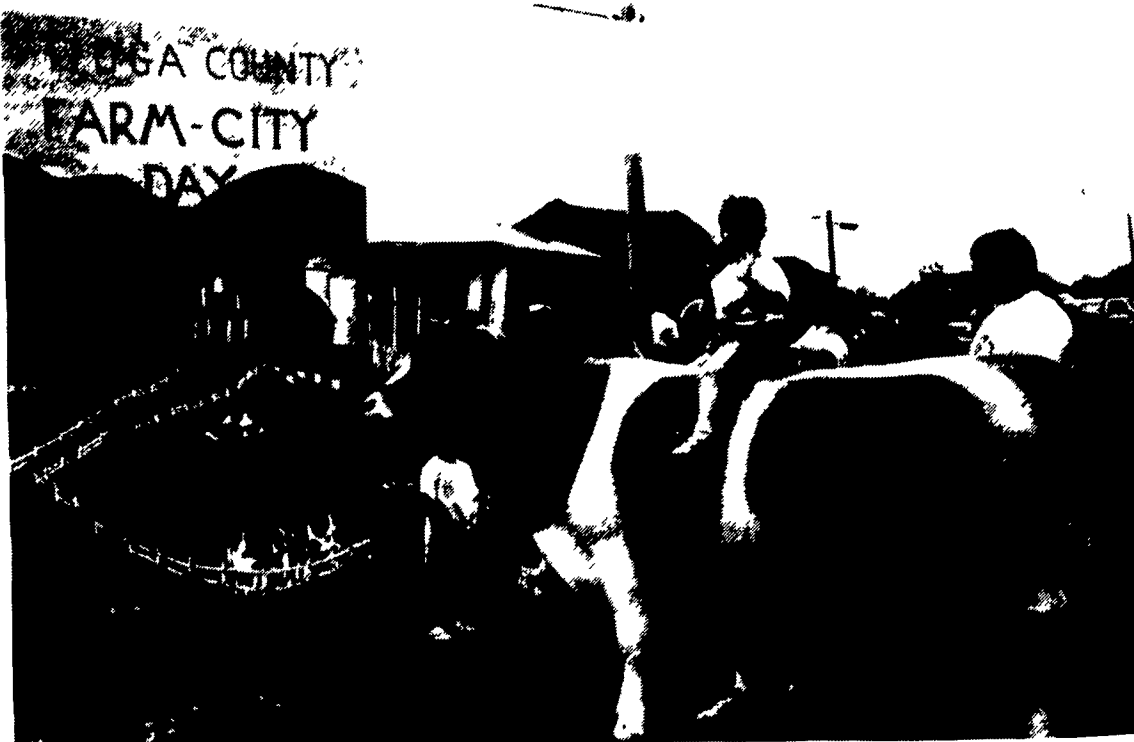
Tom Horton and his son Mike of Towanda demonstrate how to shear sheep. Mike hand cranked the motor to run the clippers.



Bird's-eye view from the silo at Gray Valley Farm, taken by Ray Owlett.



Sarah Lathrop and her brother John wash a calf in a demonstration of how to prepare a calf for showing.



Brittany Lynn D'Angelo rides a model cow with her father Thomas close by her side.