

Pennsylvania Farm Show Issue: A Comprehensive Introduction

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Sunday afternoons, which was done out of consideration for work and religious observances.

This year, the official opening is to occur tomorrow (Saturday, Jan. 7) before noon with the governor's address, followed by the Pennsylvania High School Rodeo Association activities which show off the skills and talents of the state's teenaged youth. The first rodeo event is from noon to 3 p.m., the second

performance is from 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. in the Large Arena.

Victoria Ritter, director of the Farm Show Complex, said there are other changes for this year which should make the entire event more enjoyable for everyone.

She said that visitors to the Farm Show should be sure to view the butter sculpture located in the Main Lobby of the complex, facing McClay Street. This year's

work of art is dedicated to the people involved in the efforts to win World War II.

The sculptor was James Victor, of Conshokocken (originally from the Harrisburg area), and it was his first butter sculpture for the Farm Show. The theme of his artwork made out of 800 pounds of real butter was "Giving Thanks," and it depicts three soldiers giving thanks for the food they have received.

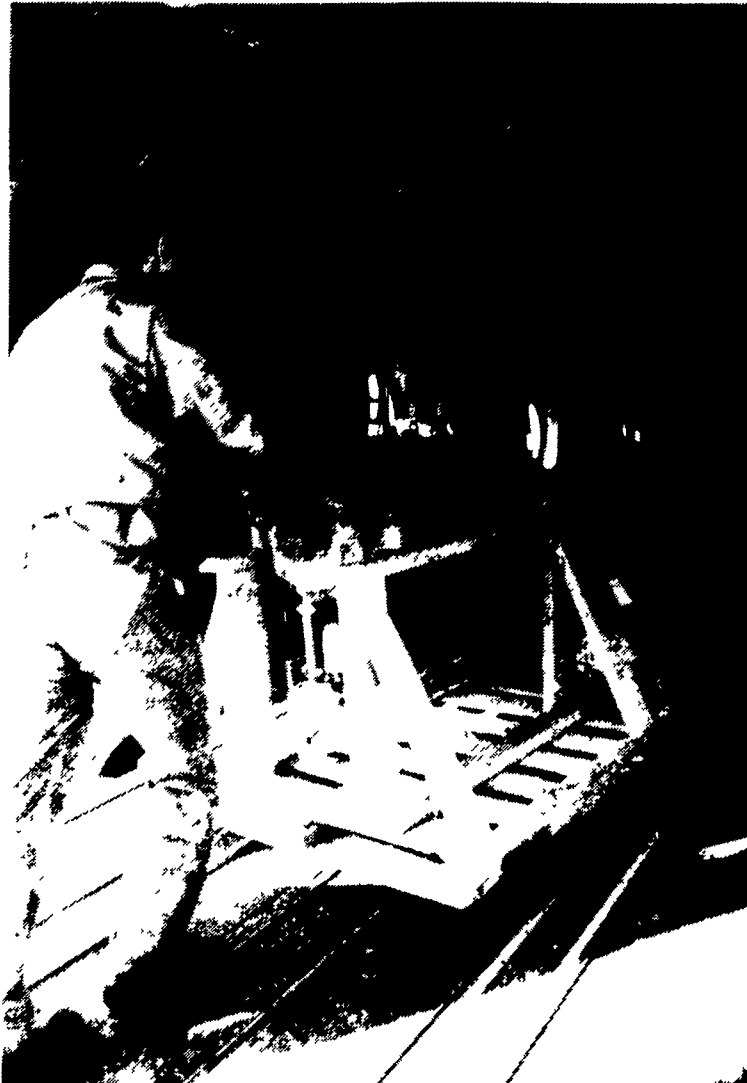
According to a fact sheet about the butter sculpture, "During the difficult years of the war, ration kits fed our troops overseas. Though changing throughout the years, the ration kits usually contained some variety of dairy products.

"Powdered milk and cheese were often in the kits. At one point, the services removed butter from the kits and replaced it with margarine. After an almost unanimous

protest over the butter substitute, butter soon returned to the kits."

The sculpture was sponsored by the Pennsylvania's Dairy Promotion Partners, whose organizations represent 12,000 dairy farms in the state through promotion and advertising programs. The Partners include the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council, Mid East United Dairy Industry Association and the Pennsylvania

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These helicopter crewmen offload an authentic World War II airplane engine, which is the kind worked on at the state Farm Show Complex during the war years. This engine and other various exhibits commemorating the agricultural war efforts are on display at the 79th Farm Show.

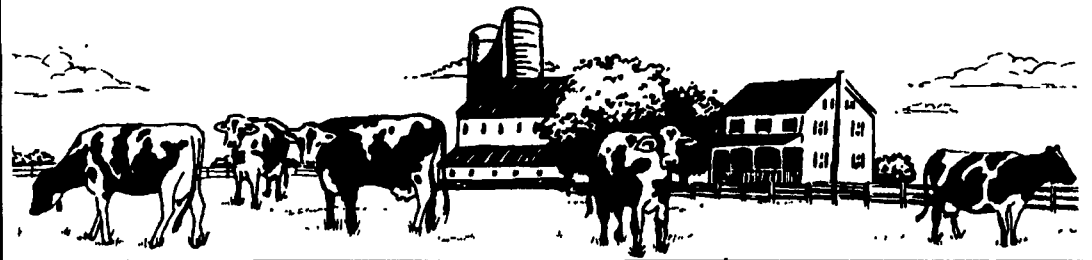
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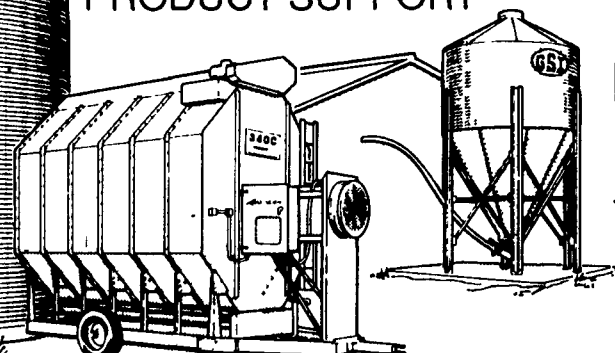
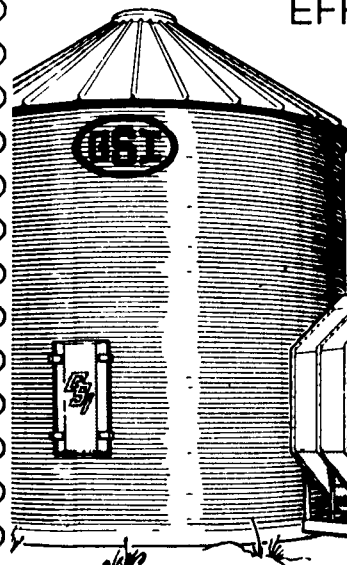
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