



Jerome Pasto, curator for the Pasto Agricultural Museum, shows a poor man's washing machine. The display shows the progression of washing machines prior to electricity.

## Ag Progress Contrasts New With The Old

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ROCKSPRING (Centre Co.) — Thousands of people visited Ag Progress Days this year. Most came to find out about the latest research and technology available to help them in farming or in their agriculture-related businesses, but the three-day show offers some interesting sidelines.

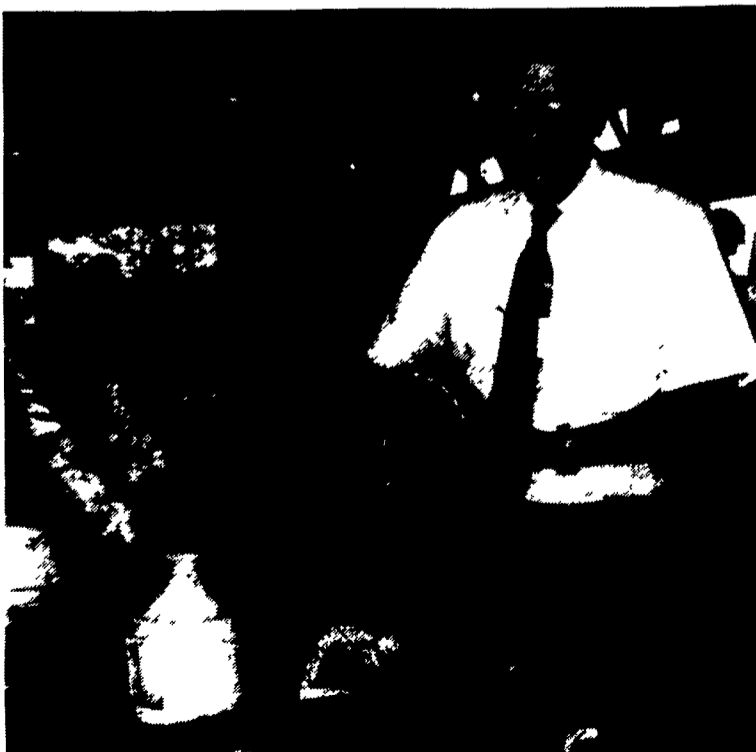
A fascinating contrast to the acres of new equipment is the Pasto Agricultural Museum. It is filled with antique implements that reveal how people used to farm and live before electricity.

Jerome Pasto, curator and associate dean emeritus of agricultural economics at Penn State, said that he started the display in 1978 with the backing of the college's alumni organization.

"This is a technology museum that shows progression and improvements from the earliest to the latest at the end of the era," Pasto said. "This was the muscle power era. People of all ages find this (museum) interesting. The older ones say, 'I remember that' or 'this is the way we used to do it.' For the younger ones who study pioneer living, this museum brings that era to life."

Pasto believes the museum also inspires would-be-inventors to experiment. While most of the inventors in the past were men, Pasto is excited that more women are involved in science and engineering today. "We can't afford to waste any brain. Women can invent things as good as any man and encouraging women in this

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A new display this year in the Pasto Agricultural Museum is the chicken fountain collection. Jerome Pasto said that all the items are donated to the college for the display, which is opened year around for tours in addition to Ag Progress Days.



Chris and Cathy Clemmer with 2-month-old Eleanor came the whole way from Chicago to see Ag Progress. The Clemmers had lived in the area 10 years ago. "Ag Progress is bigger and has paved roads," Chris said of the difference between now and their last visit. Shown with them are Amy Myers, 13; Ashley and Alana Judy, 12. The teen-agers pass out \$1,000 bills (fake of course) as advertisement for their dad's feed company, which sells Cargill Hybrid Seeds in Spring Mills.



"Ag Progress Days mark the final promotion of my reign, but I'll never stop eating ice cream—guaranteed," said Pa. Dairy Princess Rhonda Klehlak. New this year at Ag Progress are the strawberry and chocolate syrup parfaits served by Pennsylvania Dairy Princess and Promotion Services. From front left are Jan Harting, program director; Pa. Dairy Princess Rhonda Klehlak and Alternate Yvonne Peterman. In the trailer are Dorothy Nagle of Allied Milk Producers; Arlene Wilbur, assistant program director; Melissa Campbell and Theresa Feldt of Dauphin County dairy promotion.



Walking all in a line down Main Street are, from left, Angela Johnson, 13; Amber Lint, 14; Adam Lint, 13; Shawn Stratton, 13; and Jesse Stratton, 11. They come about every two years with Angela's dad, Jeff Johnson, a beef and crop farmer from Patton. Angela said, "While dad looks at stuff for the farm, we collect balloons and all the free stuff given away."