

Ag Progress Contrasts New With The Old

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area will make our country even greater than it is," he said. He pointed to an 1932 ice cream freezer invented by a woman. "It hasn't change since then," he said.

The museum is run by volunteers and depends on people donated items permanently to the college.

Each year, new items are entered in the display. New this year was a chicken fountain collection. Wooden, ceramic, tin and other fountains show how each improved over the years.

Fascinating to many are the display of washing machines before electricity or gas powered engines were used.

In addition to the display of washboards, roller washboards, Rapid washers, and wringer washers, advertisements and tidbits of information are displayed.

An interesting letter written by J.L. Holmes in 1888 shows how much technology has lightened the load of housewives. The letter reads: "I can conceive of nothing more barbarous than seeing a female bending over a washtub from early morning until late in the afternoon, every week, rubbing and inhaling the unhealthy and offensive effluvia driven from soiled clothes by heat and steam and often wondered why the invention ingenuity of the age did not come to her relief.

"It affords me great pleasure to say that the "New Becker" washing machine has fully met this want. My wife, who has recently procured one, would not part with it for any provided she could not secure another. It needs no recommendation. One trial is all that's necessary to make it an indispensable household implement. . . .

Other displays that attracted families included food exhibits, lawn, landscape, and garden advice, animal displays, a T.V.-style game show called SciQ, horse exhibitions and clinics, crafts, educational presentations, and of course, plenty of food.



Cattlemen's Princess Melissa Lelden of Cambria County serves rib-eyed steak.



"Hey, this really tastes like milk and it beats milking a cow to get it," said farmer George Lichtenwalner as he tasted free samples handed out the dairy princesses. Lichtenwalner, who said his German names means "loud in the woods," comes every year to Ag Progress with his retired farming friend Warren Newhart.



Pennsylvania's Maple Sweetheart Tanya Deats hands out maple syrup and walnut sundaes. Tanya is the sixth generation of maple producers at her parents' (Michael and Mary Gay Deats) family farm named Kinnan Century Trees.



Four-year-old Garlon Kyler from Fishkill, N.Y., came with his cousins and Grandmothers Caroline Casner and Shirley Gardner of Lewistown.



Signing up for the butter give-away from Atlantic Dairy Cooperative are Ruth and Alvin Allen and Gordon and Hazel Woods, all from Curensville. This was their first visit to Ag Progress.



Dairy Maid Barbara White of Indiana County hands out bags to visitors Susanna, Charlie, and John Miller. The Millers are beef farmers in Clarion County who hadn't been to Ag Progress in 10 years. "It's a lot different than 10 years ago," Charlie said. Of special interest to him was the new computerized equipment, new varieties of corn, and the horse demonstrations.



Serving pork ribs at the FFA stand are Mike Clark, state vice president, center, and Joy Young, eastern region vice president. Profits from the stand, provided by Hatfield, support FFA activities.