

New Perspective On Amish Farmlands

HERSHEY (Dauphin Co.) - Dr. Conrad Kanagy will discuss the growth and decline of farming in Lancaster County and its effect on Amish society in his program "Turning Capitalism Upside Down: The Amish Farm Boom," at Hershey Museum on Monday, March 23, at 1 p.m. This program is part of the 1998 Museum Mondays series which provides in-depth discussion on topics relating to the Hershey

Museum's collections.

Dr. Kanagy continually monitors the rise and decline of farms in Lancaster County and the effect these sales have upon the Amish, a notable segment of Pennsylvania German society. Since 1984, the Old Order Amish have gained 166 new farms, with the largest number of acquisitions in 1996 - 29 new farms.

This apparent land grab flies

in the face of local opinion that the Amish are leaving the county because of suburban growth and economic development. In fact, the Amish appear to be actively resisting such growth by purchasing prime real estate. Dr. Kanagy will address questions like why the Amish continue to farm Lancaster County, why they are not moving to cheaper land, and what will happen when no more farms are left to acquire.

Drama Continues

SMOKETOWN (Lancaster Co.) - Last year, Locust Grove Mennonite School's seventh and eighth grade students entertained families, friends, and residents from several local retirement communities with the drama, "Cheaper by the Dozen." This year, students are again re-living the 1920s in the sequel, "Belles on Their Toes."

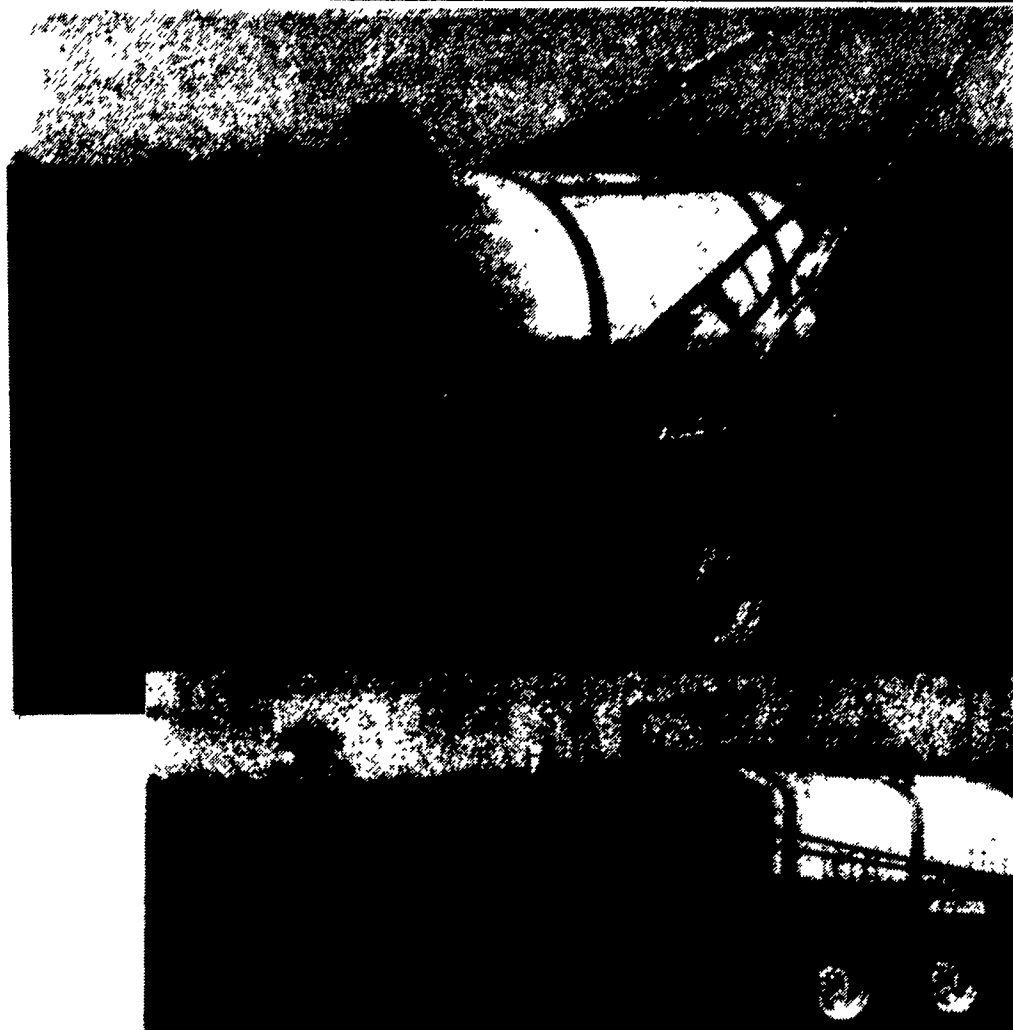
"Belles on Their Toes" continues the story of the Gilbreth family. Mr. Gilbreth, the father, recent-

ly died and now Mrs. Gilbreth must step into his role as an industrial efficiency expert. The drama unfolds and entertaining escapades ensue when Mrs. Gilbreth goes on a six-week speaking tour, leaving the 10 Gilbreth children at home to care for themselves.

Join the Gilbreth family as they provide fun, family entertainment in the drama, "Belles on Their Toes," April 3 at 7 p.m. at Locust Grove Mennonite School. The drama is open to the public and free of charge.



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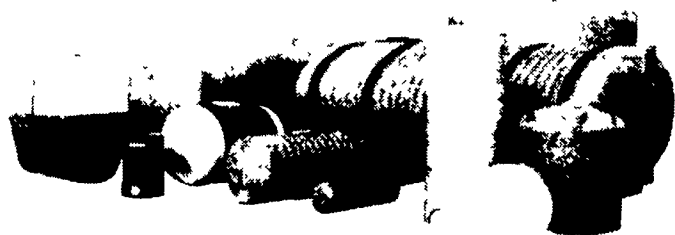


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