

# Farm Couple Sows 75 Years Together

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**BETHEL (Lancaster Co.)** — Wednesday marked the 75th wedding anniversary of David and Grace Daub.

David, who is 96 years old, and his 94-year-old wife are still living on their Lebanon County farm.

"We had 225 acres at one time, but sold some off," David said of the 62 acres they rent to a neighboring farmer. He farmed the land until he was 90 years old.

But the lure of the land still beckons. Grace went to the barn to feed a few chickens and to her large, well-kept garden to pull a few weeds and admire a variety of blooming flowers. She uses two canes, a long one and a short one to lean against while pulling weeds, but she discards the canes when entering the house.

David, who uses a walker in the house, said that he no longer works outside.

"When you get as old as I am, you get the right to sit and watch T.V.," he said with a chuckle.

He delights in talking about the farm and the butchering shop that he and his wife operated on the farm.

"We farmed in the summer and did custom butchering in the winter," he said.

The couple had hundreds of cus-

tomers assigned a day for them to bring steers and pigs to the shop for butchering.

Grace said, "We made sausage, pudding, scrapple—everything. We worked from sun up to sundown."

"And, then some," her husband added.

When the couple married in 1923, Grace was 19 and David, 21.

"We didn't live together that first year because we didn't have our own place," Grace said of the common custom of the bride remaining with her family while the husband worked as a hired hand for someone else.

That first year, she continued to milk cows, churn butter, and "do everything from scratch," she said of working on her parents' farm.

"He came to see me on weekends," Grace said.

The couple first met at a nearby carnival. After that, they ran into one another at other public events.

"After he took me home one night, we were a couple," Grace said.

When the couple purchased their first farm, it was small, and David worked at off-the-farm jobs. He recalled that he worked at the first poultry operation in Fredericksburg. "I was the first employee," he said with pride.

The switch from horse transpor-



On the day David and Grace Daub celebrate their 75th anniversary, the couple reminisce about farming.

tation to motor transportation made David's job more enjoyable as he drove to distant cities to market and to purchase poultry.

David was eager to exchange working the fields with tractor power rather than horsepower.

When asked about the Depression Era, David said, "We came through."

His wife said, "We always had enough to eat."

The couple had five children, who are still alive. The family has grown to include 11 grandchildren, 12 great grandchildren, five step grandchildren, and one great-great grandchild.

The Daubs' home is decorated with much of Grace's handiwork. Quilts, pillows, braided rugs, and fine tatting and crocheted doilies are proof of her skilled labor.

Family members held a celebration for the couple last Sunday. Two television stations and several newspapers came to broadcast the Daubs' 75th anniversary celebration.



Five generations of the Daub family gather for a picture. Grace and David Daub are shown with son Clarence, grandson Donald, great granddaughter Deborah Dadb Wyse, and great-great grandson Kyle Wyse.



Grace, who is 94 years old, works in her garden and feeds a few chickens every day.

*Ida's*  
**Notebook**  
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One day last week my husband announced that he was going to his camper in Snyder County to bring his boat home. As I was expected to go along, I made sandwiches and cut up some carrot and celery sticks. My choice was a thermos of water and his was one of coffee.

Traveling on busy highways is not my idea of pleasure. And so, I was glad when we arrived safely at Jack's Mountain. On the way there we stopped twice — one time for a container of fishing worms and another time for a bag of chips and a box of crackers.

After lunch we tried fishing at Walker Lake which is in the vicinity of our camper. There were only two boats on the very large lake. The geese that spent the summer on the lake had gone south. A few of the leaves on the maple trees had turned to red and yellow and were reflected in the

water.

We only caught 10 small fish but I'm always glad that we get some instead of none. The last time that I fished in the Conestoga River, here at our farm, I did not even get a nibble. Now that is discouraging.

Since my husband put a bigger hitch on his car the chain to tow the boat was not long enough and so he took the heavy one used to tow the camper. Now the boat is covered with a heavy green canvas and stored for the winter season and the camper has been winterized.

Here at home I'm not ready for winter as there are many flower bulbs to dig if the ground gets drier. We expect a lot of sweet potatoes too after the vines die. Soon I can stop picking pole limas as we have had a very good crop this year.

## 4-H

### HAPPENINGS

#### Bucks County 4-Hers Competed in Junior Dairy Show

Recently, four Bucks County 4-Hers competed in the Pennsylvania Junior Dairy Show at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg. There were 844 animals exhibited by 4-H and FFA members.

In the Holstein division, Kristin McCauley, Ottsville, placed second with her spring

calf and received a Master Showman Award. Josh Bishop, Doylestown, placed 15th with his junior calf and 18th with his summer yearling. Nicole Bishop, Doylestown, placed 14th with her spring yearling and also received a Master Showman Award. In the Jersey Breed, Mike Tierney, Newtown, placed second with his junior 3-year-old cow which was best udder in the class.