

Corn Day At Yoder Farm

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from the boiling water to the cooling trough. The oldest person attending was 89-year-old Elam Glick who helped husk the ears as fast as the younger participants. But, he



Community members work together to get the job finished.

admitted, "It's harder to pick something up (from the ground)." His friend said, "I think it's farther down than it used to be and farther to get up."

This was the first year the Yoders planted Honey Select sweet corn. At first, some of the oldtimers were dubious of the switch from the Incredible hybrid, but after tasting it, they agreed it was tender, sweet, and scrumptious — exactly what is desired in an ear of corn.

Some of the women such as Turie Alwine had brought along her specialty-designed "corn bowl," a wooden box that held a plastic bowl in position, and had a corn creamer/cutter on top. Gib Knepp, who had designed and made the box, was at the event also.

He rebuffed praise of his invention. He said, "The laziest, dumbest people always find an easier way to do things because they don't want to work hard."

His remarks garnered laugh-

ter, and continual banter interspersed conversations throughout the morning. Participants talked and laughed as fast as they worked.

The wood-fired cooker couldn't keep up with the speed of the huskers, and the cutters were periodically left with nothing to do. That gave Turie the idea to take a ride in a 4-wheeler with 9-year-old Taylor.

"I never did it before. It was fun," the 84-year-old said.

Coffee, tea, water, cookies, and other tasty tidbits were available for coffee breaks. People could help themselves to an ear of corn throughout the morning. At noon, burgers were placed on the grill, and a variety of food was served.

When the task was completed about noon, participants took corn along home with them, and some was frozen for later distribution.

Sadie Beiler said, "We get a lot done, but no one has to work hard because there's so many of us."



Craig Yoder samples an ear of Honey Select.



Somebody needs to dump the discarded husks.



During a break, Taylor Kuhns gives 84-year-old Turie Alwine her first four-wheeler ride.



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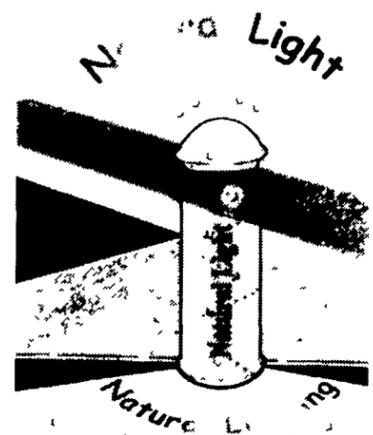
Experts told Professor Higbee that reprints were impossible, because the maps were printed in non-photographic blue.

The few remaining copies became prized fisherman's possessions, known to some as the "Lost Stream Map." Higbee was offered \$400 for one of his last maps.

Then, in 1991, at the age of 91, Howard Higbee's dream came true. Karl Ings and Larry Seaman of Vivid Publishing, Inc., a Williamsport firm, found new technology that enabled them to reproduce and republish the map. Howard said, "I never thought I'd live to see this day."

Before his death in 1993, Professor Higbee shared his knowledge of map making with Seaman and Ings, and supported the creation of new state stream maps. Stream maps now cover 18 states, New York, Michigan, Ohio, Maryland-Delaware, New Jersey, Northern California, Washington, Colorado, Wisconsin, Virginia, Missouri and 5 New England States. All 50 states will be available by the end of 2003.

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