

Thirteen Singles in Agriculture members and two guests gathered in Lucas Kansas for a couple days of cool weather (unreal in Kansas at this time of the year normally) and adventures along Kansas Highway 18.

Friday morning, July 29<sup>th</sup> the group gathered at the Horseshoe Lodge before going to Switchgrass, an art cooperative, on Main Street, Lucas KS. Our second stop of the day was just a couple blocks east at the Land Pride plant, a division of Great Plains. The Lucas plant constructs Rotary cutters of all sizes that are sent all over the world. After a sub sandwich picnic in the park, we headed back to Main Street for our tour of Grassroots Arts Center. The exhibits are made by self-taught artists. Don't be surprised what you may find as you tour. One display was made from used chewing gum!

After a break of resting at the Plaza Bowl, the last tour for the day took us to Luray KS, about 10 miles west of Lucas on K-18, to a topless High Tunnel. The owner explained her unique system for growing vegetables successfully in a different type of greenhouse. The evening finished up with a 6 pm meal at the K-18 Café in Lucas KS. Since the Wilson After Harvest Czech Festival was going on in a neighboring town, some members spent the rest of the evening in Wilson.

Saturday morning, the group headed east on K-18 to Sylvan Grove KS to tour the Labertew Honey Apiary. After a break and snacks in the park everyone continued east on K-18 to Denmark KS. The local historian in that part of the county explained the Danish settlement and some of the history of the small town. We gathered in the small limestone church that is still an active Danish Lutheran Church. The day and event finished by traveling south to Emilie's farm for a late lunch and visiting. After our goodbyes, some members headed home and some went back to Wilson for the final day of the Czech Festival.

By Emilie Wacker, the hostess

See following pictures -



Pictures at Grassroots Art Center- Inside Exhibits and Outside Exhibits:



Limestone structure examples on display in the courtyard of the Arts Center:



Relaxing at the Plaza Bowl:



Group picture at Em's farm standing in front of another member's vintage vehicle:

