

Honor Courts At Farm Show Are Expanded

Harrisburg — Adding color and effectiveness to the 1957 Pennsylvania Farm Show will be an expanded series of "Courts of Honor" for display of champions in various divisions of the exposition, the Farm Show Commission announced today.

The show opens on Monday morning, Jan. 14, and continues five days and four nights.

Honor courts are set up primarily for the benefit of show visitors who can readily find and examine the top winners among the more than 10,000 competitive exhibits of farm and farm-home products that will be displayed, according to Agricultural Secretary William L. Henning, chairman of the Farm Show Commission.

In addition, the special displays may be regarded as a mark of courtesy and recognition to the producers of the Pennsylvania farm products and their efforts to turn out championship winners.

Decorated Courts of Honor will be provided for maximum display of the grand champions and reserve champions in each of the beef cattle breeds—Angus, Hereford and Shorthorn. These will be located in the beef cattle barn.

When the 4-H Baby Beef grand and reserve champions are selected on Thursday of Farm Show week they will be placed in a suitably decorated and spotlighted Court of Honor at the head of the section where all 4-H Club animals will be on display.

In the dairy barn a "Court of Champions" will show the grand champion female for each of the five leading breeds—Ayrshire, Brown Swiss, Guernsey, Holstein and Jersey.

Gilded cages in the poultry section will be used to display the championship winners in the poultry show. Top place egg and chick displays will be spotlighted in this section also.

An honor court for championship winners in the home economics section is under consideration for the coming show.

In the large arena, as soon as champions are selected in the horse and cattle judging events during the first four days of the Farm Show, each will be displayed briefly in a special court of champions. Similar honors for sheep and swine champions will be accorded as judging progresses in the small arena.

Mulch Tillage Finding Use In Eastern U.S.

Mulch tillage has become a well-established practice in the Great Plains, but in more humid regions of the nation its use is lagging, even though its value for soil conservation is widely recognized, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reports. Federal-State cooperative research now under way points to methods for overcoming present disadvantages of this practice in the East.

Seed bed preparation by any tillage tool that leaves all or most of the crop residue on the soil surface is known as mulch tillage.

In the more arid parts of the U. S., this "stubble-mulch farming" — as it is commonly called — decreases soil erosion and water runoff, while giving yields that are at least as high as those under soil-depleting clean cultivation. But in the eastern sections of the country, where mulch-tillage research has been concerned mainly with corn production, the practice often results in lower yields.

Scientists of USDA's Agricultural Research Service and eastern state experiment stations are seeking ways to couple high yields of corn with mulch tillage for effective soil and water conservation. They regard the outlook for success in this research as promising.

Most farmers in the eastern part of the country are attempting to control soil and water loss through crop rotation, contour farming, strip cropping, and terracing.

Mulch tillage has proved its ability to save soil and water, permitting farmers to grow corn more often on the same land. But on poorly drained soil, especially, this tillage method keeps the soil wet and cold for too long in the spring. Some researchers suggest that an exposed strip of bare soil immediately above the corn row be cleared of mulch to permit the soil to warm up earlier. Band placement of phosphate also may prove desirable.

Mulch tillage tends to increase weed problems in humid areas. Use of herbicides to kill the old sod and control weeds during growth of the row crop, plus tillage with implements that cultivate through surface mulches, may help overcome this difficulty.

FARM SHOW PROGRAM

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Annual Banquet — Penn-Harris Hotel, Ballroom

Meetings

7 00—Future Farmers of America and Future Homemakers of America, The Forum, Education Building.

7 30—Hereford Breeders' Association, Meeting, Room B, Main Show Building

7 30—Horse Pulling Contest — Large Arena.

9 00—Pennsylvania Polled Hereford Association, Room D, Main Show Building

Thursday Morning, Jan. 17

8 00—Judging 4-H Club Lambs — Small Arena.

8 00—Lamb Fitting and Showmanship Contest, Small Arena

8 30—Judging 4-H Club Herefords — a Light weight, b Medium weight, c Light heavy weight, d Heavy weight — Large Arena

9 00—Potato Growers' Association reconvenes, Room F (Assembly), Main Show Building

9 30—Nut Growers' Association Meeting, Office No. 2, Large Arena, Second Concourse.

9 30—Future Homemakers of America — Executive Committee Meeting, Room 321, Education Building

10 00—State Poultry Federation — Turkey Growers' Meeting, Room B, Main Show Building

10 00—Young Farmers' Association, Room C, Main Show Building

10 00—Judging, Grand Champion Pen of 4-H Club Lambs — Small Arena

10 30—Pennsylvania Flying Farmers' Association, Room E, Main Show Building

10 30—Duroc Jersey Sale — Small Arena

11 00—Judging 4-H Club Aberdeen-Angus — a Light weight — Large Arena

11 30—Judging 4-H Club Shorthorns — a Light weight, b Medium weight, c Light heavy weight d Heavy weight — Large Arena.

Thursday Afternoon

12 30—Hampshire Sale — Small Arena

1 00—Judging 4-H Club Aberdeen-Angus — b Medium weight, c Light heavy weight, d Heavy weight — Large Arena.

1 00 — Dairymen's Association Meeting, Rooms D and E, Main Show Building.

1 00—Nut Growers' Association reconvenes, Office No. 2, Large Arena, Second Concourse

1 00—Young Farmers' Association, Room C, Main Show Building

1 30—Future Homemakers of America Executive Committee

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Meeting, Room 321, Education Building.

1 30—State Poultry Federation — Turkey Growers reconvene, Room B, Main Show Building

2 00—Yorkshire Sale — Small Arena.

3 00—Grand Champion 4-H Club Baby Beef Awards — Large Arena.

3 30—4-H Club Baby Beef Trios — Large Arena

Thursday Evening

Banquet

6 00—Potato Growers' Association, Scottish Rite Cathedral, Wisconsin Street, between Third and Fourth Streets

Special Events

5 00—4-H and FFA Tractor Driving Contests — Large Arena.

6 00—4-H Members helping with Livestock Parade, Room B, Second floor, Main Show Building

7 30—Livestock Parade — Large Arena.

8 00—Sheep Dog Demonstration — Large Arena

8 00—Six-horse Hitch Demonstration

Friday Morning, Jan. 18

8 30—Judging Fat Cattle — Large Arena

8 30—4-H Club Baby Beef Showmanship Contest — Large Arena.

Friday Afternoon

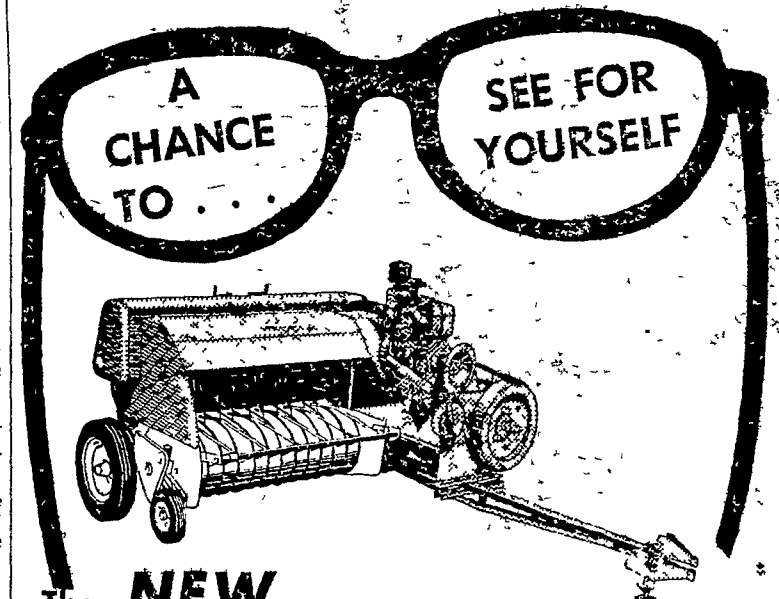
1 00—Sale of 4-H Club Baby Beeves and 4-H Club Lambs, followed by sale of open class fat wethers and steers — Large Arena

6 00—Farm Show Closes

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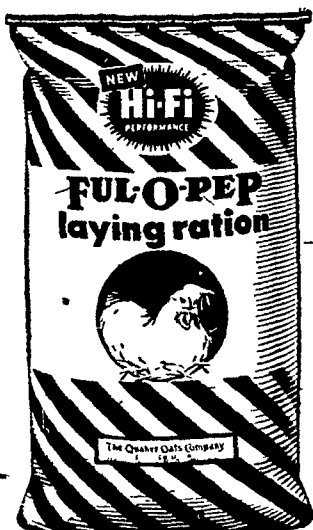
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