



THIS IS ONE of the ponds that has been constructed on the Hershey Estates in preparation for the coming National Plowing Matches and Conservation Exposition. This

pond has been stocked with fish and is expected to be one of attention getting parts of the wagon train tours planned. (LF Photo)

Wildlife Conservation Displays To Be Feature of Plow Contest

Wildlife conservation, including farmer-sportsmen cooperation will be featured at the 16th National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition Aug. 21 and 22 in conjunction with Pennsylvania Dutch Days at Hershey, near Harrisburg.

Both the Pennsylvania Fish

and Game Commission will sponsor exhibits and field demonstrations at the event.

Each exhibit and demonstration will emphasize the importance of conserving the state's fish and wildlife resources, compare good and improper management methods and cite the need for farmers and sportsmen's groups to work

together

"WORKING TOGETHER Through Soil Conservation Districts" will be the theme of the conservation aspects of the exposition which, for the first time, is being held east of Ohio and on a single farming operation. More than 2300 acres of the 12,000-acre Milton S. Hershey Farms will be used for the event.

Soil, water, forest, fish and wildlife conservation exhibits will be arranged in a two-acre wheel-type layout, with the displays

forming spokes of the wheel. In addition, actual demonstration areas will be situated close to the plowing contest site and on the route of the free wagon trains that will transport thousands of visitors.

C. Robert Glover, chief of Conservation Education for the Fish Commission, said his agency's fish conservation exhibits will include charts showing stream improvement devices.

GLOVER ADDED THE display will include an aquarium, stocked with warm water species such as sunfish, bluegills, black and white crappies, large-mouth bass, pickering and catfish.

In the demonstration area, the Fish Commission's program will embrace both good and poor farm pond management practices.

Rollin Heffelfinger, chief of the Game Commission's Division of Administration, said his agency's exhibit will show in concentrated form good wildlife management practices for small game, and all other protected birds and animals. He said the display will feature dioramas which emphasize the importance of wildlife conservation.

Field demonstration will highlight proper woodland border cuttings to assure protection for

birds and animals during the nesting season.

PERSONNEL OF the two state commissions will man the respective exhibit areas and demonstration sites during the two-day exposition and associated events during the week which are expected to attract many thousands of visitors to Hershey, located 14 miles east of Harrisburg.

Housing accommodations may be obtained in advance by writing to Hershey Information Center, Chocolate Avenue, Hershey, Pa.

The Pennsylvania Fish and Game Commissions have cooperative agreements with the Pennsylvania Soil Conservation Commission to work with farmers in soil conservation districts of the state. Fifty of the 67 counties now are set up as soil conservation districts.

Chairman for the conservation phase of the Hershey exposition is Ralph W. Hunter of the Soil Conservation Service. David G. Unger, State Department of Agriculture soil conservation director, is exposition secretary.

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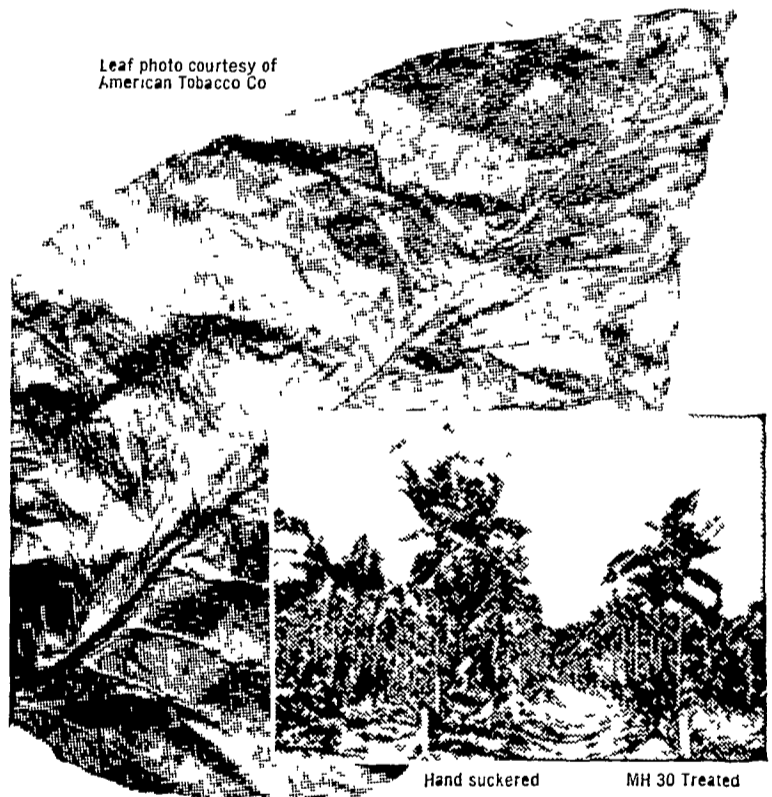
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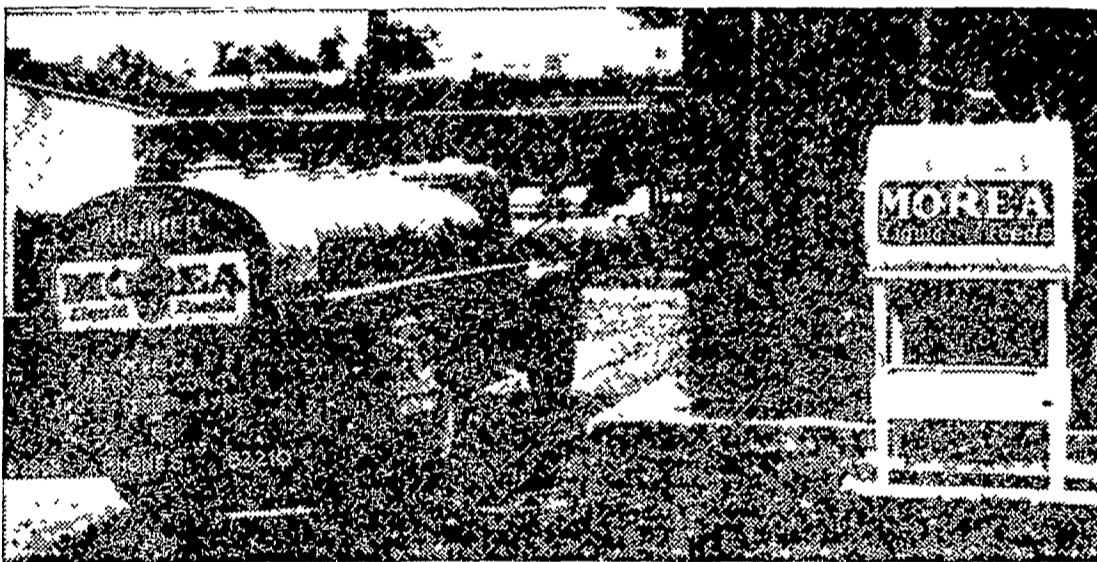
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