

Upcoming Plowing Contest Preceded By Local Contests, This Area Aug. 15

HERSHEY, Pa., (Special — Popularity of plowing competitions, heightened by the upcoming National Championship Plowing Contest Aug. 21 and 22 at Hershey, has boosted county preliminary events in Pennsylvania to 36, a new high total for these events.

Contour plowing has been running second to the level land contests in county competitions. As a result, Ralph E. Patterson, chairman of the state contest (Aug. 19 at Hershey), has announced that in addition to county contour champions, all second place winners in the four scheduled regional level land eliminations will

be eligible for contour competition in the state finals. All first and third place winners in the level land regionals will be eligible for the state level final.

County winners compete in the regionals, first of them Aug. 5 on the Wallace Bohn farm, near Centre Hall, Centre County, for seven counties in the Northeast and North Central districts. Counties in this area are Union, Columbia, Montour, Clinton, Centre, Lycoming and Luzerne.

The Southeast regional elimination is Aug. 12 on the Clyde Randolph farm, near Huntingdon, Huntingdon County, for seven counties: Blair, Mifflin,

Ferry, Cumberland, Fulton, Franklin, Huntingdon.

Biggest of the regionals will be the Northwest Southwest areas combined on Aug. 13 in Indiana County. This will be on the Chester Buiba farm at Hillsdale, 20 miles northeast of Indiana on Route 80. The competing counties: Crawford, Jefferson, Butler, Lawrence, Beaver, Indiana, Cambria, Somerset, Fayette, Venango, Clarion, Mercer.

Last of the regional eliminations will be Aug. 15 on the Donald Lichtenwalner farm, two miles east of Macungie, Lehigh County, for the Southeast district comprising ten counties. They are Northampton, Lehigh, Schuylkill, Dauphin, Lebanon, Lancaster, York, Chester, Berks and Bucks.

State Police Rodeo Planned At Plow Match

HERSHEY — Pennsylvania State Police will present a rodeo and riding exhibition as a major attraction at the 16th National Plowing Contest and Conservation Exposition Aug. 21 and 22 at Hershey.

State troopers and their trained horses and dogs will stage a 30-minute show at 2:30 p.m. in the 1,600-seat Hershey Stadium on each day of the big free national exposition which coincides with the opening of Pennsylvania Dutch Days.

Major C. C. Keller, superintendent of the State Police Training School at Hershey, said the program will include nine special acts, six of which will feature horses.

Six German Shepherd dogs will be used in an act designed to teach safety practices to children. Major Keller explained a special laugh provoking "atomic car" is included in the program which will be climaxed by a motorcycle drill.

Major Keller said dressage horses — animals trained to perform feats that are abnormal for horses — will be used in three acts. The horses will sit, stand on pedestals, bow, dance and assume the position of saying prayers with their heads between their front legs.

Three acts will feature trick riding in wild west style by skilled troopers. They will jump horses through burning hoops and perform the "Cossack drag," a feat of ring at a gallop while the trooper is suspended from the saddle by one leg and his head almost touching the ground.

The dogs will perform obedience tests, jump through burning hoops, climb ladders, crawl, pull wagons, answer safety questions and even make a "telephone call."

Leland H. Bull, Pennsylvania Deputy Secretary of Agriculture and general chairman of the exposition, pointed out that the State Police rodeo and riding exhibition has been a popular attraction for many years.

7 Angus Calves Calf Scramble Prizes at Show

HARRISBURG, Pa. — Seven stock raisers' Angus steer calves, donated to leading livestock farms in Pennsylvania, will be given as prizes to 4-H club boys. Future farmers who can out-scrabble each other and an assortment of calves at each of the seven performances of the World Championship Rodeo to be held during the second annual Pennsylvania Livestock Exposition here in November.

William L. Medford of Chester show chairman today said that a calf scramble would be held as a highlight of each rodeo performance starting with a matinee and evening show on Veterans' Day (November 11), and continuing with evening shows the 12th, 13th and 14th, and matinee and evening performances on Saturday, the 15th.

Fifteen or more FFA and 4-H club boys between 14 and 16 of age will take part in each "scramble" with an equal number of the most obstinate calves the rodeo committee can round up. The lads face the task of cornering a calf that doesn't want to be cornered in the huge cornerless Farm Show Arena: putting a halter on the calf, and leading, pushing, carrying or otherwise getting him across a finish line ahead of fourteen other boys (and calves) with like intentions and objections.

The Exposition sponsored by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association and Allied Industries, has been promised one Angus calf of each of seven leading livestock farms in Pennsylvania, first to donate a calf was Arthur S. Nevins for the farms he managed for George E. Allen and B. G. Byas at Gettysburg. Nevins also manages President Eisenhower's Gettysburg farm. Others are Eastover Farms, Bedford; Glen-Ru Farms, Brockway; Rowan Stock Farms, Landenberg; Old Home Manor, Homer City; Millarden Farms, Annville; and Heckmire Highlands Farm, Valencia.

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