

Folk Festival And Folklore Conference At Schaefferstown

A variety of authentic Pennsylvania German crafts from egg painting to the use of the broad axe will be exhibited at the third annual Schaefferstown Folk Festival and Folklife Conference in this historic Lebanon County town July 26 and 27.

The festival and folklife conference will take place on the old Alexander Schaeffer farm which, more than 200 years ago, was the site of a thriving Swiss

"Weinbauerm" culture whose practitioners produced fine rye whiskey and applejack.

Among the unusual crafts demonstrated will be pine tar burning, a by-product of which was used as axle grease for Conestoga wagons, and cigar-making. The tobacco-based economy which once flourished here will be examined.

The festival officially opens at 1 p.m. Saturday, July 26, but

demonstrations will begin at 10 a.m. that day.

The folklife conference will take place in a barn on the Schaeffer property. The craft people will display their skills in newly-erected buildings near the attractive old farmhouse.

Sunday's program begins at 11:30 a.m. with an ecumenical church service in the big festival tent presided over by Dr. Spotts, who is an ordained minister.

At 1 p.m. the craft demonstrations will begin again. The program will conclude at 7 Sunday evening with a service featuring the Ephrata Cloisters Singers.

Bull Says Suspension Of DDT Use Will Have Limited Effect

Suspension of federal pest control programs involving the use of DDT and eight other persistent pesticides will have limited effect in Pennsylvania State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull said this week.

The biggest problem, he said, will involve nurseries using these pesticides to control Japanese beetle grubs and other soil insects in compliance with federal regulations governing interstate shipments of nursery stock.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture earlier this week ordered immediate suspension of programs using persistent pesticides pending a 30-day review of such operations. This includes federal supervision of treatment programs required for interstate shipments of nursery stock, Secretary Bull explained.

The suspension order followed increasing demands to ban the use of so-called "hard" or persistent pesticides, especially DDT.

"DDT has not been used since 1963 in any spray program or pest control work of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture," Secretary Bull said. In 1964, he explained, DDT was replaced in the gypsy moth control program by non-persistent chemicals—those that break down quickly and leave no harmful residue.

The suspension order applies only to federal programs or cooperative federal-state pest control programs, Secretary Bull explained. It does not affect the use of these pesticides by farmers or other individuals, nor by agricultural industries, health agencies or communities combating mosquitoes, he added. In addition to DDT, the other

chemicals named in the suspension order are dieldrin, endrin, aldrin, chlordane, toxophene, lindane, heptachlor and benzene hexachloride which is also known as BHC.

"The Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture will cooperate with USDA during the 30-day suspension of the specified federal-state pest control programs," Secretary Bull said.

However, he urged "controlled use of these pesticides rather than a complete ban on them." Some are beneficial in protecting public health, he explained, pointing out that DDT is highly effective against mosquitoes that transmit encephalitis—a brain inflammation—to humans.

He also called for intensified research to develop adequate substitutes for these persistent pesticides.

"Since we eliminated DDT from our gypsy moth program," he explained, "this insect has spread westward from the Delaware River to Centre County. In 1963 the last year we used DDT, gypsy moths were found at six points in eastern counties. In 1968, they were found at 654 points. At this rate, the gypsy moth will very likely spread across the entire state in the next few years unless we have an effective tool to check it."

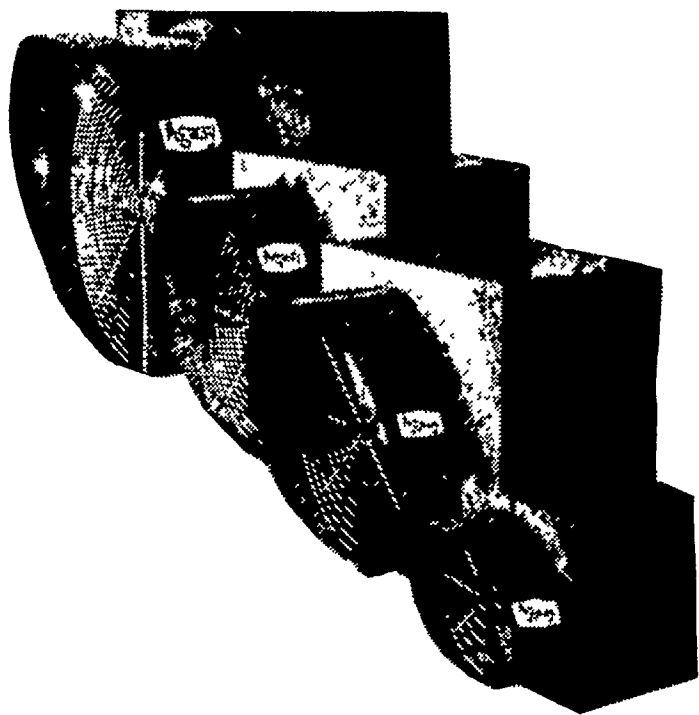
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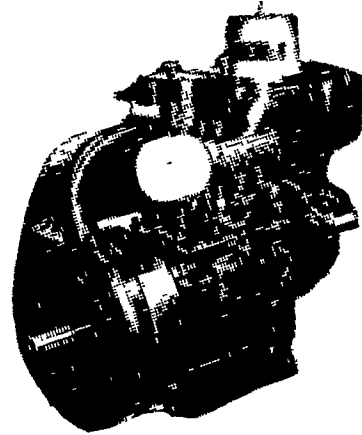
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