

Lancaster Pony Club Names Judges for Show

Judges for their May 2 horse show have been announced by the Lancaster Pony Club. The fourth annual show, to benefit Pony Club activities, will be held at Pony Club Headquarters at the John Gibson farm at Drumore, Pa.

Brig Gen F. F. Wing, Jr., Leesburg, Va., Col D W Thackeray, New Windsor, Md., Miss Susan Powers, Monkton, Md., and William H Murray, Newark, Del., have accepted invitations to judge the show. Brig Gen Wing judged at

the Pennsylvania National Horse Show and the Washington International Horse Show in 1969. He is a former chairman of the Dressage Committee of the United States Pony Clubs.

Col Thackeray is the current chairman of the Dressage Committee of the United States Pony Clubs, and United States Combined Training Association and the American Horse Show Association.

Miss Powers is a National Examiner of the United States Pony Clubs. Mr Murray is District Commissioner of Delaware Pony Club.

The Lancaster Pony Club show will be open to riders through 21 years of age. There will be 34 classes for horses and ponies. A complete list of classes is available from the show secretary, Mrs W W Rankin, R D 6, Lancaster, Pa. Entry fees will be \$2 per class.

Mrs George Hassler, II, Hidden Acres Farm, and Joseph Little, both of Quarryville, are the District Commissioners of Lancaster Pony Club.

Across the Editor's Desk

We just received another letter from Amos Hively, who has written to us regularly for nearly two years from Australia. Amos is a former Lancaster Co. agribusinessman. Besides giving us a run-down on the over-supply crop situation in Australia, Amos tells us about his own good fortune in finding a farm for himself:

Dear editor:
Since it takes six weeks or more for sea mail to reach us, by the time I get the Lancaster Farming issue that contains my last letter, it is time to write again. After a slightly cool, and moderately wet summer, the days are getting shorter and the nights a bit cooler.

The harvest of sorghum, sunflowers, millet and corn is in full swing, with yields about double of last year. But with prices cut in half or less, the farmers are unhappy to say the least. They

held a protest march in Melbourne last week in which 10,000 farmers took part.

Wool prices are the lowest for 20 years and there was a gathering of 2,600 wool growers in Moree, New South Wales, last week to try to decide what course of action to take.

The soybean harvest will not start for a few weeks, but the prospects of a heavy yield look excellent. Many crops should go well over a ton to the acre. Our company is planning a much larger acreage next year, and I am sure we will have no trouble getting growers.

The beef market is holding up well with heavy exports to U.S. and also Japan and Russia. Since the drought seems to be broken in most areas, many breeders are buying females for expansion of their herds again and this also helps to keep prices high.

The King Ranch had a record breaking sale of Santa Gertrude's here in Queensland last week with an average on 12 bulls of \$23,667. The top bull sold for \$39,000. The pure-bred Brahman of top quality are selling even better.

The first Charolais-Cross calves in Australia have been arriving the last two months. They made television and radio news at first. Now they have 50 at the Queensland Agricultural College, about 25 miles from here. They are weighing them every week and report gains of 33 pounds per day on the bull calves.

After a long search of trying to locate the right farm at the right price, I closed the deal on one yesterday. It is only 141 acres, but I have an option on 70 more acres that joins up perfectly. It has 50 acres of lucerne (alfalfa) and I hope to be able to irrigate nearly all of it. There is 50 acres more of nice level cultivation and the balance in native pasture. It has a large barn and a very nice house, and is on a black-top road. It is only 10 miles from our new house.

I hope to buy about 40 white Shorthorn heifers or cows before September when I will be getting the Charolais semen. I plan to keep on with my selling job for two or three years, until the herd gets built up.

The government announced a few months ago that all weights and measures will be going on the metric system within 10 years. They estimate the cost at 100 million dollars. Most countries we export to are on the metric system now.

The Australian government has raised the immigrant quota to 250,000 a year and they pay all but \$25 of the fare to come here if you qualify.

Also read that 3,500 Americans came here in 1969 which was 27 per cent more than in 1968. Another farm family arrived here in Toowoomba last week from Georgia. He sold 1,100 acres of land in Georgia. This country still looks like "a diamond in the rough" to me. Until next time, Amos Hively.

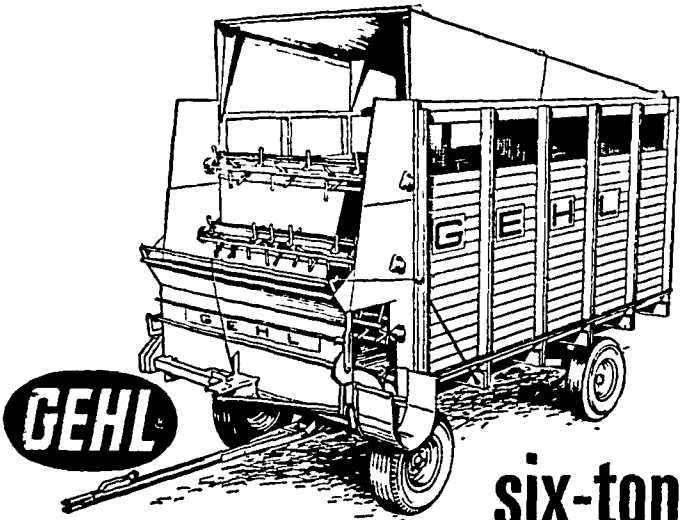
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By 1973 teenagers will have \$20 billion a year to spend.

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