

Homestead Notes

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Kenneth and Connie Rutt...

Rutt's Are Handling Solanco Fair Details

Fair season is here again and the Southern Lancaster County Community Fair leads the five held in the county. The 24th annual fair will be held September 19, 20 and 21 at the American Legion Park, Quarryville.

Many people put in countless hours working for that fair. Probably no couple spends more time with fair details than Kenneth M. and Connie Rutt, Quarryville RD2. Kenneth is general manager and Connie is chairlady of the senior clothing division. With more women sewing, the clothing department is a growing one. Last year there were 159 exhibits in senior sewing and they are expecting more this year because every year there are more entries.

Connie has helped four years on this committee. Last year was the first year for her to be chairman of the senior division, although the one committee handled both senior and junior divisions. Senior division is for anyone over 19 years and junior division for anyone under 19 exhibiting. The idea of two committees for sewing is more feasible since the senior division is housed in one trailer and the junior division in another.

This year Connie has a separate committee. Helping on her committee are Mrs. Edwin Harnish, Mrs. Amos Cunningham, Mrs. Paul Trimble, Mrs. David DeLong, Mrs. David Spangler, Mrs. Murl Aument and Mrs. Clarence Neff.

For several years domestic, fine arts, baked goods and the office have been housed in trailers, and canned goods, beef

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cattle, dairy cattle, swine, commercial exhibits and food stands in tents. A long range goal of fair officials is to build a permanent structure sometime in the future that would house the office, canned and baked goods, domestic and fine arts. Their idea is not to build an elaborate building but one that could be used for a community building all year around.

This is the seventh year for Ken to be general manager of the fair and before that he served one year as assistant general manager. His assistant this year is Samuel Kreider. The general manager gives about a week and a half of his time before, during and after the fair. The tents are set up a week before the fair and he must be there to tell the men where to put them and where to put electrical outlets. He must also see that machinery dealers get located in their rented space outdoors. He, needless to say, must be on hand at all times during the fair to solve the many problems that arise.

Exhibits may be entered Tuesday, September 18 from 6:30 to 10 p.m. and Wednesday September 19 until Noon. Details are



Mrs. Kenneth M. Rutt checks the number of senior sewing entries for last year's

Southern Lancaster County Community Fair and looks over this year's catalog.

spelled out in the fair catalogs which came out this week. Any FFA steer in Lancaster County can be shown at the fair but must be sold there. The committee expects 10 local entries. The dairy committee expects more entries than last year when they had 104 animals.

Most judging takes place Wednesday afternoon. However, dairy cattle judging will begin at 10 a.m. Wednesday. Swine will be judged Thursday at 1 p.m. and baby beef at 6:30 p.m.

The program committee, with J. Everett Kreider as chairman, has arranged some special evening entertainment this year. The new president, Robert C. Groff, Quarryville RD3, will officially open the fair September 19 at 7:30 p.m. At 8 p.m. the new Solanco Sing Out Group, led by Miss Kay Weaver, Quarryville RD2, will entertain. This will be followed by the Pennsylvania Dutch Humorist Merritt K. Freeman of Collegeville.

Thursday at 8 p.m. a newly organized eight or nine piece young band under the leadership of Kenneth Myers of New Holland will sing and play musical instruments. This will be followed by a Tug-of-War for FFA, firemen, Lions Clubs, agricultural groups and open classes. Concluding Thursday night's program will be a trail bike race for three and five horsepower bikes.

Friday night has always drawn a huge crowd and this year will be no exception. The large street parade will move from the Legion Park at 6:30 p.m. After



Mrs. Rutt and daughter Lorri feed the calves.

the parade the Jacob Brothers of Dillsburg, York County, will furnish music. Rural youth awards will be announced at 9 p.m. and the Jacob Brothers will perform again at 9:15 p.m.

Daytime entertainment of interest is a county-wide tractor driving contest for 4-H, FFA and Open Class at 12:30 p.m. Thursday. Another high light of the fair is the baby parade, in charge of Mrs. John Hershey, Quarryville RD2, to be held Friday at 10 a.m.

The fat hog and baby beef sale is scheduled at 2 p.m. Friday.

For the first time since the inception of this fair the Farm Women will not serve food. The Fair Association will have a food tent and can use any volunteer help. Others furnishing food are the Solanco Music Boosters Association, the Quarryville Jaycees, Eastern Star, Quarryville Lions Club and Inter-State Milk Producers.

Ken, Connie and their four year old daughter Lorri and two year old son Philip live on Edgefield Road, just about one mile south of Quarryville off route 472. Ken's

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Connie Rutt is at home at her sewing machine where she turns out a lot of clothes for herself and children.