



Mrs. Luther Moore

## Getting Ready for Ephrata Community Fair



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Tuesday, September 24th will mark the opening of the 56th annual Ephrata Fair, the oldest of Lancaster County's fairs. It will run through Saturday, September 28, climaxing with the annual Miss Lancaster County pageant at Ephrata High School.

One of the big events on the program of Pennsylvania's oldest and largest street fair will be the parade on Wednesday that will move over a three mile route starting at 7 P.M., rain date Thursday 7 P.M. The parade which attracts about 65,000 viewers will have 30 to 35 musical units, floats, Miss Lancaster County, Mrs. Lancaster County Fire Chief and other participants.

A carnival spirit will prevail throughout the five-day event along the midway stretching for several blocks with rides, eating stands and free entertainment at the bandstands several evenings. On Thursday afternoon thousands of children turn out for "Kiddies Day" when a reduced rate is offered them on the rides.

Thursday night a representative from the various Lancaster County fire company auxiliaries will vie for the crown of Mrs. Lancaster County Fire Chief.

The annual baby parade, one of the fair's major attractions, will be held Saturday at 2 P.M. A large crowd is expected to line the parade route to see the elaborate floats and tiny tots in fancy costumes.

Saturday at 8 P.M. the program will shift to the Ephrata High School auditorium for the great finale of the fair when the new Miss Lancaster County will be selected. This annual event, produced by the Ephrata area Jaycees, has attracted a sell-out crowd from all sections of Lancaster County for many years. This is one of the finest preliminaries to the Miss Pennsylvania pageant held in the state and carries with it many wonderful prizes and scholarship awards. For 23 years The Ephrata Farmers Day Association has sponsored this event.

This may sound like just a five-day entertainment-filled event but to the contrary visitors to the fair will find many interesting displays of products from farms, orchards and gardens - flowers, fruit, home baked and canned goods, crafts, art, needlework and models shown in store windows and the exhibit tent.

One of the points of major interest is "Ten: City" in Ephrata Community Park where outstanding displays of poultry, cattle, baby beef, sheep, tobacco, grains and forage may be seen. A carcass lamb auction and a swine sale will be held there during the fair. It is also at the park that the pig chase, cow milking, tractor driving and garden tractor pulling contests will be held.

A center of much interest to ladies and girls is located in



Mrs. Moore made the dress she is wearing, the long acrylic dress and the green crocheted afghan on the sofa.



Mrs. Luther R. (Miriam) Moore will exhibit some of these canned goods and jams at the Ephrata Fair

Sept. 24. She is holding some of her delicious nut brownies.

a tent on Lake Street, on the Borough Lot. There you will find fresh fruit and vegetables, flowers, eggs, honey, baked goods, 4-H sewing, Junior foods (prepared by girls and boys 9 to 20 years of age), canned goods and a few commercial exhibits.

The committee for Department 5 or baked goods, Junior foods, apiary products and eggs is Mrs. Luther R. (Miriam) Moore, Mrs. Sandra Saylor and Mrs. Janice Breneman. Mrs. Moore has served on the committee about five years and has acted as chairman three years. Mrs. Saylor and Mrs. Breneman were new on the committee last year.

Entries in this department will be accepted Tuesday, September 24 from 3 to 9 P.M. Judging will take place Wednesday about 8 or 9 A.M. As has been the custom in the past as soon as the baked goods are judged a sample of each entry is placed on a plate with earned ribbon attached and it is displayed all week. The rest is given to the Ephrata Community Hospital Auxiliary for a food sale. The sale will likely start about 10 A.M. The proceeds are donated directly to the hospital for equipment. This is a splendid idea because the baked goods would spoil till the end of the fair and anyone baking can feel they have helped a worthy cause. Buyers eagerly wait for a chance to buy the baked goods as soon as it is judged.

Classifications of baked goods for adults will be quick breads, yeast breads, rolls, iced butter cakes, egg cakes, pies, cookies and candy. A special rosette will be awarded for an entry judged Best of Show in yeast breads.

Last year this committee had between 250 and 275 entries. Of this number two or three dozen entries would have been Junior entries, about a half dozen entries of brown and white eggs and a half dozen honey entries. The balance were entries in baked goods, candy and home products such as homemade soap, noodles, potato chips and salted nuts.

The committee is responsible to set up their exhibits with ribbons attached after judging on Wednesday. Then Mrs. Moore gives out the ribbons and prize checks after 10 P.M. Saturday night.

Mrs. Moore expects to enter exhibits of her canned goods at the fair. She will probably enter grape, peach, strawberry, blueberry and apricot jam and canned meat,

peaches, grape juice, apple sauce and red beets. She may enter some garments she made also. She has exhibited canned goods, sewing and needlework for three or four years.

Mrs. Moore has been a member of Farm Women Society 3 for three years. This society has 42 members. They have served food at the fair for many years. This is their chief source of income. This is a terrific job but financially rewarding. They are famous for their clam patties. They start opening clams on the Saturday before the fair. Monday they cook chickens and make pepper cabbage. Mrs. Moore, besides working as a fair department chairman, helps the Farm Women Tuesday morning, Wednesday or Thursday night and Friday and Saturday. She is on the committee to remember ill society members with flowers this year.

Mrs. Moore has been a 4-H leader for the Lincoln Sewing Club for six years. She was in 4-H sewing herself for three years and was in the Home Ec class in high school. She also took a tailoring class, "Sewing With Knits". She does almost all her own sewing, a lot for her daughter, makes trousers for her son and is making a suit for her husband. She made herself a spring coat and winter coats for her daughter. She says she really enjoys sewing.

Miriam is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Roy Forry of Reamstown. Although her parents did not live on a farm, as a girl she stayed on a farm with her grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Forry, all summer and on weekends all year. She graduated from Ephrata High School on Highland Ave. After graduation she worked in the office of W. W. Moyer Co. as ticket printer, then went on to book work. She has worked part time for Roy Zimmerman & Sons, Ephrata RD3, as a bookkeeper in the Accounts Receivable Dept. for about three years. She works from 2 to 4 days a week. Zimmermans sell fuel oil, coal, grains and fertilizer.

Luther is a back hoe operator for Dutchman Construction Co., Akron. His hobby is attending stock car races, working on motors and rebuilding motorcycles. Luther attends stock car races every Friday night from March to the end of September at Reading Fair Grounds.

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