

Lehigh Co. Farm Activities

Farm Safety Week July 25-31

The annual declaration of National Farm Safety week brings to mind the many farm accidents in the Lehigh Valley. County Agent Glenn Ellenberger assures farmers that a Safety Week is not any protective or preventive device to scare away the farm accident disease.

Each farm person must be a year-round safety inspector. Accidents happen only when a person is in charge. That person must be charged up with the "safety fever" so that the accident doesn't or isn't permitted to happen.

Count fingers, noses, arms and legs now. Keep a daily

inventory so that none can get lost on the farm. They won't re-grow, notes Ellenberger.

Consumer Meat Costs Same Farmers know that production costs are up on all products such as beef and pork. Consumers are certain that meat takes a bigger bite out of the income.

County Agent Glenn Ellenberger, however, quotes figures released by Louis Moore, Penn State University Livestock Marketing Specialist, that show the consumer bite was greater 20 years ago than today. In 1955, 4.57 percent of the disposable income went for meat. In 1974-75 that percentage has dropped to

4.03 percent. In addition to this reversal, quality has improved for meat sold. Better cuts, less waste and more tenderness is present in the steak or chop of today.

Strawberry Rot Present
Growers of strawberries must keep after the Botrytis Fruit Rot during periods of damp weather. Ripening berries become a fungus infected mass, notes Glenn Ellenberger, County Agent. Fungicide sprays to prevent the rot should have started during the blossom period. Continued coverage is necessary during ripening period. Benomyl (Benlate) or Captan are the recommended materials. Directions should be followed on the container.

Trellis Fruit Meeting
Lehigh Valley fruit growers will visit the Hamilton Orchard, south of Limeport where growing of apples on a trellis is being practiced. Over 25 acres are being developed. The visit is scheduled for June 13th at 7:00 p.m. Dr. Marshall Ritter, Penn State University Ponoologist will discuss the Trellis system and review the production practices. All fruit growers are invited to attend. Follow the Red Fruit Meeting signs to the orchard from the Limeport Pike south of Limeport. County Agent Glenn Ellenberger, says rain or shine, this meeting will be designed to up-date growers in compact orchards.

Farm-City Breakfast Set
The June Breakfast now that school is out will center around the Lehigh County Community College. The Farm-City meeting will be on June 24th at 7:30 a.m. at the City Vu Diner.

Dr. Jack Barrier, College President, will discuss the Community Place of the College Program.

Farmers and business people will be able to ask Dr. Barrier questions dealing with the College Program as

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it relates to rural and urban development.

Reservations for the breakfast, sponsored by the Agriculture Committee of the Chamber of Commerce, can be made at the Agricultural Extension Office, 434-9471, Ext. 301, prior to June 20.

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Pork Day Feast Called

The first Saturday in August is the traditional Pork Day Feast. Planned at the Eastern Pennsylvania Pork Producers Board Meeting, this past week, this 13th Annual event is attended by over 100 pork enthusiasts.

Starting at 5:00 p.m. on August 2nd at the Kempton Community Park, the "All You Can Eat and Drink" parade will be started, according to John Turn, Kempton, R2, President of the EPPPA. Four thousand pork chops have been ordered for the barbecue pit, a roast porker will also be put on the spit as a special treat.

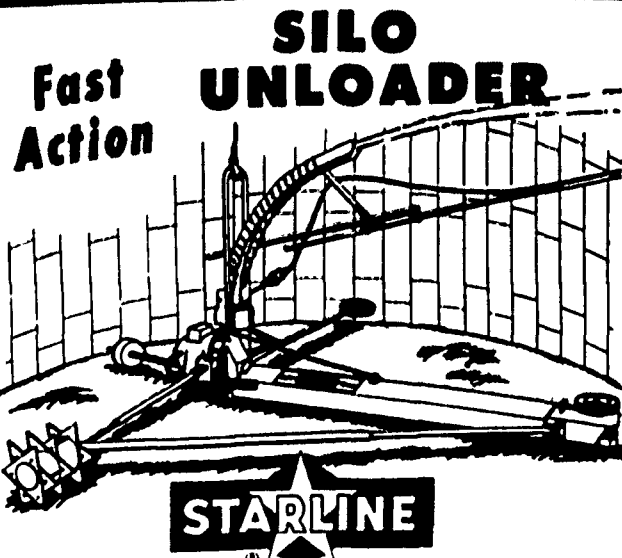
Musical entertainment, the Pennsylvania Pork Cook-Out contest and Door Prizes will liven up the evening's activities.

Pork producers will have tickets available in the near future.

SITTING OR SETTING?

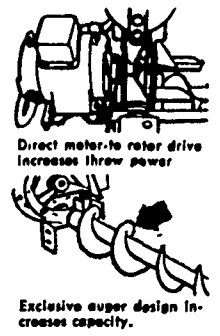
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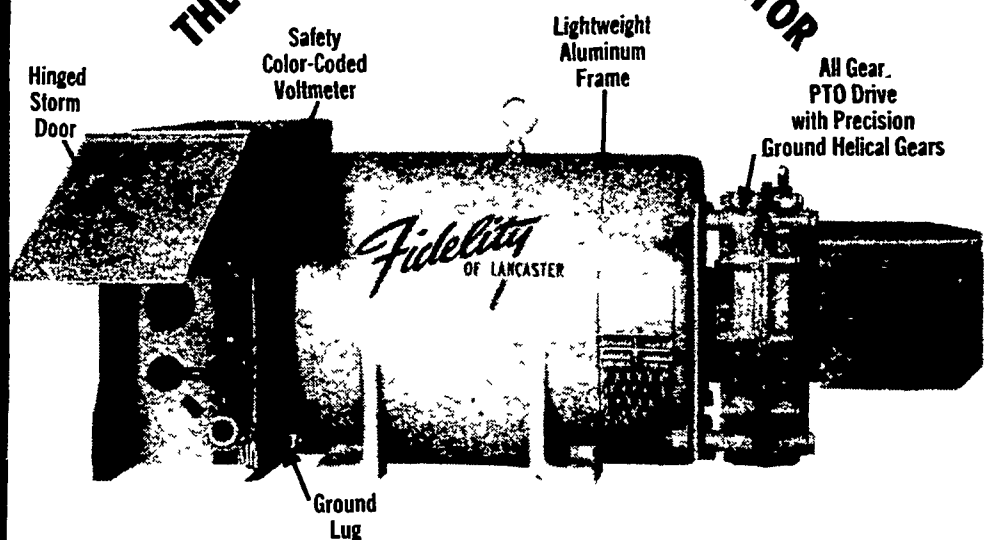
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