

Farm show is 60 years old

By James A. McHale, Secretary of Agriculture,
of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania
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Though winter is making a late arrival, believe it or not Farm Show week will be with us in about a month and a half.

This 60th annual Pennsylvania Farm Show is the occasion for a bit more reminiscing than usual. This is the bicentennial year Farm Show.

The Farm Show may be 60 years old, but its roots go to the origin of this country's history.

Under the guidance of William Penn, fairs for the sale of wares and produce were established very early in the history of colonial Pennsylvania as in other colonies. The first Philadelphia fair was held in 1686.

Oddly enough, these early fairs encouraged the sale of manufactured rather than agricultural products, probably to establish a balance of trade to bring money into the commonwealth.

At any rate, the tradition of the Farm Show is more directly traced to a later idea of holding farm shows or exhibitions essentially for an educational rather than a commercial purpose. This idea came to this country from Scotland at about the beginning of the 1800's.

In 1809, the Pennsylvania Society for Improving the Breed of Cattle held a cattle show at Bush Hill in Philadelphia. There were premiums offered. Subsequent fairs proved successful and by 1823 legislation was passed incorporating the Pennsylvania Agricultural Society.

The first state fair was held Oct. 22-24, 1823, near Paoli, Chester County. The fair included more than 100 cattle, 150 sheep and 30 horses varying "from the graceful figure of the fleet and high mettled courser of Arabia to the heavy frame of the patient and powerful draught horse of Pennsylvania."

By 1850, Harrisburg became the site for an annual farmers' convention and a year later a state fair was held here. The actual site is described as being located "about a mile above Harrisburg, on the eastern side of the Susquehanna (probably only a few blocks from the present Pennsylvania Farm Show Building) embracing nearly fifteen acres, which was substantially enclosed by a fence ten feet high."

For the remainder of the century, the Pennsylvania State Fair shifted from city to city in hopes of interesting new groups of people so that local societies and county fairs might be established.

By 1882, this original purpose was accomplished and it was decided to develop a permanent location for the Fair. A 30-acre tract of land was leased for ten years in Philadelphia and \$90,000 was expended for buildings and other improvements. Fairs were held at this site until 1888 when generally bad economic conditions of the country caught up with the Fair.

Statewide agricultural exhibits continued from 1900 to 1917 and gradually the idea of an annual statewide farm products show was formed.

In 1917, plans were made for the regular annual session of the State Board of Agriculture (predecessor of the Agriculture Department) and for meetings of the Pennsylvania Breeders' and Dairymen's Association, the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania, the Pennsylvania State Veterinary Medical Association and the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers' Association in Harrisburg - Jan. 23-25. Representatives of these

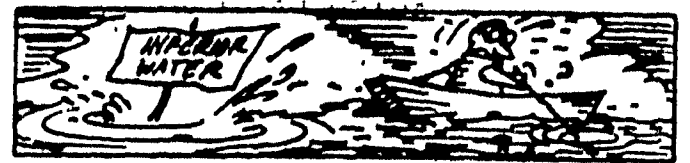
organizations agreed that at the time of the conferences a display of corn, fruit, vegetables, dairy products and wool should be arranged.

The combined display of farm products and farm implements, which was to go down in history as the first annual State Farm Products Show in Pennsylvania, was held in the Emerson-Brantingham building, 10th and Market Streets.

That was it. The Farm Show was here to stay in Harrisburg, though the locations were to change.

The main building of the Farm Show complex was dedicated January 19, 1931 at a cost of \$1,440,000. The large arena was dedicated January, 1939 at a cost of \$1,250,000.

If building costs today were close to what they were 40 years ago, no doubt plans for a new Farm Show complex would be well advanced. But we will do the best with what we have. Welcome to Farm Show 1976.



There is a pond in Connecticut called Lake Inferior.

HUNTER'S SALE BARN, INC.

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FRI. EVE., NOV. 28, 1975

7:30 P.M.

FEEDER SALE

Approx. 175 Head
of Good Stock.

Livestock, Poultry, Produce,
Household Auction, Flea and
Farmers Market
Every Monday Night.

SECOND ANNUAL PUBLIC SALE

We will offer for sale the following located approximately 6 miles West of Martinsburg, West Virginia. From I-81 take Exit No. 2 - Travel West on Route 45 to Arden - Located on the Arden Road - WATCH FOR SIGNS.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 1975

AT 10:00 A.M.

APPROXIMATELY 20 TRACTORS - FORDS
INTERNATIONALS - CUBS - ALLIS CHALMERS
AND OTHER MAKE TRACTORS - PLOWS
HARROWS - TRUCKS - DISCS - CULTIVATORS
AND MANY OTHER FARM RELATED ARTICLES

NOTE: The above is a very small sampling of the Tractors and Farm Equipment we will be offering for sale. For more detailed information, please call us at the number below or the auctioneer whose phone number is also listed.

This is a consignment sale. If you have surplus items of Farm Equipment, let us sell them for you.

This sale will be sold by number. You will be eligible for three door prizes by registering, but must be present to win.

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PUBLIC SALE

REAL ESTATE & HOUSEHOLD GOODS

LOCATION - Along Route 30 in the Village of Leaman Place across from Paradise Elementary School.

SAT., NOV. 29,

10 A.M.

Lot app. 70 x 200 erected thereon a 1 1/2 story frame dwelling covered with aluminum siding. Good slate roof, full basement, 6 rooms and bath, cast iron radiator hot water auto. oil heat, storm windows, TV antenna & Rototenor, 2 car garage in basement.

10 percent down, Balance in 30 days.

REAL ESTATE to be sold at 1 P.M.

Philco refrig. International chest freezer, pop up toaster, can opener, elec. mixer, breakfast set, dishes, pots, pans, some stainless steel cookware, Cannister set & bread box, dining room suite, glass server, 2 sets dishes, glassware, desk wicker stools, mirror, living room suite w. extra chair, end table, book case, table & floor lamps, pictures & picture frames, elec. clocks, umbrella stand, what-not shelves, 3 cane seated chairs, sofa bed, bedroom suite, bed linens, towels, Necchi elec. sewing machine, chest of drawers.

ANTIQUES

Cheese cutter, Childs rocker, 2 kerosene lamps (1 with wall bracket) large ironstone platter, other ironstone dishes, twisted spindle cane seated rocker, plank rocker, clothes rack, high chair, ice tongs, large meat fork, lantern, 2 spring scales, small broad axe, monkey wrench, jugs, flat iron, gal. & 5 gal. crocks, iron bank, blanket chest, 6 bone dishes, 12 individual salts, goblet 1776 dated 1876, round oak extension table 3 boards, treadle sewing machine.

Rugs, occasional table, swivel rocker, silverware, lamp shades, hassock, glass cake stand, large mixing bowl, sandwich grill, ice cream freezer, puzzles, Carom board, books, barbecue grill, bird bath, all kinds Christmas decorations & artificial tree, throw rugs, window fan, old pictures & frames.

Double barrel hammer shot gun, 22 single rifle, Derringer revolver.

Hahn Eclipse 5 hp. rider elec. start, 20 in. rotary mower, push mower, girls 28 in. Star jet bicycle, Maytag wringer washer, tubs, garden tools, glider & lawn furniture, post saw, 1 man saw, folding picnic table, garden hose, flowers, snow skis, large market basket.

TERMS BY

LILLIE KEEN ESTATE

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Property may be inspected
Nov. 22 & 23 from 1 to 4 P.M.
Lunch by Mt. Eden Lutheran Church

PUBLIC SALE

REAL ESTATE & PERSONAL PROPERTY

SAT., NOV. 29, 1975

12:30 P.M.

Located off Route 372, 1 mile East of Buck take Hollow Road to Barr Road, 1/2 mile along Barr Road, Providence Twp., Lanc. Co., Pa.

Real Estate consists of all that certain tract of land containing 9 acres and 59.6 perches more or less erected thereon 2 1/2 story frame dwelling covered with aluminum siding containing 6 rooms, bath, and recreation room in basement with electric heat; forced hot air heat in balance of house, well water; also erected thereon frame barn with 3 car garage in basement, large room & small office on second story of barn. To be sold with property 12' x 55' mobile home, 3 bedrooms, 1 1/2 baths, partly furnished, storm windows, doors, electric. There is space for another mobile home on property with sewerage & water available. Real Estate may be inspected any evening after 4 p.m. or any Sat. afternoon prior to day of sale. Real Estate will be offered for sale at 1:30 p.m.

Personal property consists of disc harrow, 3 sect. spring harrow, round locust posts, 3 point hitch post hole digger, Black & Decker skill saw, Sears skill saw, 1/4" electric drill, misc. lumber, misc. tools, windows & doors, automatic Kenmore washer, 2 kitchen cabinets, 1958 International 4 wheel drive pick up truck dual wheels on rear, and other articles.

Sale By

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PUBLIC SALE

OF

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
FARM 109 PLUS ACRES

SATURDAY, NOV. 29, 1975

11:00 A.M.

Located 2 miles West of New Columbia, PA.
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2 STORY HOUSE

6 rooms & 2 full baths, with modern kitchen, oil heat, many more conveniences.

Large bank barn, Dairy, Beef or combination. 8 stanchions, 9 tie stalls, five large box stalls, cement block milk house, large machinery shed with cement floor, double corn crib, garage & other necessary buildings.

Approximately 2,000 ft. road frontage. 100 tillable acres, 6 acres pasture with stream. Balance is woodland. 80 acres contoured, underground drainage where needed. All center fence rows removed. No reservation on growing crops.

Inspection dates, Nov. 22, 23, morning of sale or by appointment, phone 717-568-7271.

Terms - 10 percent down, balance in 60 days or upon delivery of the deed. Present first mortgage is available. Other conditions to be read at sale time.

Owners,

SAMUEL H. DRUMM &
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