

Pa.'s first endurance ride held in Chester Co.

KENNETT SQUARE - Earlier in May, the Liberty Bell 50, Pennsylvania's first endurance ride, was held near Kennett Square, Chester County. Horses and riders from all over the east coast gathered to try their luck in competing to prove that their mounts were the most fit and could cover the 50 mile course in the least time in the best condition. The Sweet Pea Memorial Challenge Trophy, awarded to the horse judged to be in the best condition after placing in the top ten position was won by Valerie Kanavy, Chester Springs,

Pa., riding Jameel Abyad, a 10 year old Arabian mare. The award was presented by Dr. and Mrs. Matthew Mackay-Smith.

Colonel, a 13 year old Thoroughbred cross gelding, ridden by Dif Fatum, Staatsburg, N.Y., won the First to Finish Challenge Trophy. The time of the winning ride was three hours, 59 minutes.

First Junior rider to finish was Susan Ingram, Great Falls, Va. She rode Gay Sprite, and 11 year old Thoroughbred-Welsh mare.



Valerie Kanavy, from Chester Springs, on Jameel Abyad, a 10 year old Arab mare, was second to finish and winner of the Sweet Pea Memorial Challenge Trophy. Behind her is Larry Kanavy, who finished fifth and was the winner of the Quarter Horse trophy.

She finished the ride in five hours, 28 minutes and was tenth over all to finish.

Other trophy winners included Matthew Mackay-Smith, Coatesville, Pa. who won the Thoroughbred trophy, presented to the first Thoroughbred to cross the finish line. He rode Scarlet Dion, an 11 year old bay mare. The Arabian Breed award went to Valerie Kanavy, Half Arabian Trophy was won by Marilyn Miller, Woodsboro, Md., who rode Buddy, a 12 year old part-Arab gelding.

Quarter Horse trophy went to Larry Kanavy, riding his 7 year old mare Charge Cindy. Appaloosa Trophy went to Arlene Everman, from Winchester, Kentucky, who rode Leo Ann, a registered mare. The unregistered horse award went to Finka S. Cathey, Frederick, Md., who rode a 7 year old bay gelding named Michael.

Thirty three horses started the race. Twenty-two finished the course.

The length of time needed to prepare for an Endurance

Ride varies, of course, with each animal. A horse who has had a vigorous work history on the race course or hunt field will take less time and work to condition than the horse who is an un-schooled five year old (minimum age for most Endurance Rides). Once a horse has been fit, it seems to take less time and effort to get him fit again. Still, most riders allow 10 or 12 weeks to prepare for a 100 Mile Competitive Ride and up to a year to prepare for a 100 Mile Endurance Ride.

The most sought after Trophy on an Endurance Ride, besides the elusive first over the finish, is the trophy given for the best condition amongst the top ten or top five.

Endurance Riding has no minimum time. There is a maximum time for completion, however. Also, the competition takes place during twenty-four hours in most cases. Generally nine or 10 hours are allowed for

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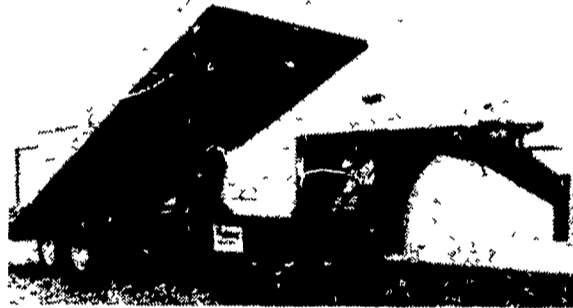


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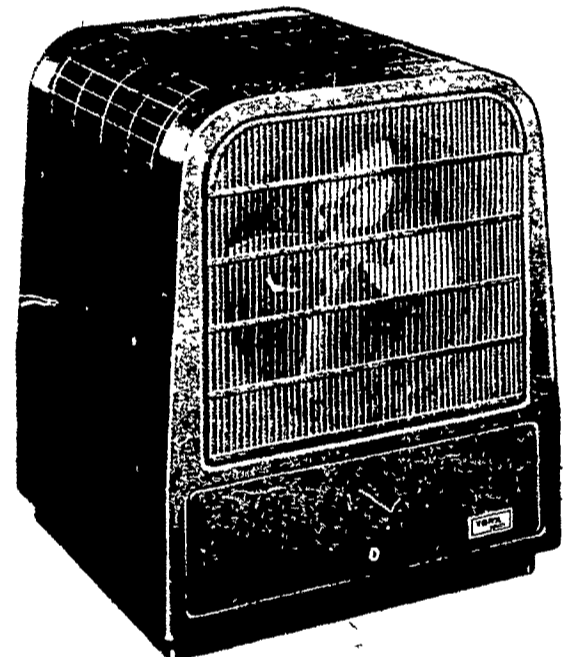
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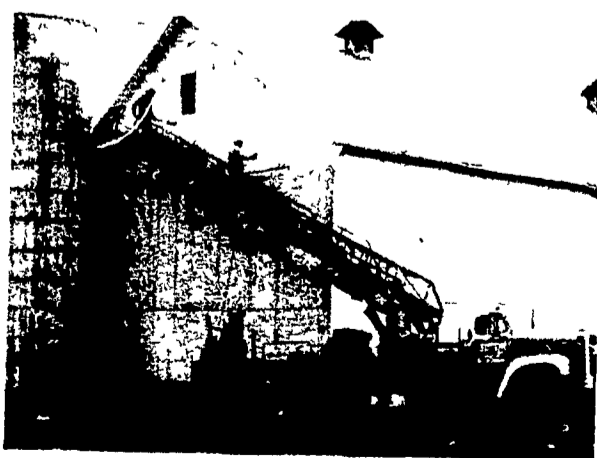
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