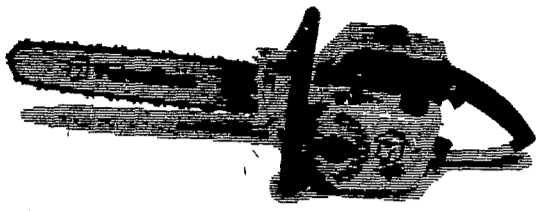


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60th Ephrata Fair begins Tuesday

EPHRATA -- The Ephrata Street Fair, Pennsylvania's largest of its kind, launches its 60th year on Tuesday, September 26th and continues through Saturday, September 30th. The fair, inaugurated in 1919 as a homecoming for World War I veterans, attracts over 200,000 persons each year.

The parade, highlighting the five day affair, begins its march through the streets of Ephrata at seven o'clock on Wednesday evening, September 27th. (Rain Date - September 28) Drawing over 65,000 viewers, the parade is composed of talented high school bands, a variety of marching and special interest groups, a beautiful array of floats and the lovely

Miss Lancaster County Pageant contestants. Warwick High School, 1978 Honor Band, will be last in the line of march and at the close of the parade will present a concert in front of the viewing stand on Lake Street.

Visitors of all ages will enjoy the various displays to be found at specific locations throughout the fair grounds. Housing the baked, canned, dried goods, jellies, flowers and crafts will be the basement of the J.J. Newberry Store. The former Reading Company Station on East Main Street will feature needlework, 4-H clothing, etc. The Texgas Corp. Showroom, 11 South State Street, will display the art work. Finally, vegetables, fruits, nuts and sunflowers will be found in the large tent on the borough parking lot.

"Tent City", the agricultural segment and foundation on which the fair was built, will be a bustling center of activity. Sounds of baby beef, cattle, swine, sheep and poultry will fill the Ephrata Community Park and will become the point of interest during the judging of the livestock. Also exhibited for public viewing will be tobacco, grain, forage, various farm displays and mini displays by youth groups.

Among the many contests, branching from the agricultural portion of the fair, are the tractor driving, garden tractor pulling, cow milking and pig chase.

A carnival spirit will prevail on the giant midway throughout the week,

complete with rides for children and adults, concession stands, games of skill and free entertainment nightly.

On Thursday afternoon, between one and six o'clock, the midway is overtaken by thousands of school age children for what is commonly known as "Kiddies Day". The children are all given special reduced rates for rides, including some old favorites like the ferris wheel and the merry-go-round. As a special treat from the Fair Association

each boy and girl receives a popsicle and a sucker. Finally, to round out an exciting afternoon, on hand to greet everyone is a friendly and lovable clown.

On Saturday, the final day of festivities, thousands of people line the streets to catch a glimpse of the little tots in their fancy costumes and creatively designed floats. The baby parade will be held at two o'clock Saturday afternoon and is expected, as in past years, to

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Ephrata fair schedule

Tuesday

Farm Machinery Exhibits Placed . . . 10:00 A.M.-4:00 P.M.
Farm Machinery Exhibits Open 4:30 P.M.
Barbecued Pork Chop Dinner (YF Ref. Stand) 5-8:00 P.M.
Adult Tractor Driving Contest (LBD) 5:00 P.M.
Jr. Market Hog Judging (UBD) 5:30 P.M.
Crop Exhibits Received (Grain Tent) 5-8:00 P.M.
Pig Chase (UBD) 8:00 P.M.

WEDNESDAY

Poultry Judging (Playhouse Basement) 10:00 A.M.
Cloister FFA Tractor Driving Contest (LBD) . . . 1:00 P.M.
Jr. Market Lambs Judging (UBD) 4:30 P.M.
Street Fair Parade 7:00 P.M.

THURSDAY

Jr. Market Hog Sale (UBD) 6:00 P.M.
Pork Cook-out Contest 6:00 P.M.
Garden Tractor Pulling Contest (LBD) 7:00 P.M.
FFA & 4-H Baby Beef Judging (UBD) 7:30 P.M.

FRIDAY

Area FFA Tractor Driving Contest (LBD) 1:30 P.M.
Carcass Lamb Auction (UBD) 6:30 P.M.
Cow Milking Contest (UBD) 7:00 P.M.
Junior Dairy Cattle Judging (UBD) 7:30 P.M.

SATURDAY

Exhibits Close (Ephrata Community Park) . . . 12:00 Noon
Remove Exhibits & Clean Up Park . . . 12:00 Noon-2:00 P.M.

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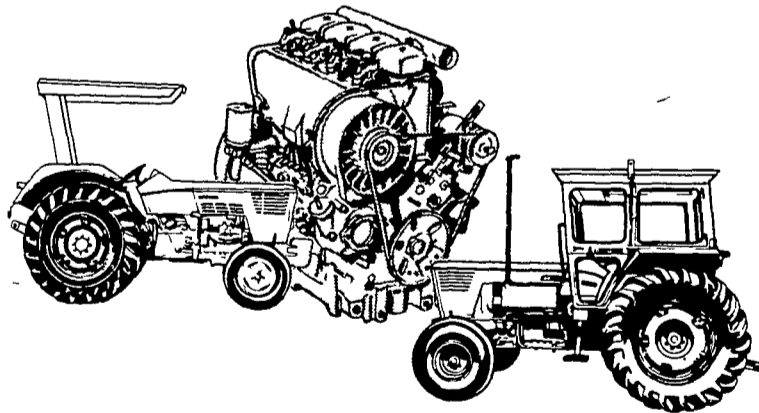
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