

Lapp

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of horses and eight of them will travel with him to the Farm Show. This year he will compete in the aged mares, two year olds, yearling, and foal classes. His stud will not compete due to an accident this Fall.

He likes his Belgians to have white faces, manes, and tails, to contrast with their sorrel color. The horses he shows, he has raised from foals, and he breaks them himself.

He told that the horses are trained when they reach the age of two years. It takes him a couple of weeks to teach a horse to work, although if he decides to train it to be a "single line leader", the time involved is about three months.

Lapp stated that he likes Belgians because they are "a breed that is easier to train, and are gentle animals".

About half of the farm work is done using the horses, Lapp related. He uses them to haul manure, do all the planting and sowing, and some of the cultivating.

He said that he favors horses, and enjoys working with them.

"I'm just a horseman," is the way he put it, "Not a mechanic."

He explained that a lot of

preparation has been underway on the farm to get the eight head ready for their trek to Harrisburg.

He and his son started shoeing the large horses about two weeks ago, taking their time to do the job right. The excess hair on the horses was trimmed off on New Year's Day, a task that took the entire day.

A tractor trailer is used to haul the horses to the Farm Show. There they are shampooed and brushed until they shine for their competition on Tuesday.

Lapp will stay with the horses all week at the Farm Show, caring and feeding them.

The Farm Show is the only competition that Lapp competes in now, although he used to be active in other shows.

At the Farm Show, there will be halter classes, then cart classes for both singles and doubles, and then six horse hitches.

The man, who also judges draft horses, said he has participated in the plowing contests which are held in Schaefferstown every Fall. He also drives his six horse hitch, complete with a covered wagon owned by the Landis Valley Museum, over to the Rough and Tumble, Kinzer, where among other things he uses his horse to

demonstrate the treading techniques of threshing machines.

He also opens the farm to tourist and school groups, and said that from about the first of April to the end of school, he is very busy showing the animals, letting

the youngsters milk a cow, and ride a horse. Then he takes everyone for an old fashioned hayride. Everyone feasts at a barbecue his wife prepares. He noted that the tour is usually booked solid. Last year over 4000 children

Those horses have become in family activities in other ways, too. Lapp showed snapshots of past weddings in the family where the Belgians appeared complete with a wagon to pull the wedding party from the

church to where reception was held.

But right now those animals are being readied for the Farm Show competition next week when they will walk, trot, and stand to be judged on their beauty and confirmation.



The mare, Floss, an eight year old, which Lapp raised from a foal, won its class as a two year old and continued her winning streak, being tops in her competition as a three, four, and five year old.

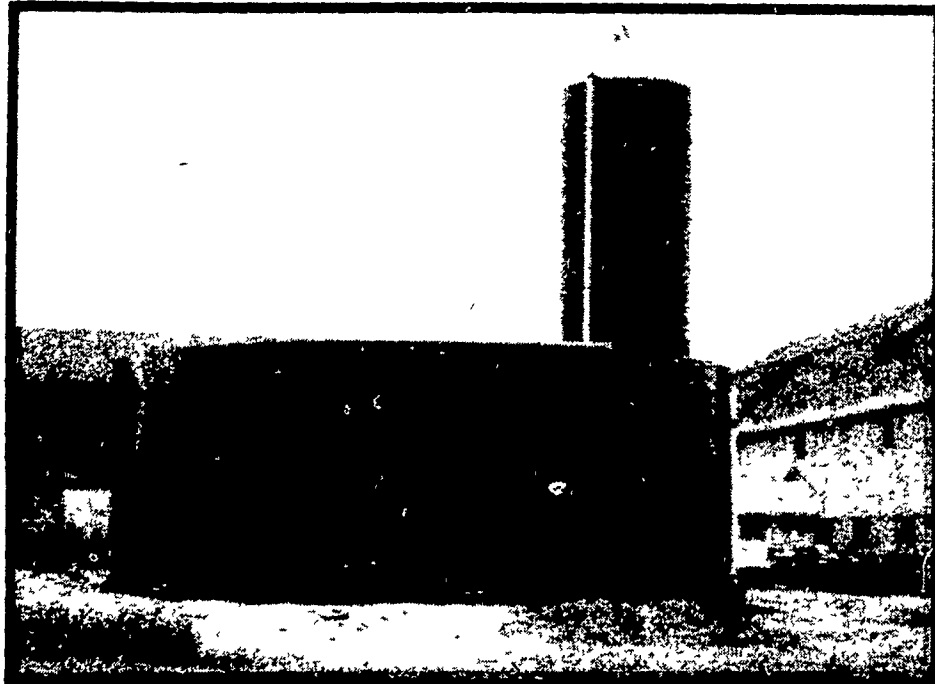
One year she was the senior champion mare and her dam was the reserve champion. She and her mate have also been named the champion horse hitch.

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