

York 4-H Fair slated

YORK — The York County 4-H Fair will be held August 2, 3, and 4 at the York Interstate Fairgrounds. Entries must be registered between 9 a.m. and 6 p.m. this coming Thursday. Following is the schedule of activities:

Thursday - 10 a.m. Holstein dairy show; 7 p.m. all exhibits judged.

Friday - all exhibits open to general public; 10 a.m. dairy show; 12 noon milking contest; 4 p.m. bee demonstration; 5 p.m. oxen rides; 7 p.m. sheep shearing demonstration; 7:30 p.m. sheep blocking.

Free hay rides will be offered Friday and Saturday to transport visitors to different activities around the Fairgrounds.

Saturday - 9 a.m. horse show; rabbit production show; noon, tractor driving contest; 1 p.m. goat show, bicycle rodeo, auto safety.

A petting zoo will be open all day Saturday. Special entertainment for youngsters will be a garden tree house, clowns, and a puppet show at 11 a.m., Saturday.

Watch out for rabid animals

NEWARK, Del. — With rabies on the rise in some parts of the nation, University of Delaware assistant professor of animal science Dr. Paul E. Meckley cautions people to avoid stray dogs and cats and all wild animals.

Animals that appear ill should be reported to the local animal control office, he says. But it isn't always easy to recognize a rabid animal.

The stereotype pictures a rabid animal as foaming at

the mouth, but this is a misconception. Not all rabid animals foam at the mouth, and an animal may foam at the mouth for reasons other than rabies.

An animal's behavior may tell you it is rabid. Be wary if an animal runs around excitedly without direction, or if a nighttime animal roams near a campsite by day. Bats flying erratically in the sunlight are rabies suspects. Never approach wild skunks or foxes which suddenly appear to be tame.

If you are bitten, wash the wound thoroughly. And if you suspect that the animal is rabid, alert the animal control center or local humane society so that professionals can capture the animal. A brain test on the animal will reveal if it is rabid.

If the animal isn't caught, your doctor may advise you to go through with the rabies treatment. The disease is too severe to take chances.

Until recent years, the traditional treatment was a series of daily rabies injections for 14 to 21 days. Meckley says new methods not only can reduce that period to seven days, but injections are less painful. He says side effects to treatment are rare.

Rabies is passed through the carrier's saliva and attacks the victim's nervous system. It leads to a violent death, and there is no cure in humans once the symptoms appear.

The first symptoms are headaches, slight fever, anxiety and malaise. Nervousness increases and the victim becomes sensitive to noise, light and sudden movements. The victim may go into convulsions; then paralysis takes over. A coma may precede death.

In humans, rabies also is known as hydrophobia because the victim suffers an extreme fear of water.

trolled in many developed countries.

There are usually fewer than two cases of rabies in humans reported each year in the United States. But people should not become complacent about the disease. It's important to vaccinate the family cat and dog, and to remember that any animal which bites a person must be quarantined for 10 days. The American Veterinary Medical Association and humane associations are on record as discouraging the keeping of wild mammals as pets.

Depending on the animal, rabies vaccinations should be repeated yearly or every three years. Check with your local veterinarian for advice on the proper vaccine and vaccination schedule for your family pet.

Md. emergency federal loans approved

ANNAPOLIS, Md. — Farmers in three Maryland counties are eligible for federal emergency loan assistance.

Maryland Secretary of Agriculture, Wayne A. Cawley, Jr., says, "The Farmer's Home Administration is accepting applications from farmers in Wicomico, Dorchester and Washington Counties for emergency loans to cover damages or losses caused by a severe hailstorm earlier this year. Persons requesting such assistance must be established farmers (operating individually or as a member of a partnership or corporation) who have suffered physical or production losses and who have not been able to obtain loans from private or cooperative credit sources."

Secretary Cawley adds that, "FmHA emergency loans may be used to repair or replace damaged farm buildings or to meet other necessary farm expenses. Loans to cover actual losses carry a five per cent interest rate while other loans for long or short term credit will be issued at the current interest rate of 9.5 per cent."

Farmers wishing to

participate in this program should apply at their local FmHA office. The Dorchester County office is located in Room 111, 501 Court Lane, Cambridge, Maryland 21801, (telephone — 228-3250); in Wicomico County the location is at 116 South Blvd., Salisbury, Maryland 21801, (telephone — 546-0786) and the Washington County office is

at 138 East Antietam Street, Hagerstown, Maryland 21740, (telephone — 797-1670).

Applications for emergency loans covering physical losses will be received by FmHA until April 3, 1980. Loan applications for production losses will be accepted until July 8, 1980.

Safety committee holds seminars

MARIETTA — With this being National Farm Safety Week, the health and safety committee of the Lancaster County Farmers Association Womens' committee notes that it has conducted three seminars on familiarizing emergency ambulance

crews with farm equipment.

These seminars were held at the Messicks Farm Equipment, located near the Rt. 283 bypass at the Rheems Exit. Guided by the maintenance and shop personnel, the crews were shown how to shup off all power of the

farm equipment, what chains or bolts to cut, where, if possible to apply pressure, and where and when porta tools were advised to be used.

The crews of 14 companies in the county participated, with a total of 83 men and women involved.

The committee reported that the crews seemed very interested and concerned. Questions were asked throughout the seminars, with many suggestions given for more extensive workshops. It was expressed that this area of training had been ignored for too long.

The committee members, Shirley Gamer, Becky Wivell, Pat Barley, and Ginny Ranck, thank Messicks Farm Equipment for their help in conducting these seminars.

Future activities of the

Though rabies is considered a terrifying disease throughout the world, Colin Kaplan points out in the book Rabies: The Facts, that rabies has never reached mass-epidemic form. Kaplan says it is the suffering caused by rabies, not the prevalence of the disease, that brings the terror.

Today, with an extensive vaccination program, rabies in humans has been con-

committee are a first aid and CPR course, and a tractor driving safety course for women and youth.



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