

Apple harvest festival set for Adams County

GETTYSBURG — Cooler days and earlier sunsets have signaled that the busy days of summer have passed once more.

To the fruitgrowers of Adams County, however, the fall marks the beginning of their busiest season — the annual apple harvest.

Adams County, primarily noted for its historic Gettysburg battlefield, is actually the fruit bowl of Pennsylvania with nearly 20,000 acres of fruit trees producing over seven million bushels of apples annually, tops in Pennsylvania.

In celebration of the harvest, the Upper Adams Jaycees annually sponsors the Apple Harvest Festival which will be held this year,

October 4 and 5 and October 11 and 12 at the South Mountain Fairgrounds, 10 miles north of Gettysburg on Route 234.

The Festival, set in one of Pennsylvania's most picturesque regions, the rolling hills of the South Mountains, provides a perfect setting for a relaxing week-end. The drive to the area sets the tone for the event, as visitors pass through tree covered hillsides bursting with limbs loaded with brilliant red and gold colored fruit.

The festival itself is a wonderland of apples, entertainment and excitement. Apple products are produced for you as you watch, many by the fascinating methods

of a bygone day. There's an old fashioned cider press producing that sweet fresh apple cider, apple pancakes with apple syrups and candy apples, too.

Entertainment will be featured continuously on each day of the two week-end event. The First U.S. Army Band will be featured on October 4th and the fun

continues to Bluegrass music, a Dutch band etc.

For the young, and young at heart, steam engine rides and contests such as apple bobbing will be held each day; a craft fair with over 100 artisans and craftsmen will be demonstrating their skills; antique gas engines and equipment will be running and antique autos

will be on display.

The grand finale of the festival is the selection of the National Apple Queen "Miss Apple Queen U.S.A." Visitors are invited to attend the judging of the State Queens from the eleven apple producing states in attendance. Visitors are also invited to attend the gala Apple Harvest Ball set for

October 11th.

For complete details and a free color booklet with a descriptive map write the Gettysburg Travel Council, Dept. 8-Y, 35 Carlisle St., Gettysburg, Pa. 17325, Telephone 717/334-6274. Or, contact The Apple Harvest Festival, Box 38, Biglerville, Pa. 17307, Telephone 717/677-9413.

National apple queen to be chosen

GETTYSBURG — Eleven state apple queens from Pennsylvania to California will vie for the coveted crown of "Miss Apple Queen U.S.A." October 11 at the 1980 Apple Harvest Festival.

The Festival, held the first two week-ends of October in one of the nation's most productive fruit regions, is one of the major festivals held annually in Pennsylvania.

Although the Festival itself features entertainment, artisans, craftsmen and tours of the picturesque apple orchards, the Festival highlight is undoubtedly the judging and selection of the new National Apple Queen.

Beauty will be very apparent among the participants from the eleven apple producing states in attendance, but poise, personality, knowledge of apples and public speaking ability will be the main factors used by the judges.

The eager contestants, who are single and between the ages of 16 to 22, will be competing from the apple producing states of Pennsylvania, Arkansas, California, Maryland, Michigan, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, Virginia and West Virginia.

Public events for the

queens will include participation in the Gettysburg Apple Harvest Mart from 2 to 3:45 p.m. on Friday, October 10th. The Mart will be held in downtown Gettysburg on Lincoln Square and will include colorful displays of fruit, vegetables, crafts, homemade baked goods, etc.

At 7 p.m. that night, the public is again invited to participate in the apple dessert sampler which will be held at the Hickory Bridge Farm. There, at 8 p.m. the queens with their state banners and crowns, will each deliver a three minute speech on an apple related topic.

On Saturday, October 11th the queens will participate in various activities at the Apple Festival held 10 miles north of Gettysburg at the South Mountain Fairgrounds.

Then, that evening at the Apple Harvest Ball; set to be held at the Carroll Valley Country Club, the judging will be concluded with the selection of the "1980 Miss Apple Queen U.S.A."

For tickets to the Ball and other events, or additional information, contact The Gettysburg Area Chamber of Commerce, Dept. A-1, 33 York Street, Gettysburg, Pa. 17325, or call 717/334-8151.

Ag Secretary praises milk security act

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania Agriculture Secretary Penrose Hallowell Wednesday told the Pennsylvania Milk Marketing Board that regulations affecting the Milk Producers' and Cooperative Security Funds Act must treat all segments of the dairy industry with fairness and equal opportunity.

Hallowell said, "The Pennsylvania Milk Producers' and Cooperative Security Funds Act is a major improvement from the previous bonding limitations...a solid first step."

He said the Act "demonstrates that Pennsylvania's dairy industry can unite for a common cause when the best interest of the grass roots dairy farmer is at stake."

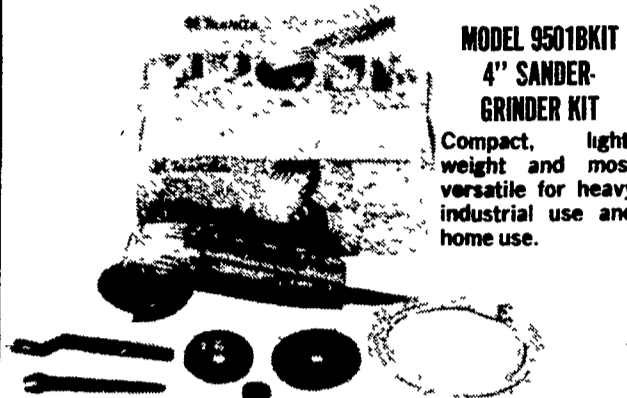
The Milk Security Fund has been a major goal of the Thornburgh Administration, and became law when signed by the Governor on July 10, 1980.

Hallowell said, "Our initial goal was to move quickly to provide our dairy farmers with security from dealer to cooperative bankruptcy."

He added, "We wanted to get the framework for a working bill on the books, realizing that finishing touches could be applied at a later time."

The Agriculture Secretary told the Board that the Act can serve its intended purpose, without any amendments to the law at this time. He recommended a technical revision for proposed regulations, inserting a definition for "trust company."

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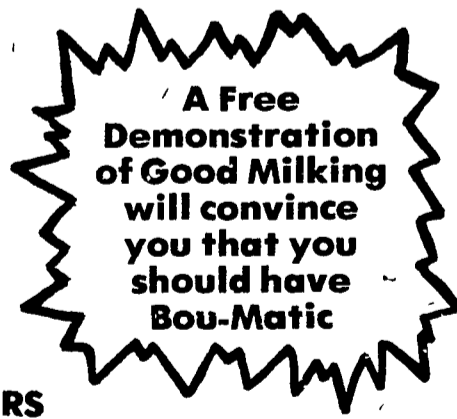
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