

# Berks Co. to hold horse expo

READING — The Berks County Horse Exposition will be held Saturday, March 28 at the Berks Campus of Penn State from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

The Expo is an educational event being sponsored by the Berks County Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H horse clubs, in-

terested horse breed associations, local horse clubs, and the Berks County Equine Council.

During the course of the day-long event, emphasis will be given on how horses provide a individual an opportunity to explore a hobby, career, outdoor recreation, physical fitness and competitive

sports events.

Movies will be shown in three different buildings during the course of the day.

New this year will be the White Elephant Sale and Auction. Everyone is invited to bring tack, equipment, and other new or used horse items which are no longer useable. All items will be subject to sale prior to the auction which will be at 3:30 p.m. A 10 percent donation will be given from each sale to the Berks County 4-H horse facilities.

Another favorite will be the amateur fine arts and crafts contest. All art must feature the theme "Horses." Prizes will be awarded by age divisions and all interested can bring items Saturday morning of the expo.

A one hour fashion show will be held in the auditorium. Models will be presenting appropriate attire for horse related activities. Horse

breed queens will display their show dresses also.

The day's schedule looks like this.

—9:15 - "Poisonous Plants" by J. Wesley Bahorik.

—10:15 - "Dressage and Combined Training Exhibition" by Mike Neff and Ann Weigle of Oley Valley Combined Training Association.

—10:45 - Reading Mounted Patrol

—11:45 - "The Complete Turnout" on correct dress, harness and driving techniques by John Greenall of Thorny Hills Farm.

—12:30 - fashion show

—1:15 - "Breaking and Training Demonstration" by Ward Studebaker, a PSU horse herdsman

—2:30 - breed parade

—3:30 - white elephant auction

—4:30 - "Corrective Shoeing" by PA Guild of Professional Horseshoers

—5:30 - horse bowl finals

The 10:15, 10:45, and the 2:30 events are scheduled weather permitting, and the 11:45, 1:15, and the 4:30 events are scheduled outside demonstrations weather permitting, otherwise discussed inside.

## Dairymen to face higher labor costs

REISTERSTOWN, Md. — Higher labor costs in 1981 may force the nation's dairymen and other farmers to seek new ways to improve their farm labor productivity, says John W. Wysong, Extension farm management specialist and professor of agricultural economics at the University of Maryland.

Because they usually hire permanent, full-time workers for crop and livestock production, dairymen in particular will have higher payrolls to meet this year, Wysong notes.

However, the quantity of labor they employ per unit of output can be reduced by using more and better capital investments to enhance total resource productivity.

Congress should ease the burden of fixed capital investments by legislation permitting faster rates of depreciation on new farm equipment and building in-

vestments which are aimed at improving human work productivity, the Maryland Extension specialist declared in a recent position paper.

Traditionally, increased farm efficiency and higher productivity have restrained costs of labor per hundredweight of milk and meat produced, says Dr. Wysong.

For example, a three-man labor team on a modern dairy farm in Maryland can maintain 90 or more cows. By contrast, a three-man equivalent labor force managed only 45 cows in the 1950s.

Similarly, the average milk yield per cow in Maryland has doubled in this period from 6,000 pounds per year in the 1950s to more than 12,000 pounds per cow in 1980.

This upward trend in labor productivity has helped to offset the rises in wages and social security taxes over the years, restraining retail prices for consumers in the process.

## Ag administrator

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also included 11 titles relating to the broiler, turkey and egg industries. Four other titles related to farm marketing, four concerned farm credit and finances, and three were in the realm of farm insurance.

Another nine titles dealt with farm price analyses, transportation, machinery, road, labor, fertilizer and tobacco. In 1953, he also authored a 24-page booklet titled Teaching Units in Agricultural Economics for Teachers of Vocational Agriculture.

Since becoming an administrator at the College Park campus, Poffenberger has represented Maryland agriculture in various capacities at the national level in nearby Washington, D.C.

During the 1960s, he held positions of leadership with the National Association of State Universities and Land-Grant

Colleges. He also served with the Commission on Agriculture and Natural Resources of the National Academy of Sciences and on the planning committee for the National Conference on Children and Youth in 1962 and 1963.

Since 1970, Poffenberger has given testimony in the U.S. House of Representatives and Senate in support of the budgets for higher education.

On several occasions, he met with Secretaries of Agriculture Freeman, Hardin, Butz and Bergland concerning the partnership between the U.S. Department of Agriculture and state governments relevant to agricultural research, Extension and teaching programs at the nation's land-grant universities.

Poffenberger is a native of Hagerstown. He and his wife have resided for many years at Fairland. They are the parents of two married daughters.

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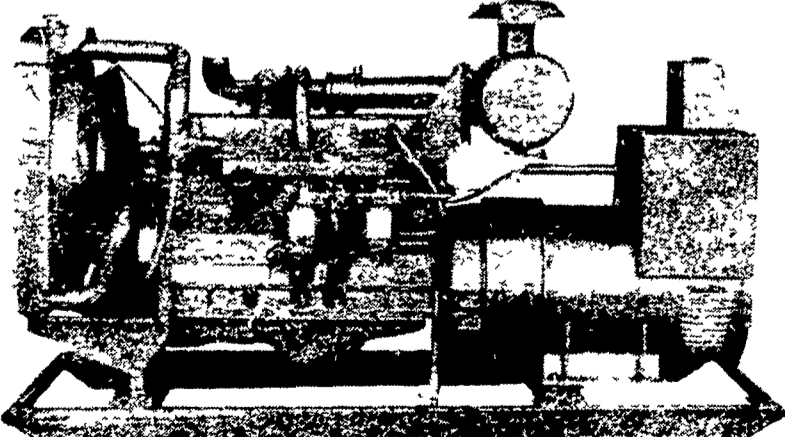
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