## Adams County to celebrate apple blossom festival

ARENDTSVILLE — It's apple blossom time!

As has been the custom for the past three decades, fruitgrowers in Adams County are inviting everyone to join in this spring spectacle of nature by hosting the annual Apple Blossom Festival The festival takes place among the 20,000 acres of fruit orchards in the county with headquarters at the South Mountain Fairgrounds, located near Arendtsville

Two days of activities are planned, on Saturday and Sunday, May 2 and 3

Highlighting Sunday's events will be the crowning of the 1981 Apple Queen, Angie Sheaffer, Biglerville R1, at 2.30 p.m. in the auditorium at the fairgrounds

The Apple Blossom Festival began nearly 30 years ago Then, before anyone heard of gas shortages or the energy crisis, sightseers embarked on leisurely drives through the orchards of Upper Adams County viewing the acres of pink and white blossoms

As time went on, the Adams County Fruitgrowers Association began scheduling the spring celebration on the first Sunday in May, the approximate time when most apples, peaches, and cherries are in full-bloom.

Eventually the crowds became so large that the South Mountain Fairgrounds became the headquarters for the Apple Blossom Sunday event where tourists could park their cars and

ride guided bus tours through the orchards to view the spectacle butter, dumplings, strudel, or pies A cafeteria-style lunch will be

Later, the Adams County Poultry Association started to provide a chicken barbeque dinner at the Fairgrounds so festival goers could go to the orchard community for Sunday dinner and stay to view the orchards and see the Apple Blossom Queen be crowned

Over the years the crowds have gotten so large that this year for the first time, activities will be held for a two-day period changing the event from Apple Blossom Sunday to a weekend festival Visitors from a five-state area are expected with numerous chartered buses making reservations as early as last August

Gates to the festival open at 10 a.m on Saturday and Sunday and events are held continuously both days until 4 p m. Activities include guided orchard bus tours, walking tours through the orchards, a baby-barnyard demonstration, agricultural exhibits and an entire building of craft exhibits

Sheep-shearing demonstrations will be held both days and the Adams County Sheep Association will hold a sheep-to-shawl demonstration with the shawl to be raffled-off on Sunday.

An apple pie baking contest and auction, apple pie-eating contests, and apple-bobbing contests will precede the crowning of the Apple Queen on Sunday. Apples will be available whole, in cider, apple

A cafeteria-style lunch will be served on Saturday featuring lamb and pork dishes. The lunch will be provided by the Sheep Association and the South Central Pennand

and the South Central Pennsylvania Pork Producers Association On Sunday the Poultry Association will be serving their traditional chicken barbeque dinner. Meals will be available both days beginning at 11 a.m.

The famous apple-dessert sampler, a traditional highlight of the festival, will be open on Sunday The dessert sampler is a culinary delight consisting of homemade apple desserts donated by community residents for the festival.

For a small fee, festival goers can sample an entire plate full of mouth-watering apple confections. Take-home desserts will also be on sale both days.

Admission to the festival is free and ample free parking is provided.

Adams County ranks first in the state in apple and peach produc-

tion Over five milion bushels of apples and 600,000 bushels of peaches are grown in the county each year with a value of over \$25,000,000.

The Apple Blossom Festival is sponsored by the Adams County Fruitgrowers Association, the Adams County Poultry Association, and the Gettysburg Travel Council. For more information, contact the Gettysburg Travel Council, 35 Carlisle Street, Gettysburg, 17325 717/334-6274.

### Heart of Penn Princess/ Prince to be chosen

DORNFITE — Early June will see the selection of a young man or woman as the "Heart Of Penn Princess/Prince" by the Heart of Penn Dairy Goat Breeders' co-op.

Candidates must reside in the area covered by the co-op, be between the ages of 14 and 21 and be single A wallet size photo, a composition on "What Being The Heart Of Penn Princess/Prince Would Mean To Me" and on a separate sheet, the candidate's name, address, number of years involved with dairy goats, phone number, and birth date should be sent to chairpersons, Dean & Deb

Showers, R1 Box 264, Allentown, PA 17810 by May 20.

Persons being selected will be expected to be in attendance at the co-op's first annual picnic to be held in Sunbury in early June and should be prepared to present a very brief presentation suitable for a grammar school class promoting dairy goats or their products.

In addition to attending the picnic and other events of the organization, the winner will be expected to be available for public appearances when invited to represent the co-op and to assist in distributing ribbons at the

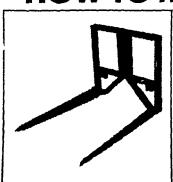
Bloomsburg Fair and other tairs where goats are shown in the course of the '81 show season, within the co-op's region.

For more information contact the chairpersons or the co-op's secretary, Roberta Molaro, (717) 758-8359.

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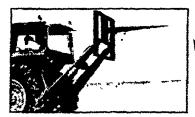
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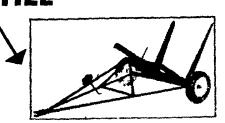
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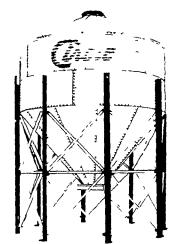
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