

Lancaster plans downtown ag expo Oct. 2

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LANCASTER — County agriculture is coming to downtown Lancaster on Friday, Oct. 2.

The Lancaster "ag-stravaganza" will include farm machinery and livestock displays, milking contest, produce and field crop exhibits, free mini lunches for the first 500 attending, musical entertainment and a children's theater.

The livestock exhibit will feature swine, sheep, cattle and poultry. The County Poultry Association is handling the poultry display; the Warwick High School vo-ag department, the swine and sheep and John Barley, of Star Rock Farms, the dairy cattle.

Stauffer's of Kissel Hill is directing the produce and field crop exhibit.

These displays are planned in Penn Square from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

The farm machinery display in Lancaster Square during the same hours will be staged by area equipment dealers. The machinery display will include information on the cost of various pieces of equipment, its life expectancy and operating and maintenance expenses.

Educational tours through the ag expo will be conducted for third and fourth graders by the Historic Lancaster Walking Tour.

The milking contest at 12:30 p.m. will include city and county political leaders and presidents of various major industries, such as banks and manufacturers.

At noon, the first 500 people attending will receive a free mini-lunch, including a beef and pork roast, omelets and ice cream. The beef is being donated by Lancaster Stockyards, the pork by Kunzler and Co., the ice cream by Penn Dairies and the omelets by the County Poultry Association.

Between 10 and 11 a.m. a

children's theater will be staged in Steinman's Park by the Fulton and Co. on tour.

Musical entertainment by Country Freedom will be presented from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Twenty-three agricultural organizations in Lancaster County have been invited by the Agricultural Committee of the Lancaster Association of Commerce and Industry to set up educational exhibits telling various commodity stories. A number have already accepted.

The Harvest Festival celebration will continue on Saturday, Oct. 3, with an art show. Some 100 area artists will be showing their works.

The artists will be displaying and selling their works along Queen and King streets. The show will be judged in five categories, including sculpture, oils, graphic arts, watercolors and photography.

Art show judges are Don Winer, curator for the William Penn Memorial Museum, Harrisburg; Elizabeth Jarvis, curator of the Philadelphia Museum of Art; and Carol Anderson, product designer for Armstrong World Industries.

The art show and sale continues from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 3.

From 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., Lancaster's finest restaurants will hold a "Many Tastes of Lancaster Restaurant Fair" outside of Central Market. The restaurants will feature eat and carry portions of items from their menus which have made them downtown favorite eating spots.

A Folk and Fiddling Celebration will be held by the Lancaster County Folk Music and Fiddlers Society in Penn Square from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Sunday, Oct. 4, will be Art Sunday.

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Mayor Art Morris, of Lancaster, gets some tips from Darvin Boyd, chairman of downtown Ag Expo, in preparation for milking contest on Friday, Oct. 2. His honor extended a challenge

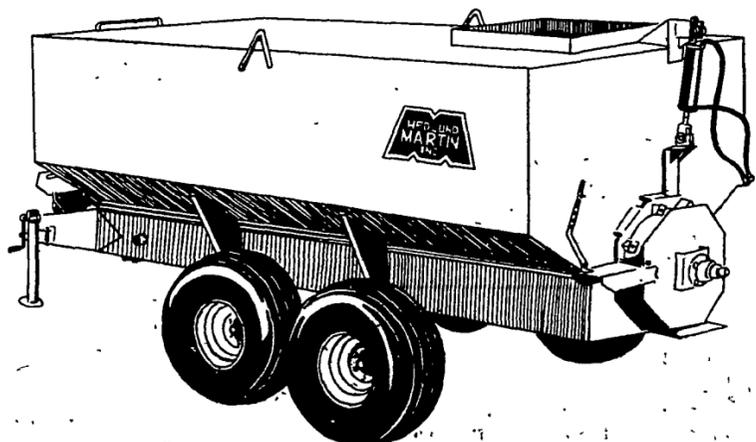
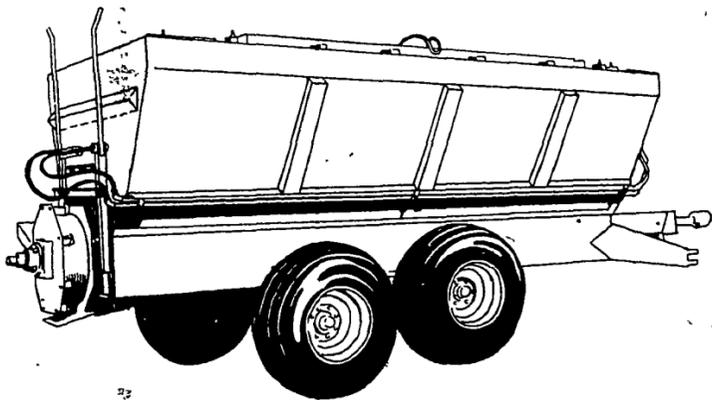
to County Commission Jim Huber, who is also an "experienced" milker. Cooperating cow was graciously donated by Doug Hershberger at Solanco Fair Thursday.

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