

Local Quarterhorse stud earns Pa. Breeder's award

LANCASTER — Missile Manor Stables, 3451 Meadow Spring Road, Lancaster, won the Pennsylvania Breeders award at the annual Eastern International show in Harrisburg last month. The award goes to the highest scores from all halter classes among all the sires represented there. Monte Missile, an eight-year-old stallion owned by Adam and Judy Felsing, received the highest total points.

The Felsingers showed several high placing animals at the show. In the \$100,000 Select Futurity class they showed a weanling stud colt and a weanling stud filly both placing in the top ten.

The stud colt, born in February and named Rugged Missile, placed second in a class of over 60 in the Pennsylvania Futurities.

Missile's Lady Luck, born in April, placed second out of 60 in the

weanling filly class. Also in the Futurities, a three-month-old colt placed fifth out of 60 as a junior weanling colt.

Since they sell their horses privately, showing helps build their reputation. Judy said Monte Missile is getting a good reputation as a sire through the shows.

She added, "We show practically every weekend in a five-state area. We usually show six to eight head." They begin the show circuit in March and continue until fall.

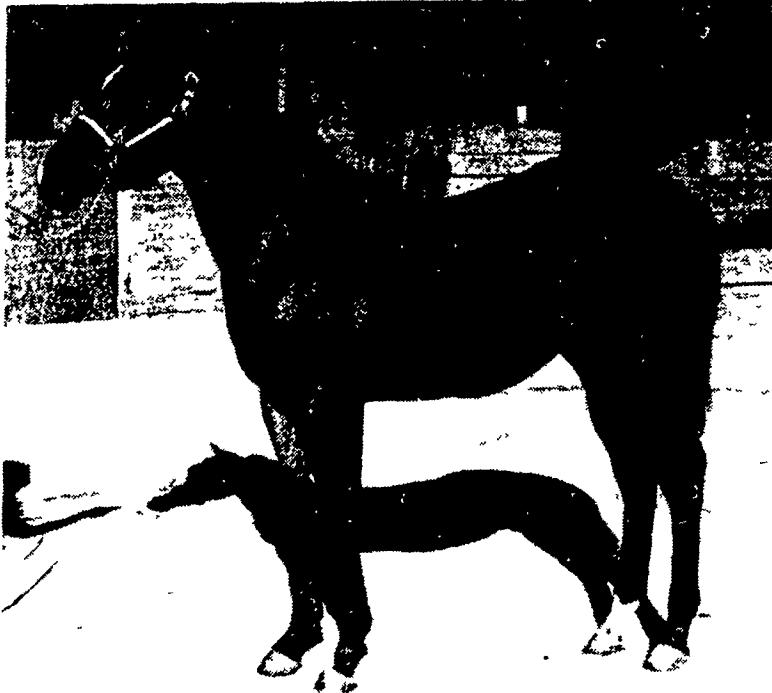
The Felsingers own 10 brood mares, five weanlings, five yearlings and two 2-year-old quarter horses. They also board horses and give private riding lessons.

Judy explains that they try to have their mares foal in January so the animals are older for the Futurities. "We use Monte up until the first week of June," she says.

Their animals are halter broken soon after they are born and weaned at about four months.



Monte Missile, an eight year old stallion owned by Adam and Judy Felsing of Missile Manor Farms, Lancaster, earned enough points from offspring at the Eastern National Horse Show, Harrisburg, to claim the Pennsylvania Breeders Award for the Felsingers.



Rugged Missile, a weanling colt, placed second in the Pennsylvania Futurities at the Eastern National Horse Show, last month.

Plan now for next year's conservation program

WEST CHESTER — Now that most crops have been harvested and farmers are making plans for next year's operations, it's time for another type of planning—conservation planning.

The U.S. Department of Agriculture's Soil Conservation

Service offers free planning assistance to farmers and other land users. The object is get conservation involved in all phases of the farming operation, particularly where the land is involved.

According to Tim Smail, Soil Conservationist for the SCS office in West Chester, conservation practices like manure management, contour strip-cropping, surface water control, crop residue use, cover crops and minimum tillage can help to

protect our most valuable resource—the land.

Choosing the practices which best fit into the operation and coordinating them into a management system to save time and money while insuring continued productivity is the goal of conservation planning.

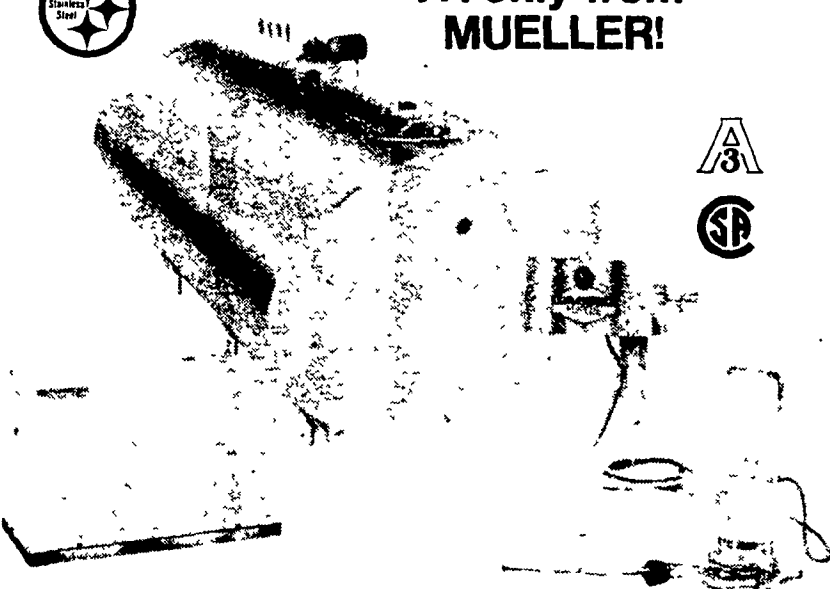
"Conservation planning is really not another type of planning," said Smail. It is part of all phases of your farming plan." That is precisely why now is the time.

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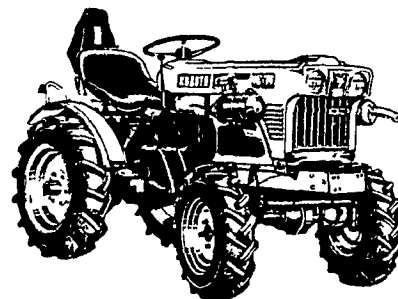
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