

Flemington Fair opens on Aug. 26

FLEMINGTON, N.J. — Agriculture continues to be the predominant feature of Flemington Fair - the Flemington Agricultural Fair!

There are many, many events and activities that reflect the agriculture and its supporting industries in Hunterdon and nearby counties.

To be sure the horse and pony pulling contests don't relate to present farming methods. They take us back to the day of the work horse on farms. Yes, several teams of horses and ponies are locally owned. Don Alpaugh and sons, Lebanon, and Search DaLrymple, Hampton, participate each year and have for as long as most of us recall.

These events are exciting and enjoyable to watch. Horses and their drivers shoulder loads of up to 5 tons!

The farm tractor pull is an event of farmers and their tractors competing for 30 inch high trophies and significant cash premiums. These tractors are all farmer-owned, stock models... not souped-up, modified in any way. They come from the fields. Some indeed are tuned up for the occasion... and washed.

These events are all activities carried out by a 28-man Farmers' Day committee, headed by Bob Manners, East Amwell farmer. Bob can't say enough for the support his committee gives in the form of time and energy. He also is quick to recognize the contributions of the machinery dealers serving this area, the County Ag Board, and the fair itself.

Farm Tractor Pull, all seven classes, is set for the first Farmers' Day, Tuesday, Aug. 30. The

horse and pony pulls will be on the second Farmers' Day, August 31. Both are day-time events and conducted on the track in front of the grandstand.

Woodsmen Compete

Professional woodsmen compete in a day-long series of contests on Saturday, Aug. 27. They are conducted by a committee of local arborists and woodsmen. Elaine Fogerty, County Agricultural Agent, works with that group.

Many 4-H activities, state and county, are scheduled over the eleven days of the fair. There are cattle, livestock shows, competitions of all kinds, a fat lamb sale, square dance contests...name it!

Ag Exhibits

One of the big attractions of the fair, which this year opens Friday, Aug. 26, and goes through Labor Day, is the Main Agricultural Tent, located on Machinery Row. It's a 40 by 160 foot stretch of canvas that covers the grange exhibits, some 8 classes of agricultural commodities, from honey to alfalfa hay, apples to zucchini. There's also baked goods.

The Extension Service office has entry blanks and lists of classes

included in the big ag tent. Also available are entry forms for the

farm tractor pulls.

The premium book is available.

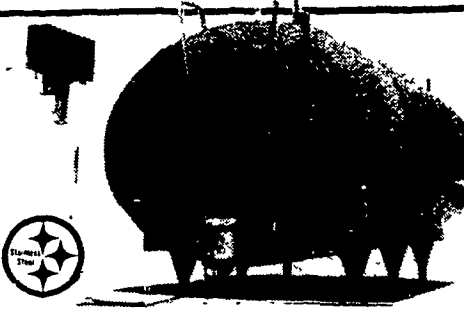
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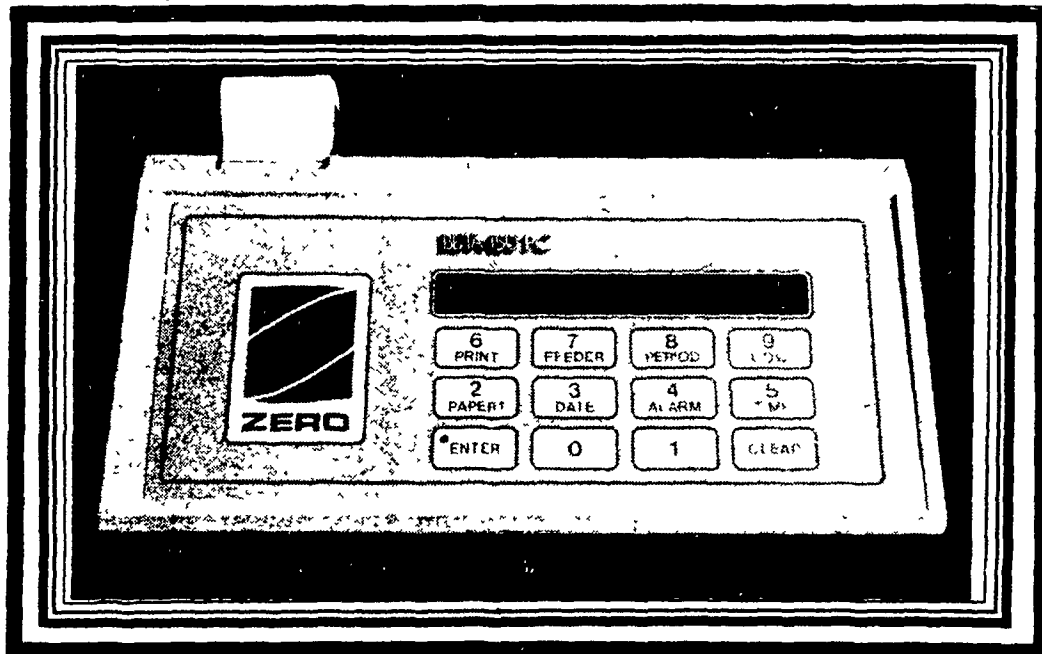


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