

Wild Horse and Burro Week set for Pa.

ALEXANDRIA, VA - Plans are underway for Pennsylvania's first Wild Horse and Burro Week to be held Oct. 17-23, the U.S. Interior Department's Bureau of Land Management announced.

Special events, exhibits and demonstrations will be open to the public free of charge Saturday and Sunday, Oct. 22-23. They will take place at the Northeast Wild Horse and Burro Adoption Center, located in Lewisberry, which is between Harrisburg and York. The center, which will also be celebrating its first anniversary, is operated for the Bureau by Frank and Doris Goodlander on their York County farm.

The purpose of Wild Horse and Burro Week is to focus on the historic role of these animals, now protected by federal law, and create public awareness of the Adopt-a-Horse and Burro Program, which placed excess animals with people who will provide them good home. If left on the western public rangelands these animals would probably suffer from starvation because of

overpopulation, according to the Bureau.

The public is invited to tour the facilities to see wild horses and burros, and gentling and training demonstrations. On the weekend there will be country music and cookouts, a film and slide show about the animals, and talks by adopters who will share experiences about their animals. Also, exhibits and sales of Pennsylvania crafts and farm products will be held. A State-wide poster contest will be held for elementary school students, and there will even be a Junior Bass Fishing Contest.

Schools, senior citizen, civic and farm organizations are invited to arrange for bus tours during the week by calling the Goodlanders at (717) 938-2560.

Adopters from throughout the Northeast will be invited to take part in the activities, and efforts are being made to attract tourists, according to the Bureau. The Goodlanders say they welcome people to camp on the grounds, but arrangements should be made

with them in advance. Motels and campgrounds with hookups are also within a short distance from the Adoption Center.

Protected under the Wild Horse and Burro Act of 1971, currently 47,800 wild horses and 12,300 burros are on the range in 10 western states. Since 1973, 46,000 animals have been adopted nationwide, and some 10,000 have been adopted here in the East. Already, more than 500 animals have been adopted from the Pennsylvania Adoption Center which opened last July. The center is the only one of its kind in the Northeast.

Spanish conquistadors and missionaries are said to have introduced horses and burros to the Americas in the 1500's. Indians got their horses from Spanish camps. Through the years, escaped or abandoned animals formed the first wild horse and burro herds.

The herds multiplied and a great many roamed the open range. Because of their value as pet food, "mustangers" rounded them up for profit. Herds were often driven to exhaustion and destruction, they sold to canneries.

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10 We recommend the law be enforced on weed mowing on state property including highways.

As in many of the proposed policies, the current dairy situation and its problems remained a leading topic of the evening. Steve Scope, Farmers Home Administration explained the basic requirements of the emergency loan program. "If you don't need the money, don't borrow it," he stated and stressed the need for complete records.

Constance Ohlinger, 1983 Berks County Dairy Princess, cautioned dairy farmers about promoting milk in June and forgetting about the rest of the year. "Milk promotion has to be a 365-day effort, on every occasion possible," she stated very seriously.

President Koch also announced that the association will be preparing a map of the problem roads for milk trucks and will have the cooperation of the Department of Transportation.

There's no excuse for you not being registered to vote. President Koch stated, as he criticized non-registered members. Saying that the farmers need the voting power to change things. Koch encouraged everybody to be involved.

Praising the leadership of Berks County, Don Missmer, Regional Organization Director presented Star Award certificates to Ralph Sanner, Ray Seidel, Dan Harnish, George Moyer, Pat Lutz, Lillian Harnish, Gertrude Moore, Earl Hafer, Roger Wagner, Lloyd Dreibelbis, William Moore, John Koch, Gloria Christman, Harold Burgert, Chester Noll, Wilbur Lutz, Stanley Fox, Herman Hunsicker, and Joe Ruth. "My sincere appreciation for the county's efforts," Missmer concluded.

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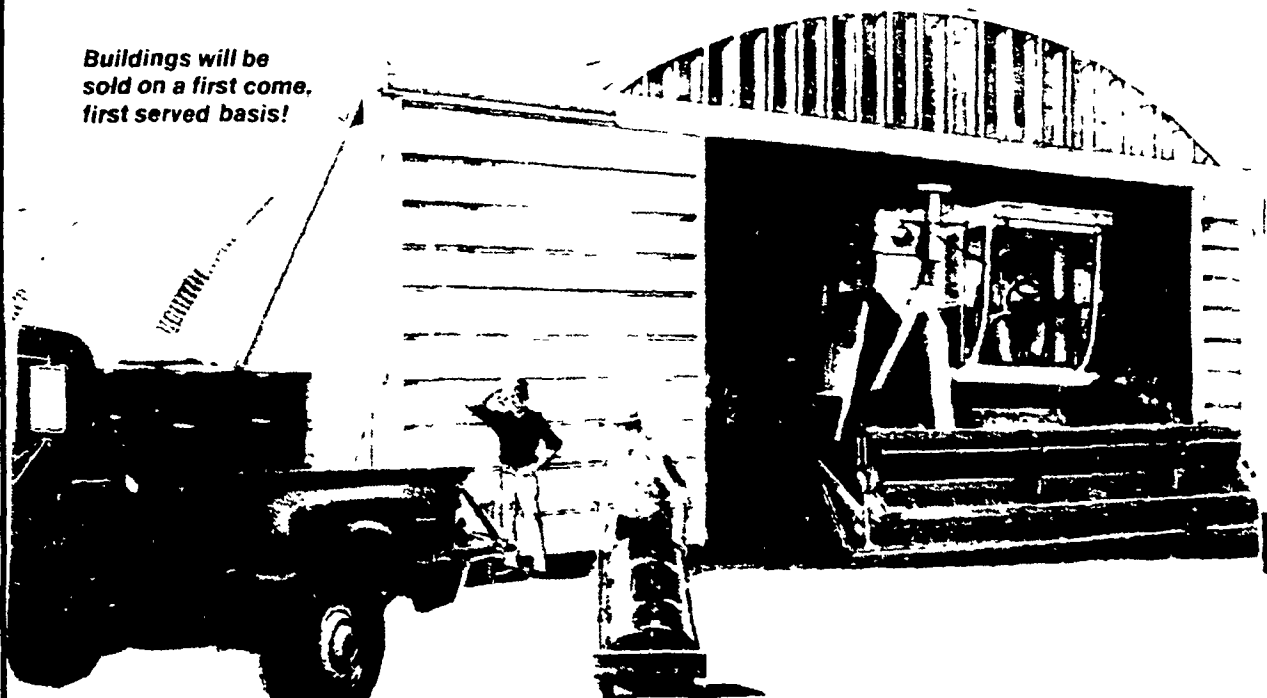
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