

Pa. Grange sets Oct. 24-27 session

HARRISBURG — The 111th Annual Session of the Pennsylvania State Grange is slated for Oct. 24-27 in Clearfield with daily activities taking place at the Clearfield Senior High School.

About 1500 members from around the state are expected to

attend the convention according to State Grange Master Charles Wismer. Delegates representing 555 local Granges will elect legislative policy to direct the Grange in its legislative lobbying efforts in the next year.

The State Session also represents final eliminations in many state contests for local Granges and individual Grange members, which will be judged at the convention. Entries in needlework, stuffed toy making,

art and photography will be on display to the public in the Agriculture Building at the Clearfield Fairgrounds on Oct. 24 from 6 p.m. to 10 p.m., and Oct. 25 and 26, 9 a.m. to 10 p.m. A state talent contest in which regional finalists compete for the state titles, is also open to the public and will be held on Oct. 26 at 7:30 p.m. at the Clearfield Junior High School.

Since the Grange is also a fraternal organization, the Sixth Degree, or state level of achievement in the Grange, will be presented to members during the session.

A number of guest speakers are scheduled to address Grange members during the week, including State Secretary of

Agriculture Penrose Hallowell, State Rep. Samuel Morris (R-Chester), chairman of the House Agriculture Committee, and State Rep. Camille George (D-Clearfield).

The Grange's annual meeting is hosted each year by a different county Grange association. This year, members of the Clearfield County Pomona Grange raised the monies needed to host the convention in the Clearfield community. Clearfield County has the largest number of local Granges in the state, and a total county membership of more than 2500, second only to Berks County.

The State Grange, with 42,000 members in 65 counties, is the largest rural family farm organization in Pennsylvania.

Md. Shorthorn Sale Oct. 15

The 10th annual Maryland Shorthorn calf sale, featuring some 30 head of purebred and crossbred calves, is set for Oct. 15 at the Frederick Fairgrounds.

Sponsored by the Md. Shorthorn Association Inc., the sale will begin at 7 p.m. Consignments come from leading Md. and Va. Shorthorn herds and consist of quality calves suitable for junior projects for 1984 shows. The steers are purebred or crossbred Shorthorns and the heifers are all purebred and eligible for registry in the American Shorthorn Association herdbook.

Consignors include the Maryland herds of Holly Hill Farms, Ijamsville; Levena Acres, Myersville; T.C. Jenkins, Owings Mills; Edwin A. Hevner, Union Bridge; Raymond E. Ediger, Frederick; Tom DeBerry, Oakland; and several Virginia breeders.

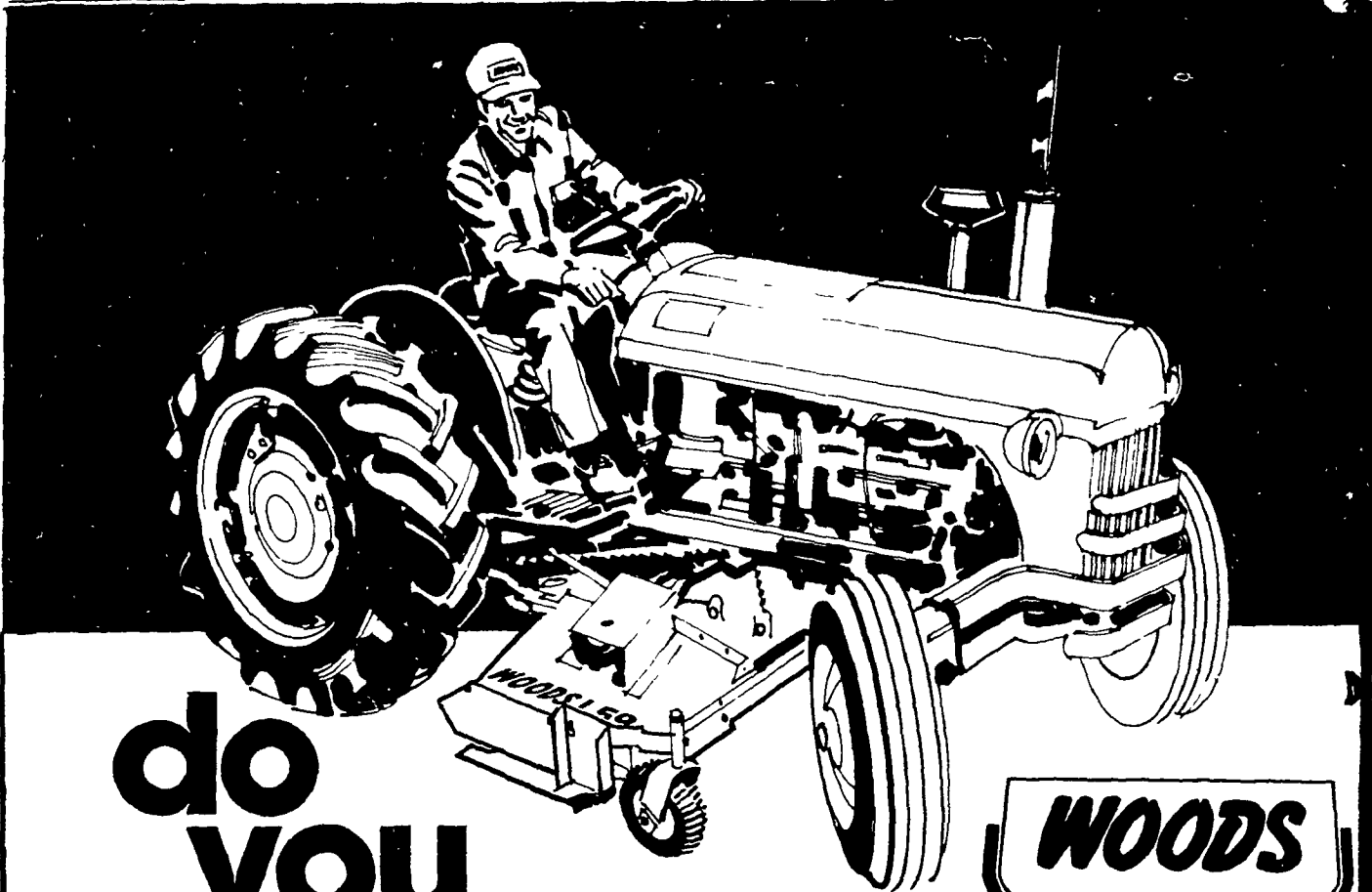
Calves sold in the association's former sales have an excellent record of winnings at Maryland and Virginia shows. At the recent Frederick Fair, both the champion and the reserve champion Shorthorn steers and the reserve champion crossbred steer, a Shorthorn cross, were purchased in the 1982 sale. Shorthorn champion steers and heifers at several Virginia fairs, including Loudon County, at the Washington County Ag-Expo, and at the Virginia Eastern Shore Agri-Fair came from this sale.

In interbreed competition, a purebred Shorthorn steer sold in the 1982 sale was grand champion over all breeds at the Virginia Eastern Shore Agri-Fair, and another from the same herd was reserve grand champion over all breeds in the recent Damascus Community Fair. Several head from this herd are included in the 1983 sale.

An incentive program of money awards is in effect for calves purchased in the sale if they win

top prizes in the succeeding show season. The Maryland Shorthorn Association also awards trophies each year to junior exhibitors of Shorthorn champions at numerous Maryland fairs and at the Eastern National Livestock Exposition.

Sale manager is George W. Bowman, West Friendship, assisted by sale committee members Susan Eyer and Dr. Raymond Ediger, both of Frederick.



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