

This fire company promotes milk, too

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DILLSBURG — There's a fire company in York County that not only tells you to be careful with matches, kerosene heaters and fireplaces, but also to drink lots of milk and eat lots of cheese and ice cream.

This milk-promoting fire company is Dillsburg Citizens Hose Company No. 1.

In league with the Dillsburg Community Fair Association, the firemen are finalizing plans for the annual Farmers Fair Thursday through Saturday, which will be loaded with ag events and milk promotion.

There will be produce exhibits, FFA demonstrations and educational presentations from the state's six dairy breed organizations. Cows and calves will be on hand; milking contests will be held and dairy princesses will reign over the annual parade.

Jetshakes will be available from the Hi-Protein Breeders of Southeastern Pennsylvania, along with Jersey Jack cheese of the Pa. Jersey Cattle Club, folk art weather vanes with three different breeds of cows and plenty of free milk.

"Our farmers support us and we do this to show our appreciation," explains Bunky Smith, of the Citizens Hose Company No. 1. He is coordinator of many of the dairy exhibits and has rallied the support of the breed associations for the fair.

More than 700 small children from local schools will get the chance to hear and question Ruth Ann John, Ginger Myers and Joan Cope of the Pa. Guernsey Breeders Assn. They will speak on nutrition and demonstrate cow milking. Harrisburg Dairies will give out free glasses of milk.

Along with the promotional efforts by the breed associations, cow cookie jars will be raffled off and "cow" folk art will be displayed.

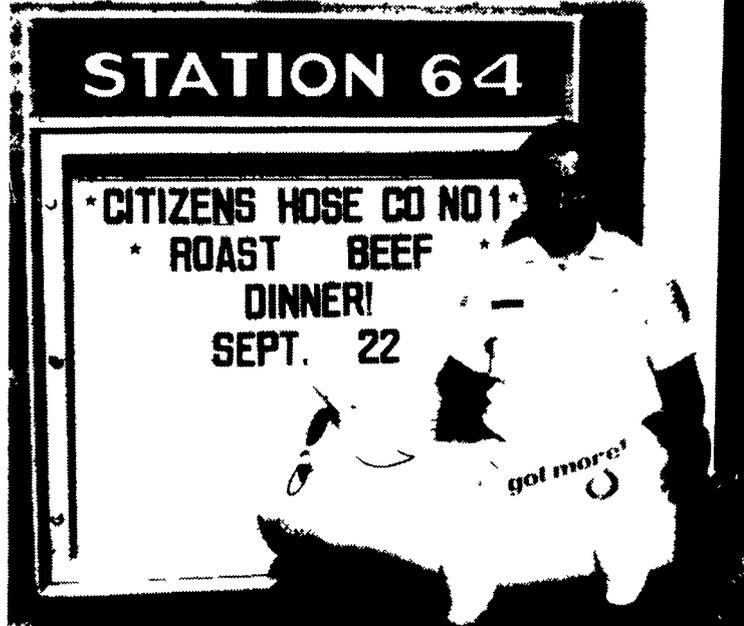
Available will be weather vane centerpieces depicting either Holstein, Jersey or Guernsey cows. Orders for them are being taken by the Citizens Hose Co. No. 1, 105 S. Baltimore St., Dillsburg, 17019. They are priced at \$9.50 plus \$2.00 for mailing and handling.

Last year, some 25,000 people lined the streets of Dillsburg for the parade, which is scheduled at 8

p.m. next Saturday.

So, as they raise funds for new equipment and ambulance training, the firemen of Dillsburg,

York County, also promote dairy in particular and ag in general. They deserve a toast. Milk, of course.



Dillsburg Fire Chief "Wally" Foreman helps promote milk and says it's a way to thank farmers for their support.



Folk art cow weather vane centerpieces for Holstein, Jersey or Guernsey breeders will be available at the Dillsburg Farmers Fair Thursday through next Saturday in York County.



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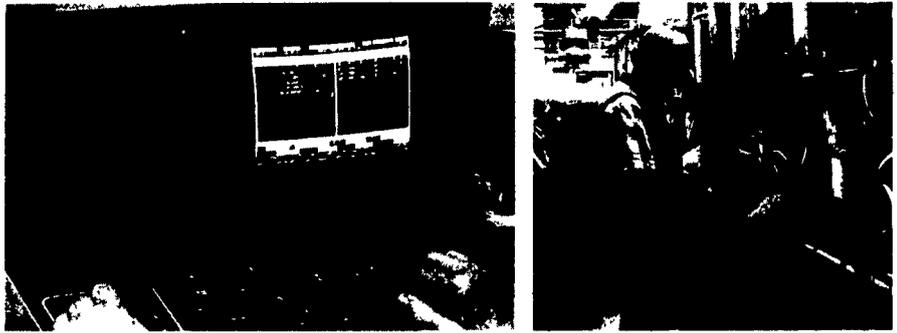
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