

Devon Horse Show opens Friday

DEVON, Pa. — The elegant and tradition-bound Devon Horse Show grounds will come to life again May 24 as the country's largest outdoor horse show begins its 89th annual nine-day run.

Besides world-class equestrian competition, elegant boutiques, gourmet food and midway amusements, the Devon Horse Show and Country Fair again will offer special attractions.

This year these will include appearances by the crimson-clad U.S. Marine Corps Marching Band and the Foxfield Drill Team, a group of acrobatic horseback

riders who perform incredible stunts without bridles or saddles on their mounts.

The governor of Kentucky, a state renowned for its Thoroughbred breeding, will also be on hand to make a trophy presentation.

Among top riders who will compete in the main ring will be Olympic gold medalist Joe Fargis, his fellow Olympian Leslie Burr Lenehan, U.S. Rider of the Year in 1983; former World Cup champion Michael Matz of nearby Collegeville, Pa., and dozens of others from the world of show

jumping and Thoroughbred competition.

Also represented will be some of the world's best riders and horses in the divisions for gaited or saddlebred horses, those proud, high-stepping descendants of plantation days.

Top riders are drawn this year by doubling of the prize money to \$150,000. (Under equestrian rules, amateurs can ride for money which is paid to the owner of the horse.)

Among the sponsors are Anheuser Busch, Inc., Paine Webber, Atlantic Financial Federal and Devon Hill Motors.

Anheuser Busch will sponsor the richest class of the show, the \$25,000 Michelob Devon Grandprix, a test of speed and endurance that only the best horses and riders in the land qualify for.

The Grandprix will begin at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, May 30.

Paine Webber will sponsor the \$10,000 Open Speed Stake, a jumping event on Saturday night, June 1.

The Foxfield Drill Team, which will appear every night except opening night and Thursday night, is being sponsored by Devon Hill Motors, a BMW/Volkswagon dealership.

Atlantic Financial, Pennsylvania's largest savings and loans association, will sponsor the

entire Intermediate Jumper division.

The Marine Corps Drum and Bugle Corp, known across the country for its precision drill and exciting musical arrangements, will perform at 8 p.m. on Wednesday, May 29.

The Drum and Bugle Corps opens the 30-minute display of military pageantry with a 15-minute drill and concert exhibition known as a "concert in motion."

The Silent Drill Platoon then takes the spotlight to perform its famed 10-minute rifle drill. The presentation concludes as the Marine Corps Color Guard marches into the ring to present the Corps' Colors.

Added attractions include the Valley Forge Military Academy Mounted Drill Team, which performs the complicated movements of their musical ride Sunday evening and is escorted by the Honore Guard of the Anthony Wayne Legion.

The Country Fair, which benefits the Bryn Mawr Hospital, has donated well over \$4 million to this worthy cause over the past three decades.

From department stores like Bloomingdale's and Strawbridge and Clothier to pastel artist Winifred Rumble to exclusive boutiques like Ermilio and High Horse, the Country Fair has

shopping for everything from designer fashions to horse show souvenirs.

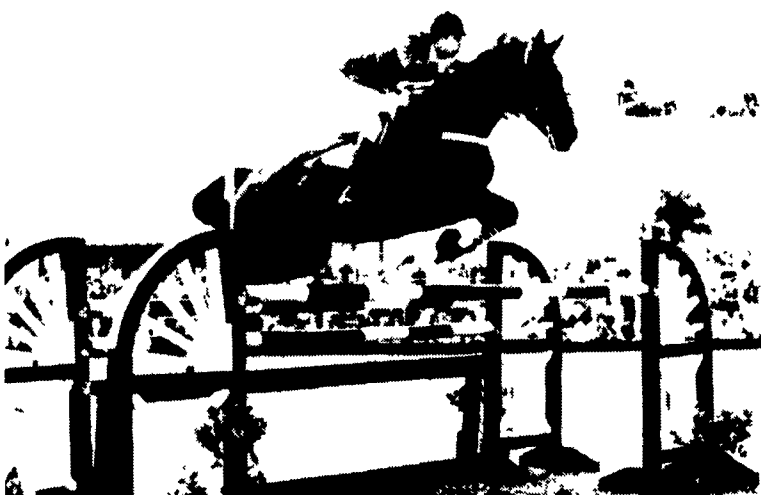
Classic jewelry, imported prints and paintings, valuable antiques and personalized wood carvings are all readily available in the Fair area adjacent to the show ring.

Devon show grounds are located on Route 30 in Devon, Pa.

General admission is \$4.50 for adults at the gate or \$4.00 if purchased before May 17. Children under 12 are \$1.50.

Reserved seating is available. For ticket information call 215-688-2554, Monday through Friday, 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

Tickets may be purchased in advance at the ticket office at the show grounds.



Louis Jacobs, Leading Open Jumper Rider at the 1984 Devon Horse Show.

Beekeeping topic

GETTYSBURG — A demonstration on working bees is the topic for meeting Monday, at 7:00 p.m. at the Ike Beam Beeyard. Bring a veil, and protective clothing.

Meet at the Penn State Lab for departure as a caravan at 6:45 p.m. or go to the beeyard on State Game Lands along Weirman Mill Road south of York Springs. Going east on Route 234 from Heidlersburg, turn left on White Church Road (after crossing US 15), go 1.9 miles to Weirman Mill Road, turn right .2 miles to yard.

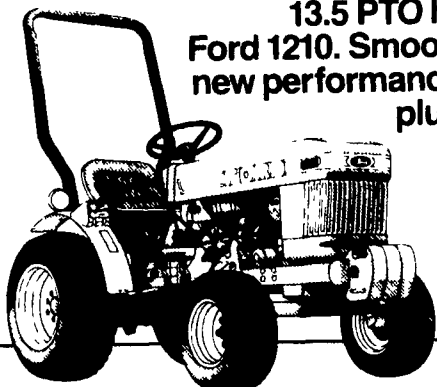
The Regional Beekeepers Workshop will be held June 20 and 21 at the Penn State Lab, Biglerville.

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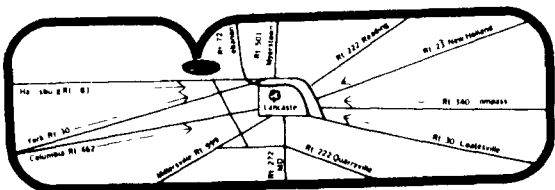
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