

Farmer-Business Picnic Set In Hunterdon Co.

The annual Farmers'-Businessmen's Picnic is scheduled for Tuesday, July 29, on the Herman Panacek Sycamore Lane Farm, near Quakertown. The event is a highlight of the year for the Hunterdon County Board of Agriculture.

It's become tradition in Hunterdon, dating back to the 1930's. The site of the affair is most generally a farm, but has also been held at various non-farm location through the years.

"All systems are 'go' for a successful picnic this year," reports August Knispel, Franklin Township dairy farmer and chairman of the committee planning the event. "We have an excellent location, a delicious picnic supper, and a top-flight speaker."

The host farm this year is a nursery and grain farm. In addition to shrubs of all kinds, there are many species and varieties of trees under cultivation. There are a number of soil and water conservation practices in place. The nursery is equipped with a modern, extensive irrigation system.

This operation is state of the art. Wagons with knowledgeable tour guides will transport people over the farm lanes to observe the nursery plantings and the grain fields.

There are a number of beef cattle on the farm, and to supplement these, other animals, including horses, will be brought in for the occasion. A number of

horses and carriages are expected to be on hand and performing during the early part of the program.

Tours and exhibits will commence at 5:00 p.m. Picnic supper will be served at 7:30. Gene Maddalena is again preparing and serving the food, which will include barbecued chicken and pork ribs, salad, corn-on-the-cob, fresh fruit, Gene's famous cheese cake, milk, coffee and tea.

Immediately following supper the group will be entertained by humorist-speaker, Charles Ahl of Elmer in South Jersey. He is an excellent story-teller and will have a message to share, as well.

Greetings from Pat & Herman Panacek, hosts, Dick Gullick, County Board President, will round out the evening.

Oh yes, as always, there will be a variety of door prizes, many of them products of Hunterdon agriculture.

Originally, the farmers'-businessmen's picnic was just that. Farmers brought their businessmen friends for an evening of fellowship, good food, and an exposure to the farm.

August Knispel and his committee in planning the event keep this very much in mind. The evening will appeal to farmer and non-farmer alike.

Tickets and information are available by calling the Hunterdon Board of Agriculture, 788-1338 (201). Tickets are priced at \$7.50 each. Deadline for tickets is July 22.

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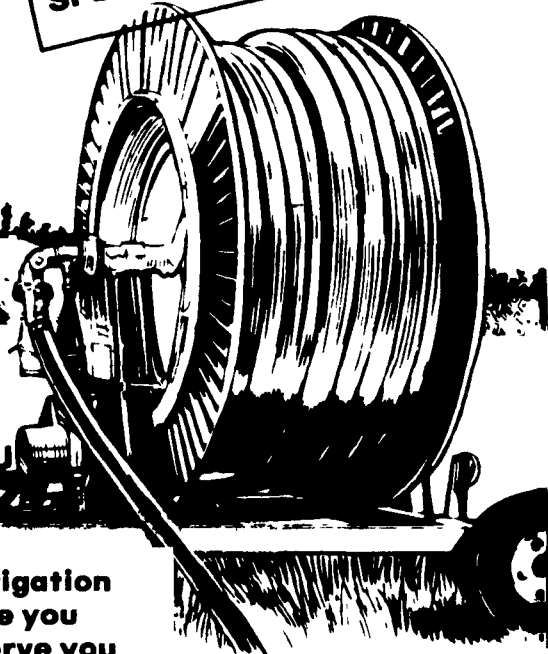
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