

PHA Convention Slated

WILKES-BARRE — The Northeast corner of the state will host the 1987 Pennsylvania Holstein Convention on Feb. 24 to 26.

The host site for this year's convention is the Sheraton Crossgates, a five-star hotel, on the Public Square in downtown Wilkes-Barre.

Public Square, the center of the Wilkes-Barre business district, is surrounded by hundreds of shops. Since Hurricane Agnes in 1972, the town has undergone a renaissance with every business geared to the convenience of the patrons. A canopy covers the sidewalks all around the Square with fountains, sculptures and an amphitheatre gracing the Square's center.

Across from the Sheraton is the newly renovated F.M. Kirby Center Theater, the setting for this year's convention sale. For the past seven years the sale has been held in the host hotel's ballroom. This year the cows will parade across the stage of the theater which has been returned to the original Art Deco style of the 1930s. Dr. Ruth and Paul Anka have entertained at the theater which seats 1,200 people.

Tuesday, February 24

The convention kicks off on Tuesday, Feb. 24 with an executive committee meeting slated for the afternoon.

At 7 p.m. the host desk opens with information available concerning the tourist sights of Wilkes-Barre. An "Early Bird Mixer" for the early arrivers will start at 9:30 p.m.

Tuesday evening the juniors are planning to build a giant banana split under the canopy of the Boscov store located just off the Square.

Other events designed to capture the media's attention and infor are also slated.

Wednesday, February 25

For breakfast, the committee suggests the Sheraton's Gazebo or one of the many coffee shops around the Square. Joggers may wish to check out the paths along the dikes of the Susquehanna River.

The commercial exhibits open and dairy bar open Tuesday evening. Both will remain open throughout the convention. The distinguished junior members scrapbooks, dairy princess booth and a display of Holstein memorabilia from Tioga County will be part of the dairy bar in addition to the dairy products.

Junior dairy bowl preliminaries start at 10 a.m. Anyone interested in entering a team is encouraged to contact Ken Raney at the state Holstein office in State College for more details.

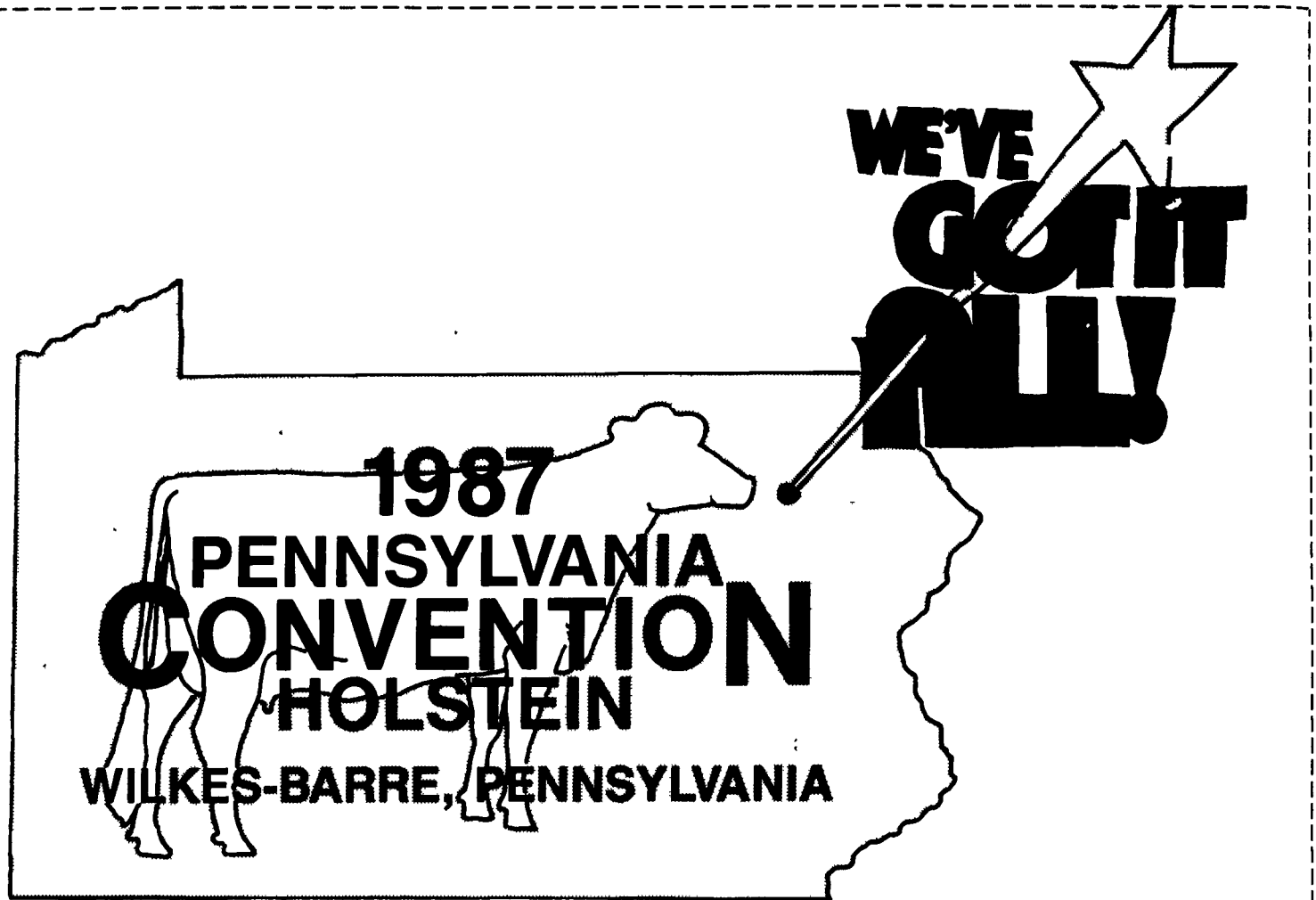
The sale animals go on display at 10:30. They will be housed in the parking garage of the Sheraton.

The state directors will hold a meeting from 10:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

Over the lunchtime hours the ladies day program, billed as a Day of Entertainment, will get underway at the Gus Genetti's Best Western, just a short stroll across the Square. Beginning with a luncheon of stuffed roast chicken, Michelle Wiasik, a theater arts major at Kutztown University, will entertain the group with an afternoon of mime, dance and song.

Betsy Sherwood, a pianist, music major and daughter of Wyoming County Holstein breeders, will also entertain the group. Gabe Petorak, a local artisan from Jeryme, will conclude the program by teaching the assembly how to make crafts.

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1987 Pa. Holstein Convention Ticket Form

February 24-26, 1987

Wilkes-Barre, PA

Tuesday, February 24 -

Early Bird Reception - 9:30 p.m.

Number attending _____

(No charge - Needed for refreshment amounts)

Wednesday, February 25 -

Breakfast on your own -

Ladies Program - 11:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.

_____ Tickets @ \$12.00 = _____

Bus Tour to Sire Power and Taurus Service - 1:45 P.M.

_____ Number For Bus = _____

Sale Buffet - 4:30 p.m. - 6:00 p.m.

_____ Tickets @ \$10.00 = _____

Convention "Sale of Stars" - 7:00 p.m. - F.M. Kirby Center Theater

Junior Pizza and Pool Party - 9:15 p.m.

_____ Tickets @ \$ 3.00 = _____

Thursday, February 26 -

Awards Breakfast - 7:30 a.m. - 9:00 a.m.

Continental Breakfast

_____ Tickets @ \$ 3.00 = _____

Full Breakfast

_____ Tickets @ \$ 5.00 = _____

Awards Program - 9:00 a.m. - 11:00 a.m.

Lunch on your own -

Convention Banquet and Reception -

_____ Tickets @ \$20.00 = _____

Reception - 6:00 p.m.

Banquet - 7:00 p.m.

Entertainment by "Country Breakdown"

Junior Convention Banquet - 6:30 p.m.

_____ Tickets @ \$12.00 = _____

Entertainment by "D.J." and dancing

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TOTAL: _____

*NAME: _____

*(Please list all names as they should appear on name tags)

**JUNIORS: _____

** (Please list names of any Juniors attending)

Address: _____

PHONE: _____ COUNTY: _____

Send your order with check payable to: "1987 Pa. Holstein Convention"

to: Robert Whipple, Treasurer R.D.#5, Box 249 Towanda, PA 18848

Ticket orders must be received by February 3, 1987. For lodging reservations contact: Sheraton-Crossgates, 20 Public Square, Wilkes-Barre, PA 18701, (717)-824-7100. Be sure to mention the Holstein Convention when making your reservations. Deadline to assure your room is February 3, 1987. Room rates: single - \$45.00, Double - \$55.00, Triple (3 persons over the age of 18 yrs.) - \$65.00, Quadruple (4 persons over the age of 18 yrs.) - \$75.00. Children under the age of 17 stay free with an adult in the same room. Credit card or deposit of one night's lodging is necessary to hold a room for arrival after 6:00 p.m.