

Landis Valley To Host Blacksmithing Festival

LANCASTER—On Saturday, July 25, the outdoor museum of Landis Valley will host the Pennsylvania Blacksmithing Festival. Celebrating the past and present work of the blacksmith, the event is co-sponsored with the Pennsylvania Artist - Blacksmith's Association. Blacksmiths will be working from 11:30 to 4:30 p.m.

In every early American settlement, the blacksmith's work was essential--the farmer's hoe or axe, the housewife's ladles or oven

peel, the hardware for a house--these were the products of the blacksmith. When factories produced cheaper goods than those of the blacksmith, shoeing horses became the major work of the blacksmith.

Pennsylvania was a major iron-producing center in early America; blacksmiths in southeastern Pennsylvania, therefore, were close to numerous furnaces to supply their forges with iron.

One of the organizers of the festival is Dan Perry, a resident blacksmith at Peters Valley Craft Center in New Jersey. Joining Perry will be farrier Robert Vernon, who will demonstrate modern horseshoeing at 11:30 a.m., 1:30 p.m., 2:30 p.m. and 3:30 p.m. From Aaronsburg, Pa., Vernon primarily shoes Amish draft horses.

From Luthersburg, Pa., will be a knife maker and iron sculptor. A part-time blacksmith coming from Watsonstown, Pa., makes black powder accessories and lighting devices. Mountville, Pa., will be represented by a blacksmith who crafts modern iron sculpture and traditional hardware.

Providing lively traditional music will be the Lancaster County Folk Music Society. They perform monthly at the museum. Landis Valley, the largest museum of Pennsylvania German rural life, includes over 30 historical buildings, from a log farmstead and a tin shop to an 1850s hotel and a seamstress's house.

The museum is located 4 miles north of Lancaster on RT 272 (Oregon Pike), a marked exit off Rt 30. It is operated by the Pen-

sylvania Historical & Museum Commission with support from the volunteer group, Landis Valley Associates. Admission is charged. Call (717) 569-0401 for further information.

Tobacco

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warned of the health hazards from tobacco. The Supreme Court action resulted from a lawsuit filed against the Liggett Group, Inc., alleging that tobacco companies had been negligent in advising the public of the risks of cigarette smoking.

That doesn't put a halt to such lawsuits or preclude the possibility that court decisions may eventually go in favor of some of the plaintiffs. In fact, by mid-March of this year, more than 100 product-liability lawsuits, alleging wrongful death or injury from cigarette smoking, were pending in U.S. courts.

A Smaller Base

Looking to the future, Grise says, tobacco production will likely have a profitable but somewhat

late 1970s and early 1980s. "Back 3 or 4 years ago, things looked pretty bleak. Then the situation improved beginning in April 1986 when the support level was reduced, making prices more competitive. Quotas were also lowered at the same time, and a more market-oriented approach is now used to set quota levels," he says. These changes, Grise says, are bringing the "supply-demand balance into better equilibrium, and prices are now more competitive."

In the 1970's, the health focus shifted to the low-tar aspect of cigarette smoking. From the mid-1970's to 1981, sales of low-tar cigarettes soared. In 1974, low-tar cigarettes accounted for 9 percent of sales. By 1981, the proportion had reached 60 percent. In the last 5 years, Grise says, there has been a modest movement back to full-flavored cigarettes, which are generally higher in tar. "The share for low-tar cigarettes is now about 54 percent."

And more change is certainly at hand for the tobacco industry.

"Tobacco farmers will continue to become more efficient in their production of tobacco and some will diversify their operations. Furthermore, the tobacco industry will put an even sharper focus on expanding exports," Grise says.

Bill Would Add LeTort To Scenic River System

HARRISBURG — Representative John H. Broujos (D-199 Adams, Cumberland and York Counties) has introduced into the House a bill to designate the LeTort Spring Run in Central Cumberland County as part of the scenic river system of Pennsylvania.

The announcement was made recently at a gathering of LeTort Spring Run Authority members, fishermen, and neighbors along the banks of the LeTort Spring Run in Carlisle.

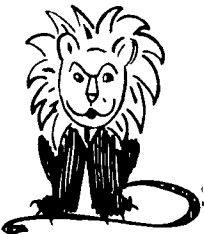
The 6.5-mile stream is recognized as one of the outstanding trout streams in the nation. If the bill is signed into law by the Governor, the stream will take its place along side on the six other streams so designated in the Commonwealth.

The stream comes from natural springs and flows through limestone pastures, emptying into the Conodoguinet Creek in Middlesex Township.

Present at the announcement also were Ron Ehlers, representing Trout Unlimited, Marcia Myers, Cumberland County Commissioner, Ken Giffhorn, Executive Director of LeTort Regional Authority and Don Dreese of Department of Environmental Resources.

Also present was John Hutchinson, who for many years voluntarily has cleaned up the LeTort in the vicinity of his home along the banks in Carlisle.

Special tribute was paid to Miriam Crawfoot, Chairman of the LeTort Regional Authority, who died recently after a long illness. Her skill and leadership of the Authority in recent years was recognized. Representative Broujos stated that he was dedicating the Act to her memory.



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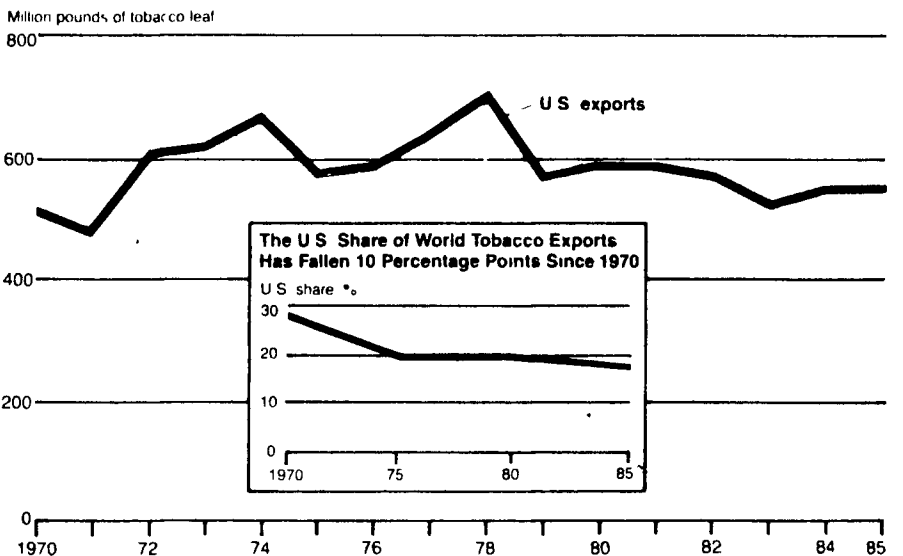
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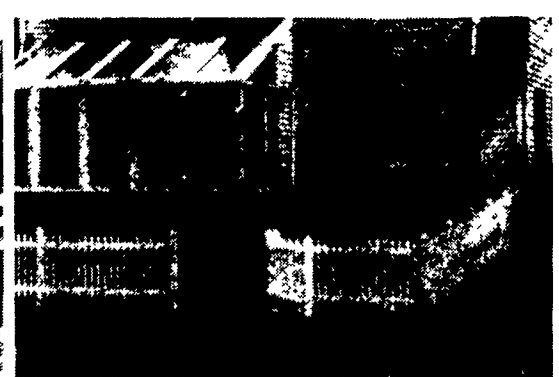
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