

## Chester County Releases 1989 Parks, Recreation Guide

W. CHESTER (Chester) — More than 3,000 acres of county park land throughout Chester County provide year-round recreation opportunities. The "1989 Program Guide" for the Chester County Parks and Recreation Department explores features in each county park, tour programs and special events. The "Program Guide," an expanded version of the previous calendar of events, is available at any county park and/

or the Department Administrative Office.

The county parks system includes Hibernia, Nottingham and Warwick County Parks, Springton Manor Farm, Hatfield House, Struble Lake and the Struble Hiking and Biking Trail. Highlighted in the guide are locations for bicycling, hiking, picnicking, nature trails and environmental education. Directions to all facilities, mailing addresses and

phone numbers are included.

For historic home buffs, tours of Hibernia Mansion and Springton Manor provide an opportunity to see the inside of these restored homes. Hibernia Mansion will open for its summer season Memorial Day weekend and remain open each Sunday afternoon until Labor Day. Springton Manor is open for public tours the second Sunday of each month all year.

The farm complex at Springton Manor Farm will remain on its winter schedule until Memorial Day weekend. Currently the farm complex is only open on weekends; weekdays are reserved for scheduled groups. From late May until early September, the demonstration farm will be open to the public daily, 10 am - 4 pm. The entire park site is open for casual visitors 8 am - dusk, daily.

Most of the Department's annual special events are returning in 1989 including the "Old Fiddler's Picnic," a Chester County tradition, and the Halloween thriller "Dark in the Park," which was rained out in 1988. One change to the schedule was the move of the Ice Fishing Clinic to later in January in anticipation of thicker ice on Struble Lake. The complete schedule of special events includes:

Maple Sugar Festival, March 11, Springton Manor Farm.

Easter Egg Hunts, March 25, Warwick, Nottingham and Hibernia Parks.

Summer Festival, June 24, Warwick Park.

Country Fair, July 22, Nottingham Park.

Old Fiddler's Picnic, August 12, Hibernia Park.

Senior Citizen's Picnic, September 12, Hibernia Park.

Frontier Day, September 16, Warwick Park.

Fat Tire Bike Challenge, September 17, Hibernia Park.

Gospel Sing, September 24, Nottingham Park.

Dark in the Park, October 19-21, Nottingham, Hibernia & Warwick Parks.

Candlelight Tours, December 6-10, Hibernia Park.

Ice Fishing Clinic, January 13, Struble Lake.

The Department will be featuring public programs of special interest in 1989 through its "Summer Program Series." Each park site will host a number of programs of special local interest that both highlight the natural resources of the park and encourage outdoor recreation activities. Complete listings will be available April 1, 1989.

To receive your copy of the 1989 Program Guide contact the county park nearest you or the Administrative Office at 235 West Market Street, West Chester, PA 19382, 215/344-6415.

## Good Year For Farm Industry

MINNEAPOLIS, MN — The outlook for an end to the drought of the last two years in optimistic, and the nation's farmers are likely to earn higher net incomes in '89, according to Piper, Jaffray & Hopwood Agribusiness Analyst George Dahlman, in a recently published report.

Dahlman, a managing director and chartered financial analyst for the Minneapolis-based investment firm, based his predictions for a return to at least normal rainfall this spring on historical weather trends that show that every severely dry year has been followed by a year of above-average rainfall. In the current "Food/Agribusiness Outlook" report, Dahlman said that the historical pattern is reinforced by the amount of precipitation already received this year in the Corn Belt, where snow and rainfall has been above average levels.

Dahlman said that he expects farmers to increase their plantings this spring and to become more efficient in the use of production elements such as fertilizer. "Combining the increased plantings with better land-use efficiencies and a rise in expenses of only 5-7

percent, net farm income should rise despite increased costs." He indicated that since 1982, net income of U.S. farmers has increased between 100-200 percent, with only 10 percent of American farmers remaining in the hard-core financially stressed situations.

If current supplies of corn, wheat, and soybeans dwindle as expected in the first part of the year, the 1989 harvest will be just in time to build the reserves back to desired levels, Dahlman calculated.

The results of this improved agricultural picture will not only benefit farmers, but also numerous agribusinesses, Dahlman reported. Those companies cited in his report include: Archer Daniels Midland Company, Pioneer Hi-Bred International, Inc., Varsity Corporation, ConAgra, Inc., packaged goods firms such as Dean Foods Company, Country Lake Foods, Inc., General Mills, Inc., Geo. A. Hormel & Co., Golden Valley Microwave Foods, Inc., Michael Foods, Inc., International Multifoods Corporation, and Sara Lee Corporation.

Food wholesalers may also be

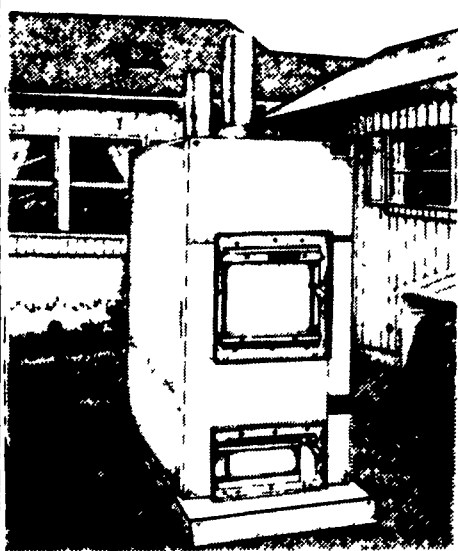
the beneficiaries of a 6 percent price inflation rate for 1989, according to Steve Carnes, Piper Jaffray's food analyst and co-author of the report. "This group (of food wholesalers) has underperformed for the last 18 months."

A free copy of the "Food/Agribusiness Outlook" report can be obtained by contacting any local Piper Jaffray office or calling 612/342-6463.

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