

Monday Is Older Pennsylvanians Day

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Monday has been designated as Older Pennsylvanians Day at the 75th Pennsylvania Farm Show in Harrisburg.

"Older Pennsylvanians Day affords the Commonwealth's senior citizens a special opportunity to visit Pennsylvania's showcase of agriculture," according to Secretary of Agriculture Boyd E. Wolff.

"The Pennsylvania Farm Show features hundreds of commercial and educational exhibitors, along with 8,000 individual entries in livestock, poultry, and farm and home competition on display throughout the weeklong extravaganza," Wolff said. "The famous food, nightly entertainment, new attractions and commemorative souvenirs will make the 75th Farm Show one Pennsylvania agriculture will be proud of."

A reception center is to be open from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. in the Main Lobby along the south side of the Farm Show Complex for older visitors to relax and enjoy refreshments.

Informational brochures on subjects like generic drugs, benefits and rights for older citizens, services of the Area Agencies on Aging, Alzheimers' Disease and long-term health care will be available at the center.

Buses transporting senior citizens to the Farm Show on Monday can use the West Circle along the Maclay Street Entrance to unload their passengers near the reception center.

Monday's schedule is full of attractions for young and old.

Judging begins early Monday morning for eggs, dressed poultry

and draft horses.

Along with the thousands of competitive and commercial exhibits to see, visitors can watch vogue school demonstrations, five scheduled cooking demonstrations, and four breed swine sales throughout the day.

A Supreme Champion Draft Horse will be crowned at 2 p.m. following the Percheron competition.

Monday showgoers may have a hard time deciding between the options for evening entertainment.

The draft horse hitched competition gets underway at 4 p.m. in the

Large Arena with cart classes. Team classes resume at 6:30 p.m., after a short intermission.

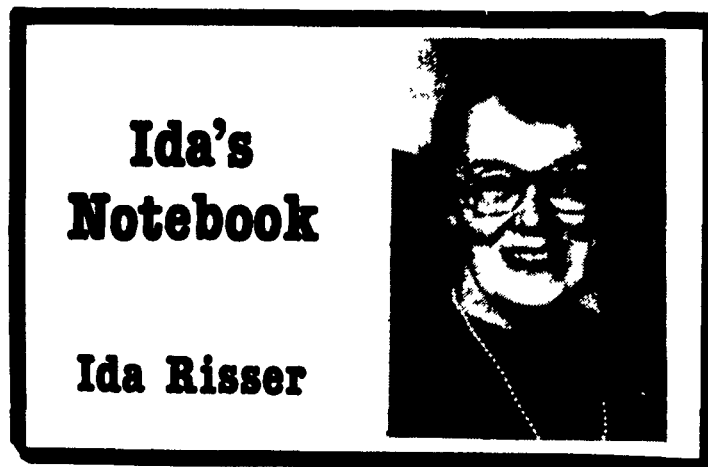
An all new program called Dairy Fun Night starts at 6 p.m. in the Small Arena. Following brief remarks and award presentations by Secretary Wolff, a myriad of contests are scheduled to emphasize Pennsylvania's dairy industry. They include celebrity cow milking and butter making, ice cream churning, calf dressing, celebrity cow judging and dairy jeopardy. The evening concludes with sampling of a 100-foot banana split constructed by county dairy princesses.

Batter-Dipped Veggies Offered

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — Fresh batter-dipped vegetables will be the new featured item at the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association food booth at the 1991 Farm Show in Harrisburg. The Association's hot vegetable soup has become a favorite at the Farm Show. Last year 100 to 200 quarts of vegetable soup were served each day. Sales have also been brisk the last several years for the nutritious broccoli-cauliflower salad, a delicious mixture of fresh broccoli and cauliflower with cheese in a sweet and sour dressing. This year chili will also be added to the soup menu. Home-made cream of mushroom soup is also a popular item on the

booth's menu.

The public's growing taste for batter-dipped vegetables, and the expansion of the commodity food area at the Farm Show, prompted the Association to enlarge their food booth to accommodate this new menu selection. Fresh broccoli, cauliflower, zucchini and onion rings will be used to prepare this treat that offers a tasty new way to enjoy vegetables. Be sure to stop at the vegetable growers booth in the new Food Court in the East Building of the Farm Show. Profits from the booth, which is staffed by volunteer members of the Association, will be partially used to fund vegetable research at Penn State University.



Ida's Notebook

Ida Risser

The holidays are over and again we've taken our share of pictures. It seems most families own a camera or two and if there are children in the family then they use them a lot. A new baby helps the film companies show a profit.

My children often get duplicates; and this way I accumulate many photos. Some day this winter I am definitely going to put them in an album. The camel-back trunk is full of pictures that bring back memories of years past.

As the children grew up, we began to send their pictures as Christmas cards. Therefore, I have almost 30 years of cards starting with our first baby girl and ending with the six children in a group after her wedding. It is a pleasure to share these pictures with new family members.

Recently I came across a copy of an old picture. It was taken in the 1880s and shows my grandfather and his brothers, sisters and parents standing in front of their

stone farmhouse. My husband has a picture taken in the same period, which shows his extended family in a field in front of their farm buildings. The men are standing in a Conestoga wagon and a young boy is off to one side holding a favorite white horse.

I don't need to go back to the 1800s to appreciate old pictures. Even those of my youth are interesting as they show our family in a row boat on the river that flows by our meadow. Another shows me and my shepherd dog, Rover, and my doll, Anna Louise. There is also one of my Grandmother Landis in a big sunbonnet holding me when I was a baby.

The trick is to keep all of these pictures in order so that you can find the one that you want. I do have big envelopes for each year with our children's pictures in them. This way I can send them photos of themselves when their children reach the same age. This is fun for me and for them.



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