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KILE Celebrates 38 Years

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — The Keystone International Livestock Exposition (KILE) is in its 38th year at Harrisburg. The Exposition is recognized nationally as a showcase for the nation's top beef cattle, swine, sheep, and horses. It will be held at the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg on October 5-10.

The year 1994 has been designated as "Year of the horse," so horse exhibitors will receive special attention as part of the effort to increase public awareness of the horse industry and the high caliber of horse shows held annually at KILE.

Increased interest and entries have led the show management to

expand the horse program to six days, which moves the Appaloosa show to Wednesday and the Quarter Horse show to Sunday. Once again, part of the draft horse-hitch show is a qualifying event in the North American Six Horse Hitch Classic Series, and many of the country's top rated hitches will work to earn points for the national event in Ocala, Florida.

Other livestock will also garner international attention. The American Polled Hereford Association has designated KILE as one of its three rotating Standard of Productivity (SOP) shows. The SOP show is always a major attraction because of its genetic focus approach to cattle judging.

The Shorthorn Show has been

designated as a Point Accumulation Event by the American Shorthorn Association. The Limousin Cattle Show is a Medal of Excellence Show, Level II, and is one of eight approved regional competitions that qualify exhibitors for the national show.

Sheep competition at KILE features the National Merino Show, Great Lakes Regional Rambouillet Show, and Eastern Regional Junior Dorset Show. The Junior Sheep Show has been expanded to include Rambouillet and Tunis breeds.

Hundreds of collegiate, FFA, and 4-H students from several states always enter the junior livestock judging and stockman contests at KILE. These keen educa-

tional competitions are excellent tests of knowledge and skill, providing students with valuable experience for their futures in agriculture.

With the newly-expanded Pennsylvania Farm Show Complex, KILE has been able to spread out through two additional acres of indoor exhibit space. More than 4,400 entries are expected for the 1994 show, which offers a record \$217,369 in premiums.

Eleven scheduled performances by Animals of Distinction will delight thousands of children and adults with their tricks throughout the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

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"Here's looking at you, kid."

1994 Is The Year Of The Horse

HARRISBURG (Centre Co.) — The Keystone International Livestock Show, October 5-10, will celebrate the Year of the Horse in its continuing cycle of honoring an animal breed each year. Don Tanner of Smethport and John Cole of Centre Hall are busy preparing activities in honor of horses.

The opening ceremony, scheduled for 4 p.m. on Thursday, October 6, in the Small Arena, will feature a 20-minute presentation on the history of horses and current breeds.

Two major shows will be held in the Large Arena:

• October 7, at 7 p.m. will feature the ever popular Challenge of the Breeds, which will feature six internationally recognized horse breeds: Appaloosa, Arabian, Half-Arabian, Percheron, Paint and Quarter Horse against each other in an evening of mastery and fun. A total of 12 horses chosen by their respective breed associations will be entered in the competition. Featured events include pleasure driving, English pleasure, hunter hack, western pleasure, western riding and barrel racing. The Keystone Sovereign champion will receive \$1,000.

• Saturday, October 8 at 7 p.m., the Heavy Hitch Classic will be presented. The North American Six-Horse Hitch Classic Series is the ultimate driving event in the heavy horse world. The Keystone International Livestock Exposition has been chosen as one of 45 recognized Qualifying Shows on the Classic Series Show circuit. The six-horse hitches perform at state fairs and agricultural exhibitions to accumulate points for their region and beyond, competing at qualifying shows spread across Canada and the United States. The competition builds to a climax at the end of the year when the high-point hitches are invited to compete in the final competition, the Classic Series. The winner of the Classic Series All Breed Trophy is considered by many to be the best six-horse hitch in the world. The four major draft horse breeds that compete in the Classic Series are Belgians, Percherons, Clydesdales and Shires. Hitches are judged on conformation, manners, the proper fit and cleanliness of the harness, the appropriateness of the wagon, and the hitch's way of going. More than 15 hitches will be performing for your pleasure during the evening.

An admission-fee of \$5 will be charged for these two shows.

Horse Shows happening daily include: Appaloosa Show - Wednesday, October 5, 8 a.m.; Draft Horse Halter Shows - Thursday through Saturday, October 6-8; Paso Fino Show - Saturday, October 8, 1 p.m.; Quarter Horse Show - Sunday, October 9, 8 a.m.; and Arabian Show - Monday, October 10, 8 a.m.

Hunter Named To Livestock Hall Of Fame

HARRISBURG (Dauphin Co.) — George V. Hunter, a lifetime resident of Mercer County, has been chosen as the Livestock Hall of Fame Award winner for 1994. He will be honored at a ceremony at 4 p.m. in the Small Arena of the Farm Show Complex in Harrisburg on Thursday, October 6.

Hunter's picture will be hung on the Small Arena wall with the 24 previous winners of this prestigious award.

This award is given by the Pennsylvania Livestock Association (PLA) and is chosen on the following three criteria: contribution to the livestock industry, involvement with the Pennsylvania Livestock Association, and contribution to the community.

Hunter was born in Mercer County in 1917. He attended Penn State University. He married Evelyn McMichael in 1943 and resides in Stoneboro. The Hunters

have nine children, who are Samuel, Smithsburg, Md.; Mary Musser, New Middletown, Ohio; Robert, South Bend, Ind.; Frank, Cassadaga, N.Y.; Audrey Wheeler, Grove City; Donald, Butler; Glenn, Grove City; Elizabeth Kingsley, Leesburg; and Hazel at home. Nearly all the children are involved somehow in agriculture, primarily in the sheep industry. Fifteen grandchildren complete the family.

Hunter began exhibiting livestock in 1935 at the Mercer Fair for his father, Samuel R. Hunter. He purchased his first Suffolk sheep in 1939 and his first Shorthorns in 1948. He added Horned Dorsets in 1950 and owned Merinos for a few years during the 1950s. During the 1960s and 1970s, he raised and exhibited draft horses, Berkshire hogs, sheep and cattle at many Pennsylvania fairs as well as the Pennsylvania Farm Show

and the Keystone International Livestock Exposition.

Hunter has shown sheep at KILE for all of the 37 years it has been in existence and has sheep entered in the 1994 show. He has missed only one year of showing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show since 1936 and that was last January following the death of his father.

Actively involved and interested in many farm organizations, he serves as newsletter editor for both the Pennsylvania Suffolk Association and the Pennsylvania Shorthorn Association. Over the years he has served on many boards in the livestock industry and is secretary of the Pennsylvania Suffolk Sheep Association, a position he has held for 33 years.

Other organizations in which Hunter has been active include Millbrook Grange, Shorthorn Association, American Shorthorn

Association, National Suffolk Sheep Association, Continental Dorset Club, American Merino Association, Pennsylvania Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Northwest Cattlemen's Association, Mercer County and Venango County Sheep and Wool Growers Association, Keystone Ram and Ewe Sale and the KILE Sheep Committee.

Active in the Tower United Presbyterian Church, George has taught Sunday School for more than 15 years.

Hunter is very active in the sheep world today, even more since his retirement from the Arthur Armour Aluminum Shop, Grove City, as a metalsmith. He has judged sheep show all over Eastern United States. He has consigned to and supported numerous purebred livestock sales and has been chairman of the Pennsylvania Suffolk Ewe Sale for the past 31 years.