

Horse Shoeing Demonstration Set

HARRISBURG (DAUPHIN CO.)—A three-man team is scheduled to present a 90-minute demonstration on draft horse shoeing at the Pennsylvania Farm Show on Wednesday, January 11.

Mike Wharton of York County, along with Bob Davis and Stephen Keeney from North Carolina, make up the team. The trio will set up a forge, anvil and hand tools about 4:15 in the Large Arena.

"Hand-made draft shoeing is just making a come back," according to Wharton, "and that's what we're trying to promote. We are also interested in promoting good shoeing technique, and possibly putting together a program for competition in the future.

Md. Vegetable Growers Meeting

COCKEYSVILLE, Md. — The 22nd Annual Central Maryland Vegetable Growers Meeting will be held Friday, January 27, at Friendly Farm Restaurant, Foreston Road, Baltimore County.

Commercial exhibits have become a popular feature of this meeting, and at least 20 agribusiness firms are expected to attend. The exhibit area will be open at 8:30 a.m. when coffee and donuts will be served.

The program will begin at 10 a.m. with a discussion on "Marketing Tips for Tailgaters," by Tony Evans, Maryland Department of Agriculture. Dr. Edward Beste, University of Maryland weed specialist, will follow at 10:30 a.m., addressing "What's New in Weed Control." At 11 a.m., a guest speaker from Rutgers Research and Development Center in New Jersey, Dr. Stephen Johnston will give an update on vegetable disease problems.

The final speaker in the morning at 11:30 a.m. will be Jerry Fischer from the Central Maryland Beekeepers Association, whose topic will be "Will We Have Enough Bees in 1995?"

Lunch will be served at 12:15 p.m. featuring all-you-can-eat chicken and roast beef. Luncheon tickets are \$7 each and may be purchased from the Baltimore County Extension Office, (410) 666-1022.

Following lunch, Dr. Franklin Schales, University of Maryland Vegetable Specialist, will discuss "Growing Transplants in the Greenhouse." James Linduska will follow at 2 p.m. with the topic "Coping With Insects in Our Major Crops."

The final speaker of the day will be Mary Ellen Setting, Maryland Department of Agriculture, who will give details of the recertification program and related issues.

His team includes a fireman, striker, and floorman. The shoes are actually made by the fireman, who turns the shoe and the striker who uses a 12-pound hammer. The floorman prepares the horse's hoof and nails the shoe on. A draft horse shoe is substantially larger than that of an average horse, according to Wharton. It measures about 18 inches in length, from 3/8 to 1/2 inch thick and 1-1/4 inches wide.

The team has received training from six-time world champion Grant Moon from the Isle of Man, British Isles in the Irish Sea. They placed third out of 15 teams at their first competition in Boston recently, which was based on time and quality of work.

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and big equipment," she says, "and there was just nothing out there. As farm areas are getting smaller over the years I feel it is important to show children where food really comes from," she adds. "But, the tractors and large equipment make the subject more interesting for kids!"

With support from her accountant husband, Bruce, Mrs. Schindler began making contacts. She found child narrators, Adam and Rachel Sincell through a consultant, Glenn Tolbert. She found cooperation from John Deere (who helped her with the technical terms and supplied footage), Giant Foods Bakery (where footage was shot) and especially Donald Lippy and his family on the Lippy Brothers Farms in Carroll and Baltimore counties, Maryland, where the

farm scenes were recorded. Mrs. Schindler hired free-lance photographers and the filming began in early April 1994.

By November of 1994 the filming was complete. Mrs. Schindler says she worked under the supervision of The American Farm Bureau and The National Corn Growers Association. She consulted with Farm Safety 4 Just Kids throughout the filming to make sure the tape conformed to safety standards.

"I think we made all the right contacts," said Mrs. Schindler who says she did not allow children to be filmed on farm equipment or to do anything that might be construed as dangerous. "I wanted it to be done very professionally." When Maryland Ag in the Classrooms viewed the tape they promptly ordered 100 copies for use in the classrooms.

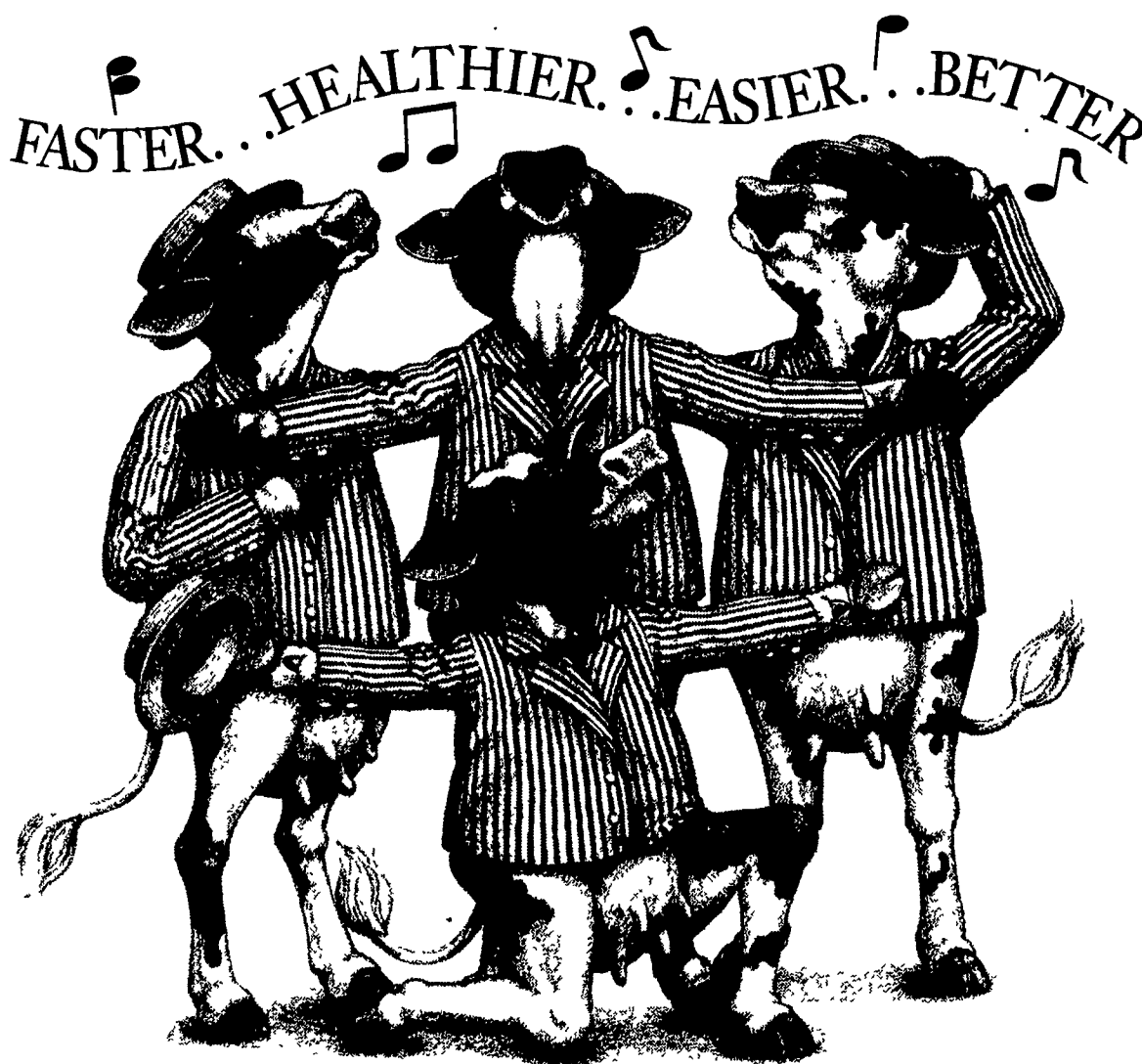
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ny is handling wholesale, retail, and packaging and is distributing her video with the help of a 1-800 number.

Mrs. Schindler says they have already sold "hundreds" of copies of the video and she is pleased with how it is doing. "When I looked at a statement from Vermont with the recent sales figures, I was surprised," she says. "My whole goal was to educate city kids about farming," she says, "But more orders are from rural areas than metropolitan areas!"

"Our video is done entirely from a child's point of view," Mrs. Schindler says. But it is obvious to the viewer that the film, "Tractors, Combines and Things On The Grow" is not just for kids! To order the video, which is approximately 30 minutes in length, and retails at \$19.95, interested persons or businesses may call 1-800-808-FARM.

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