

## American Gold Cup Is Sept. 16-19

DEVON — Two grand prix classes within two days highlight the all-jumper weekend at the American Gold Cup on Sept. 16-19 at the Devon show grounds.

The first grand prix is the \$25,000 Welcome Stake, a World Cup qualifying class, on Friday evening.

As a World Cup qualifier, this grand prix draw the top jumpers in the country who are vying for a slot on the World Cup team that will compete next spring in Las Vegas against the top horses and riders from all over the world.

The American Gold Cup benefits The New Bolton Center and the Small Animal Hospital of the University of Pennsylvania Medical School.

The Gold Cup weekend boasts an exciting all-jumper format with more than \$150,000 in prize money. The second grand prix of the weekend is the \$60,000 American Gold Cup, Sunday at 2 p.m. Horses qualify for this class through their placings in the Friday evening class.

The 30th anniversary of the Gold Cup includes classes for all levels of jumpers from 4-year-olds in the International Futurity to the top open jumpers in the country competing in the two grand prix classes.

There's lost more than just the exciting jumper competitions to draw spectators to this

unique event.

New Bolton Center is again presenting its very popular MASH tent at the show.

Children can take "injured" stuffed animals to the MASH tent, where they will be outfitted in surgical gowns to assist actual veterinarians in "treating" the toys. These procedures are very lifelike and give the children a terrific insight into the actual work done at this world famous clinic.

The Mimmers Two Street String Band, in full regalia, will perform in exhibition Friday and Saturday evenings and Sunday afternoon. These exciting musicians whirl and twirl in lavish costumes to catchy music, presenting a wonderful Philadelphia tradition.

Saturday is Children's Day, with pony rides, face painting and an exhibition of exotic birds.

Children who take a drawing of one of their pets receive free admission on Saturday, and this art show is later judged, with the winners receiving great prizes.

Children's Day expands into Sunday this year, with pony rides also now available on Gold Cup afternoon.

The hugely popular Celebrity Dog Show is judged in the rear adjacent to the Dixon Oval, with prizes for all kinds of categories, from Best Smile to the winner with the best tricks.

Mast of Ceremonies of the dog show this year is KYW-TV's Carol Erickson.

A new feature at the Gold Cup this year is the Young Jumper Championship carrying a \$5,000 championship for 5-year-olds and a \$7,500 championship for 6-year-olds. This is the East Coast Championship Finals and is a qualifying event for the Monterrey Challenge for Young Horses to be held in Mexico in October.

The 4-year-old International Futurity will also be held at the Gold Cup again this year, along with classes for Amateur Owner Jumpers, Open Speed and Intermediate Jumpers.

Saturday evening features the \$7,500 Show Jumping Hall of Fame Classic for amateur owner jumpers. This is always a tightly contested, exciting class.

A side saddle is also on the schedule for Saturday evening, and the Gold Cup is the Zone 2 Finals for side saddle riders.

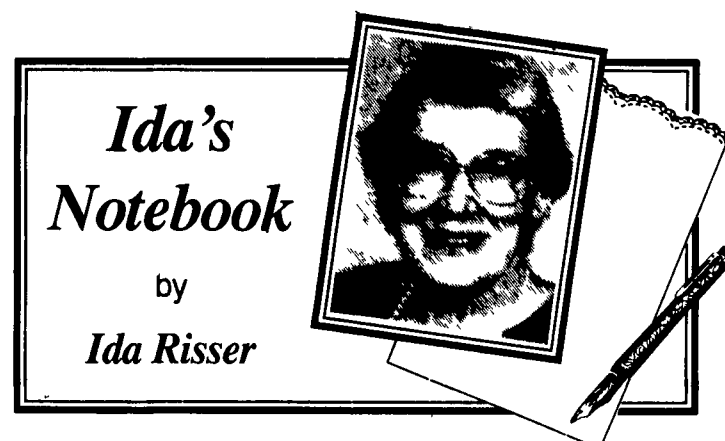
Boutique shopping for antiques, jewelry, crafts and gifts is offered in the fair area throughout the weekend.

A half-dozen elite antique dealers will set up shop in the fair area, adding their wares to the traditional mix of sporting clothes, fine jewelry, prints, paintings, and sculptures traditionally offered.

Boxes and reserved seats are still available. Reserved sets range in cost from \$5 to \$20 depending on the day. General admission is \$5 for adults and

\$3 for children ages 5 to 12. Children under 5 are admitted free.

For tickets and information, call (610) 964-9316 or (610) 964-0550.



This morning I'd like to reminisce a bit due to something that happened yesterday.

It has been some 20 years since I had been called to the office of *Lancaster Farming* and asked to do the Sale Reports. I have always liked to attend public sales and so I said "yes." Of course, my reports are received over the telephone and not by attending the sales.

Sunday afternoon is used to line up the sales and by this I mean in the order that the auctioneers want to be called. There are usually a few at 6:30 a.m., some at 6:45 a.m. and some at 7 o'clock. This goes off and on Monday morning until after 10 o'clock. There are some call-backs in the afternoon and evening. I've had the opportunity to personally meet a few of the auctioneers who advertise in *Lancaster Farming*. One day a man knocked on my front door. He knew me but I did not know

him. He had driven from New Jersey.

Another time I went to a produce auction in another county and the auctioneer introduced me to the crowd as "the lady who gets me up every Monday morning." That made me run for cover.

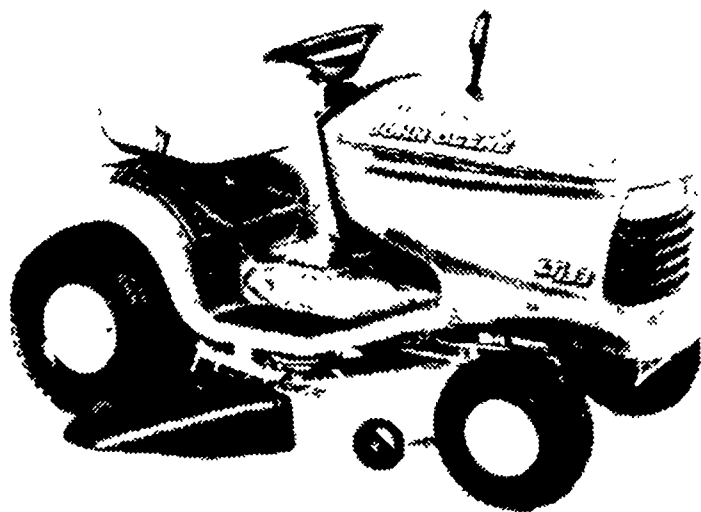
Some men will give results from a prepared list and others give them off the top of their heads. Often they are in the barn milking or even at a place of business where they work.

Yesterday, I phoned a man who told me that he was standing knee deep in a stream as he was damming it up. Well, I was sure that he had no prices for me but he said, "I brought by cell phone with me and my list of prices is in my pocket." So I reported his sale by typing it on my 1940 Royal typewriter.

When an auctioneer, who I've talked to for years, retires or dies, it is like losing a friend.

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