

# MCC Tristate Relief Sale Is June 16-17

McHENRY, Md. — The Tri-State Relief Sale to benefit Mennonite Central Committee's (MCC), worldwide mission efforts, is Friday and Saturday, June 16-17 at the Garrett County Fairground, McHenry, Md.

MCC seeks to demonstrate God's love by working among people suffering from poverty, conflict, oppression, and natural disaster. In 1920, MCC was started in response to hunger in the Ukraine.

"MCC goes in until the problem is solved," notes John Hepler, chairman of the TriState Relief Sale subcommittee that is directing activities.

The blockbuster affair will involve many aspects; however, the proceeds from all of them will be turned over to MCC after costs have been paid.

Excitement is mounting for the new Silent Auction being held from 4 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., Friday evening, just as the grounds are opened. The subcommittee planning the silent auction reports there will be no limit on how often a bidder can rebid. He must go higher than the previous bid.

At least 125 one-of-a-kind items will be displayed comfortably on tables in a large building. And writing down bids will be very convenient.

Among the items is a replica Joel J. Miller rocking chair whose original was built in 1868. Hand embroidered pillow cases, screech owl nesting house, and scads of items promise great enjoyment while helping MCC's cause.

At 7 p.m., Friday, the Cherry Glade Mennonite Praise and Worship Team will lead a musical service and Ken Sensenig from MCC's Akron office will participate.

Saturday at 6:30 a.m. the gates are open in time for breakfast of pancakes and sausage, followed at 8 a.m. by the opening of Market Place.

The Market Place is popular with hundreds of pre-priced goods for shoppers.

At 9 a.m. the quilt auction will begin and the children will go to special activities such as assembling health kits and counting coins in the Penny Power project. They will watch simulated MCC

meat canning, do origami and sand art.

This year Penny Power will go to help millions of flooding victims in Bangladesh, to build homes, buy vegetable seeds and provide medicine. Penny Power has been underway for months in Allegheny Mennonite Conference churches.

The kids will be entitled to their own auction, too, and nobody who is over 14, can legally place a bid.

At 10:30 a.m. the Country Auction will begin. A sampling of merchandise includes Lenox and Simon Pearce glassware; Lynn Lais pottery, Gary Yoder wood sculptures, P. Buckley Moss limited edition prints, hand crafted oak chairs, adult and child hickory rockers, dinners at restaurants and weekend get-aways at Laurelville Mennonite Church Center, Hidden Valley Resort, Deep Creek Lake, and Walnut Ridge B & B.

Also to be auctioned are, cherry quilt frame, quilt rack, new tools and hardware, raft rides and water sports; red oak table



John Hepler with an 1868 replica rocking chair. This is to be auctioned at the MCC Relief Auction in McHenry, Md.

40 by 80 inches; handwoven rugs, braided rug, bike rentals, bus trip certificates and much more.

One unique contribution is the model 1920 Fordson tractor MCC used in the Ukraine.

Foods will dominate the grounds, from chicken barbecue meals to homemade ice creams,

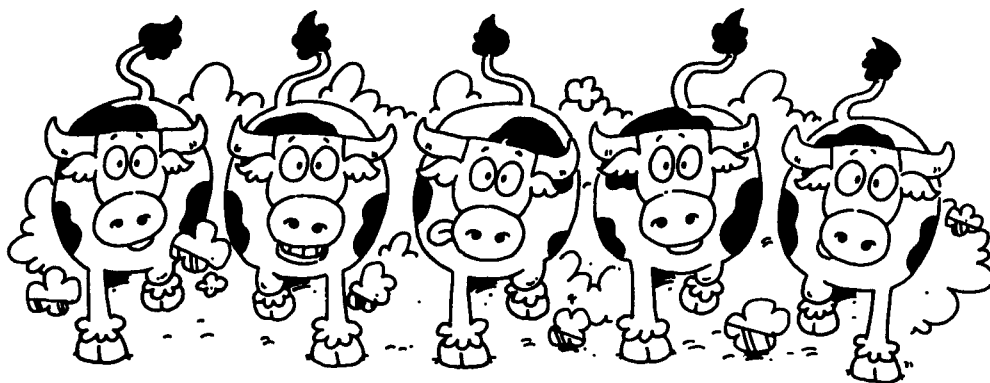
pastries, and numerous popular snacks and beverages.

The Garrett County Fairgrounds is located 13 miles south of Interstate 68, Exit 14A, taking Route 219 S.

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