

Dairy Shows Scheduled Today And Tomorrow At Tunkhannock

The Sixteenth annual Northeast Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Cooperative Dairy Cattle Show will be held today in Tunkhannock on the NEPA grounds.

Winners from ten local shows will compete for top placings. The ten Northeast counties, Wayne, Lackawanna, Susquehanna, Wyoming, Bradford, Sullivan, Luzerne, Columbia, Tioga and Potter will be represented by the winners of their ABC shows. Jerseys, Ayrshires, Guernseys and Holsteins will compete within their respective breeds. For this show the animals must be sired by a bull which is or was the NEPA stud or was made available to members through the stud.

The NEPA show is the oldest Artificially Bred show in the country. Over the years cattle members have increased and quality has improved. More than 300 head will compete this year. Tents for showing and housing will be available for the convenience of exhibitors. Cattle will be identified with name cards for the identification of those who are interested in the offspring of bulls which are or have been available through NEPA. For those who come to see the show there will be ample sitting room around the show ring.

The show will start at 10 a.m. with breeds alternating in the ring. The best ring side seats will give a bird's eye view of all animals paraded.

Don Seip of Keystone Farm, Easton, will place Holsteins and Ayrshires and Bill Hepburn, Manager of Homestead Farms, Windsor, Conn., will judge Guernseys and Jerseys.

Miss Diane Gillespie, Pennsylvania's Miss Milk Maid will make the awards.

No matter what the weather, the show will go on. Lunch counters will serve sandwiches and cold or hot drinks—Milk will be available in any quantity. Parking is free and the day should be very enjoyable on the well kept grounds. It will be a great day for all—friends, competitors, and enthusiasts.

The series of shows at NEPA grounds included 4-H and FFA on Wednesday. The Northeast Black and White Jersey Parish Show and Brown Swiss are on Friday. Everyone is welcome.

Black And White Show At Tunkhannock Friday

Approximately 70 exhibitors from 14 neighboring counties will participate in the 9th annual Northeastern District Black & White Show at Tunkhannock tomorrow according to William Conyngham, show manager. Over 200 animals are scheduled to be judged by William K. Hepburn, Jr. Mr. Conyngham announced that judging will be by the Danish System and winners of blue and red ribbons will qualify for participation in a State Show to be held at the Farm Show Bldg. in Harrisburg on Sept. 20th.

Classes to be judged include: Jr. Bull Calf, Sr. Bull Calf, Jr. Yearling Bull, Sr. Yearling Bull, Jr. Heifer Calf, Sr. Heifer Calf, Jr. Yearling Heifer, Sr. Yearling Heifer, 2-Yr. Old Heifer (never fresh), 2-Yr. Old Cow, 4-Yr. Old Cow, Five Years and Over Cow, Best Udder, Jr., Get of Sire Sr. Get of Sire, Produce of Dam, Three Females, Dairy Herd, Daughter-Dam, County Herd and Championship Classes.

Round Table Elects Garman

Meetings Changed To Third Thursday

Richard Garman was elected president; Howard W. Risley, vice president and program chairman, and Mrs. Thomas M. Heffernan, secretary-treasurer at the reorganization meeting of Back Mountain Civil War Round Table at the Library Annex on Friday night.

Following the election, John Ney presented two wooden plaques, one of a confederate and the other of a Union soldier, which will be placed on a shelf in the children's Library.

It was decided to change the regular meeting night from Friday to the third Tuesday of each month.

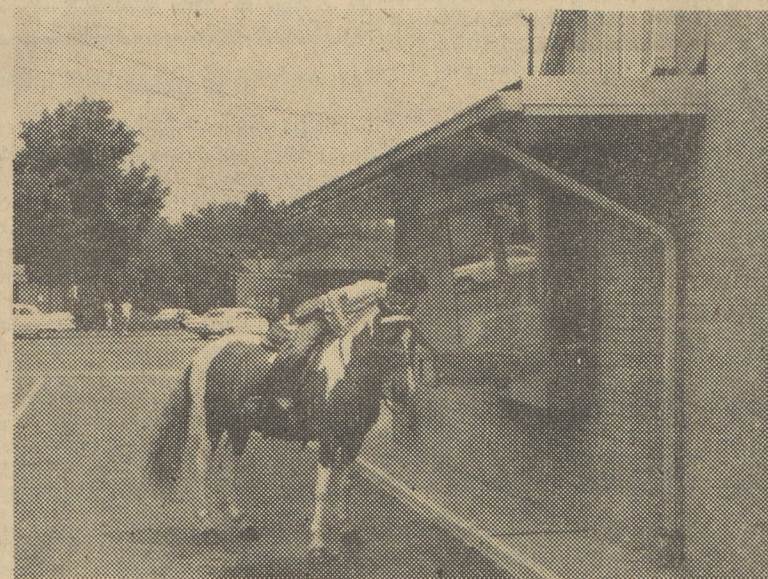
Because of a surplus in the treasury, it was decided to reduce the dues from \$5 per year to \$2. Annual dues become payable January.

Because September 17 will be the 100th anniversary of the Battle of Antietam, the subject for discussion at the September meeting will be "Lee's first invasion of the North culminating with the Battle at Antietam."

Edgar M. Post, Wilkes-Barre, Mrs. Florence Crump, Dallas Township; Thomas Cully, Shavertown and Sgt. Thomas Becky, Swoyersville, were introduced as new members.

Interested persons will be welcome to attend any session of the Round Table.

Ride-In Window At The Bank



Women in house-dresses, women with screaming children, women with their hair up in curlers, stop at the drive-in window of Miners National Bank, Dallas Branch; but this is the first time a paint-pony has snorted for admission at the sliding window.

Connie Bogdon, 11, stoops low from the saddle as she shoves a pass-book through the window, to make a deposit for her mother, Mrs. Anthony Bogdon. Both cars were in use, says Mrs. Bogdon, so it was the paint-pony or nothing.

Connie won two blue ribbons with Trixie at Bloomsburg last Sunday in the 4-H competition. She is a member of Horse-Shoe 4-H, a group of local children who have horses or ponies. A short time ago, they staged a small horse show on the Bogdon place on Machel Avenue.

Connie will be entering the seventh grade at Gate of Heaven School September 4.

Weeds Must Be Cut

Dallas Borough Council has given final notices that all weeds must be cut by August 31 or they will be cut by Borough employees and the cost added to the individual's taxes.

Unightly weeds are also a menace to hay fever sufferers.

Cabbage, Cauliflower

Joseph Rodriguez has eighty acres of cabbage and cauliflower on rented acreage at Goodleigh Farm, almost ready for the harvest. That's a lot of sauerkraut and pickles.

Mr. Rodriguez is one of the outstanding truck farmers in the area.

Hauck And Poad Mentioned For Board Vacancy

Several names have been mentioned to fill the vacancy on Kingston Township Board of Supervisors caused by the resignation of Austin C. Line after completing only two and one half years of his six-year term.

Mr. Line gave reasons of health as the cause for his resignation at the last meeting of the Supervisors on August 8.

Remaining Supervisors La Roy Ziegler, a Republican, and Arthur F. Smith, Democrat, now have thirty days or until September 7, to agree upon a selection to fill the vacancy. After that date it is mandatory that the Court make the appointment.

Prominently mentioned for the post is Lester W. Hauck, 66 Perrin Avenue, Shavertown, chairman of Kingston Township Planning Commission and member of the firm of Allen, Rodda and Hauck, architects.

Another is Theodore A. Poad, North Main Street, Shavertown, former Kingston Township Tax Collector, active in municipal life and a township Republican leader. Mr. Poad as well as others have petitions in circulation to be presented to the Court in case the Supervisors fail to make an appointment.

Among others mentioned as possibilities is William Robbins, Trucks-ville, active conservationist and sportsman as well as registered Democrat.

Rotary Exchange Students Foster Understanding Between Countries

Twenty-one Rotary Exchange students have left for a year's experience in living and attending schools in an other country. Of this group, three are from the Dallas Area schools and a fourth is a Shavertown resident who attended Wyoming Seminary.

Students are traveling by both air and boat. Last Wednesday, eight students left Idlewild airport by jet for Australia by way of Honolulu to Sydney. There they will separate, with one going to Tasmania, three to Melbourne area and four to Perth on Australia's western coast. These will be the first exchange students in the Perth area from any country.

Last Friday, thirteen students boarded the New Amsterdam to travel to Rotterdam. There they will go in various directions to Netherlands, Western Germany, Austria, Sweden, Norway, and France. Before school starts, many interesting experiences will be enjoyed. Dale Mosier will tour the German Universities with a group of European exchange students. Nancy Sieber will attend a youth camp for a week with other European students where problems common for many countries will be discussed. Other students will enjoy holidays at resort areas on the ocean, lakes and mountains.

Exchange students with their home town and the countries they will visit are: Sandra Ambrose, Dallas to Netherlands; Nancy Sieber, Shavertown, Netherlands; John Parry, Shavertown to Netherlands; Dale Mosier, Dallas to Western Germany; Judy Casterline, Montrose to Norway; Nancy MacGeorgt, Montrose to Netherlands; Betsy Masters, Kings-

ley to Netherlands; Doris Kail, Montrose to Sweden; Lynne Fiore, Montrose to France; Erin Lee O'Brien, Scranton to France; Linda Bankes, Scranton to Netherlands; Donna Dwyer, Plymouth to Austria; Marcia Case, Troy to Sweden; Michael Lynott, Forty Fort; Marvin Lieberman, Wilkes-Barre; Paula Wallace, Troy; Patricia Yeatman, Leighton; Harry Schooley III, Kingston; Betsy Ash, Kingston all go to various places in Australia. Patricia Hood of Tunkhannock goes to Tasmania.

At least twenty-one students will arrive from other countries for a year with various Rotary clubs in District 741, comprising 7 countries in northeastern Pennsylvania. They will come from Australia, Norway, Sweden, Netherlands, France, Tasmania and Argentina. The Dallas Rotary club will host Ross Henry Walker of Myrtleford, Victoria, Australia. Ross is 17 and will attend the Dallas Senior High School. He will be hosted while visiting here by members of the Rotary club: Dale Parry, Sheldon Mosier, and President John Landis. Myron Ash, whose daughter Betsy is in Australia, will also host Ross at his summer home on Bunker Hill.

The exchange program has proven its value in a few years. New friendships among the students and their parents result in many visits in this area, as well as parents visiting in other countries. At this time, Lynne Jordan is hosting for the week, Christian Hamacker of Eindhoven, Netherlands, with whom she became friends while studying in Europe last

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Tomato Harvest In Full Swing At Centermoreland

Three Packing Plants Shipping Thousands Of Cases Every Day

Last week one of Back Mountain's biggest industries—green tomatoes, rumbled quietly into action. It happens the middle of every August.

"The big semi-trailer trucks lined up beside Orchard Farm Restaurant on Route 309, mostly bearing Florida licenses, are waiting to carry the Back Mountain tomatoes to buyers' houses and supermarket packing plants all over the east.

One by one, the trucks thread their way back through Franklin Township to the now bustling area that stretches from Centermoreland down along Route 292 to the river. The produce they carry away represents the efforts of well over one hundred area growers, some big, some small, against big risk and high competition.

Seven or eight months of the year, the tomato industry booms in Florida. One buyer estimated that the operation in that state is at least ten times as big as it is here. This area then is part of a great summer harvest chain which stretches to up-state New York, followed by carloads of migrant workers and empty trailer-trucks.

The center ring of this big green circuit lies just south of Centermoreland, at the packing-houses of Ivan Sponholtz, Abood Tomato Corporation, and Dymond Brothers. Van after van of tomatoes backs into one end of the plant, and out the other end they go, bound for Boston, New York, and Philadelphia.

The processing in each plant is about the same as explained by W. L. Davis, manager of Abood Packing House: The fruit (tomato men, who ought to know, call it "fruit") is dumped into a shallow bin with rollers in the bottom. The lead of tomatoes bumps into a heated washer which gives it a shower and rolls into a heat-dryer and then a dryer-washer combination. At this point skilled hands pick out anything which is absolutely useless, rotten, ripe, or even pink.

The "pinks" are packed separately, and sold as such. They will ripen very soon. The green tomatoes rumble through the complex of rollers, dropping through sized mesh screens into a line of rollers which carries them, each line for a different size, to a packer. They are weighed by the box, and delivered to the trucks.

How are the tomatoes bought? By the pound, according to size classification. A number of shiny late-model sedans bearing Florida and other out-of-state licenses are in evidence every day now around Dallas. These are the buyers and the brokers, a rough and ready breed, who spend most of their lives living in one nameless motel room after another, following the crop. Many are married, but are forced by the nature of their work to leave their families at home.

The buyer will know when a crop is expected from the field, and will wait up at the packing house to examine it. If it is up to the standards and specifications of his firm, he will place his order. If not, he will wait for another.

All tomato buying (except for a little mail-order) is done by verbal agreement. Prices are standard within a given part of a given growing season, but they fluctuate in an "anybody's guess" fashion from one harvest to another. All buyers would pay at present about five to six cents per pound for "Number ones", according to one Boston buyer, who was waiting for a load to come in. "I can say," he observed, "that there is no favoritism for the big supermarket-chains. I work for a small outfit myself, so I wouldn't say it if it weren't true. The little buyer gets just as good a shake."

"To tell you the truth," he continued, "I don't see how the growers can make it through. You figure they get maybe one cent a pound out of it. All the rest is mark-up." When a buyer has a load of fruit to go, he contacts a truck-broker who will probably be hanging around the packing house area too. This broker will hire out a truck to the buyer, making the deal for the independent truck-driver. Almost all the trucks parked at Orchard Farms and Noon's Service Station are independents from Florida. "Spoken boys with the patience of Job, and a drawl you could frost a cake with."

Most of the truckdrivers' time is spent waiting around, and they hate it. One said: "By golly, you don't have to put up with this sittin' around stuff out at the packers in California. You git in, and you git out, and that's it."

In Florida, the tomato industry is more regular because of the weather. In the Back Mountain area, the weather and, subsequently, the prices play hop-scotch with each other throughout the summer. Prices generally suffer a loss of a few cents in the summertime move from Florida north.

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Green Tomato Industry Is A Big One In Back Mountain



TOP ROW 1 — Green tomato industry in Back Mountain gets underway over thousands of acres. Picked by local and migrant help paid by the basket, great stacks of crated fruit await trucks to the packer.

ROW 2 — Although much of the packing process is automatic, considerable manpower is required at the most modern of packing

houses to carry and handle crates and feed the process-line regularly.

ROW 3 — Right after the machines have washed, dried and waxed the fruit, "pinks" are sorted out by sharp-eyed inspectors, and packed separately. The rest are sorted by moving sized screens, and checked for flaws

ROW 4 — Isolated conveyor lines of sized tomatoes move on to the packing lines where they are crated, and pushed on to be weighed. Then the boxes are dollied to refrigerator trucks, and sent to buyers' packing houses all over the East. Tomatoes picked green today will be consumed within two weeks. Back Mountain is considered the finest tomato country in the nation.