

CANAL DOVER FESTIVAL

Entertainment to be continuous, varied

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A variety of continuous entertainment is scheduled for Old-Fashioned Canal Dover Festival and will be held at stages at opposite ends of the W. 3rd St. midway.

The east stage will provide most of the musical entertainment, while the west stage will have a number of contests and events.

Exchange Club member Bob Cunningham, who is in charge of east stage entertainment, said most of performers are from the area. A roundup of the entertainment follows:

EAST STAGE

Opening ceremonies will be held Friday at noon, with Dover Mayor Guy Smith and festival chairman Darrell Devore scheduled to make opening remarks.

At 1, the Senior Citizens Kitchen Band will take the stage for 90 minutes, followed by the New Philadelphia new wave group, The Unreal McCoys, which will perform from 3 to 6 p.m.

The group, led by Mark Incarnato, plans to release an album featuring, "Party Time," a song that received air time on radio stations. Other original songs on the album include, "Wanna Be Someone," "Twinkie Fear" and "Radio Active."

An auction of commemorative plates will begin at 7, with auctioneer Don Wallick volunteering his vocal cords. This year's numbered plates will bear a

logo designed by Steve Shonk of Navarre. Several numbered plates from the first two festivals also will be auctioned.

From 8 to 11, the dance band Gemini, led by Sam Hitchcock of New Philadelphia, will perform. It has a following at area clubs and has performed at many area social events.

ON SATURDAY, two popular jazz groups will live the afternoon.

The Dover High Jazz Band, directed by Robert Lyon, will perform for two hours, from 1 to 3. It will be followed at 4 by the Canal Dixieland Band, led by the father-son team of Frank and Chris Corbi of the Wilkshire Hills area.

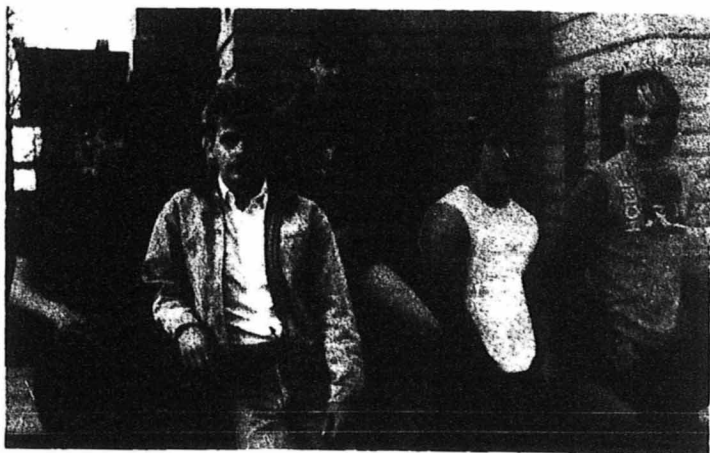
Getting top bill for the day will be the Whiskey River Band, an area country-western group. It will play from 8 to 11.

Sunday's entertainment will be kicked off at noon by the Old Town Country Band, a group from Uhrichsville that performs gospel and country tunes. They will be followed at 2 by Wagon Wheel, a country-western group from the Twin Cities area.

At 6:15, the popular Domenic Greco Memorial Band will take the stage under the direction of Fred Delphia, who heads the Dover High music department. The evening will be capped by Nightflyer, a New Philadelphia group.

WEST STAGE

The only musical group performing at the west stage will be Daniels & Gray, a ballad-singing duo that plays at area



The Unreal McCoys will perform Friday from 3 to 6 at the east stage.

nightclubs. The two will take the stage from 9 to 11 Saturday night.

On Friday night, the Swiss Hilltoppers will put on a square dancing exhibition from 7:30 to 10:30, and more square dancing will be featured Sunday night from 8:30 to 11 when Gene Murphy & the Country Bunch perform.

A different kind of dancing, clogging, to bluegrass music is on tap Saturday from 4 to 5.

Contests scheduled at the west stage include the popular Big Wheel races and kiddie tractor pull, scheduled Saturday

and Sunday, respectively.

Demonstrations on karate will be given by Harvey Karam's Karate Club, from 7 to 9 Saturday, and by the Claymont Boxing Club Sunday from 6 to 8.

Also performing Sunday will be the Magenta Dance Studio and Roselyn Music Studio.

Two contests that will be held near the former TG&Y building in the Village Plaza will be the tug of war and log toss. The tug of war will be held Saturday and the log toss Sunday.