

December at the Grand Palace Theatre in Branson.

The human participants in the engagement weren't too shabby, either—the Radio City Music Hall Rockettes were there in one of their few engagements away from New York.

OTHER CALLS were coming in from groups booking parties, such as DARE, which held a fall camp at Hedrick's; Hospice, which also held a two-day kid camp last fall; and groups seeking a picturesque setting for reunions and receptions. A recent reception—the largest ever hosted at the farm—brought in 400 guests.

An overnight stay of a couple at the Inn was especially gratifying. These individuals, who were the first couple to stay in the bed and breakfast, returned from Missouri to spend another night.

Petting zoos are another form of entertainment furnished by Hedrick's. During the summer and fall, four petting zoos are booked at fairs across the country, plus ostrich, pig and camel races.

What kind of future performances may be demanded of Jeffrey and the other animals is difficult to envision. Whatever, it seems probable that Joe, who has such marvelous rapport with animals and equally so with humans, along with his fine staff, will come up with some way to fulfill the contract. ❖

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For more information about Hedrick's Exotic Animal Farm, call 316/662-1881.

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Kansas Agri-Women Host National Event

The Kansas Agri-Women will host the 21st annual convention of American Agri-Women, November 7-10, at the Marriot Hotel in Wichita. The theme is "Where East Meets West and the Flint Hills Meet the Prairies."

Speakers include Rep. Pat Roberts (R-KS), U.S. Secretary of Agriculture Dan Glickman, Kansas Secretary of Agriculture Allie Devine, Kansas State University President Jon Wefald, and KSU Agricultural Economist Barry Flinchbaugh.

Speakers will address such topics as property rights, agricultural policy in the next century, biotechnology and precision agriculture.

The convention is open to all Kansas Agri-Women members, guests and those interested in learning more about American Agri-Women. For more information, call convention co-chairs Carolyn Kleiber at 316/947-3094 or Peggy Miller at 913/456-2663.

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Mamie Eisenhower Honored in Abilene

The Eisenhower Center in Abilene will mark the 100th birthday anniversary of former first lady Mamie Eisenhower, November 15 and 16.

On November 15 at 8 p.m. in the Visitors Center, Mrs. Eisenhower's granddaughter Susan will lecture on her new biography of her grandmother, entitled *Mrs. General Ike*.

On November 16, a new exhibit, *Mamie: A Centennial Celebration* will open in the museum. Also, members of her family, Eisenhower White House

Staff, and historians will participate in a panel discussion.

A luncheon will be held, based on a menu Mrs. Eisenhower served as first lady in November 1954. The luncheon will be followed by a 1950s fashion show presented by Lynda Scheele and the Dickinson County Historical Society.

For more information, call 913/263-4751.

Craft Festival Benefits Boy Scout Council

Crafts galore will be found at the Holiday Craft Festival, November 23 and 24 at Century II, Expo Hall, in Wichita. Proceeds will benefit the Quivira Council of the Boy Scouts of America. Quivira Council serves 19 counties and 13,000 young people in south central Kansas.

Festival admission is \$2, with children under 12 admitted free. Hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., Saturday, and noon to 5 p.m., Sunday. For exhibit details or other information, call Bridget at 316/683-5617.

Bazaar and Auction at Linn Nursing Home

The Linn Community Nursing Home Bazaar and Auction is scheduled for November 10 at the Linn Community Nursing Home in Washington County. The bazaar starts at 1:30 p.m. and the auction follows at 2 p.m. For more information, call 913/348-5551. ❖

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