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Egg Role Tops In Breakfast Hailing Month

By LF Staff Reporter

Lancaster County's annual \$26-million egg production was heralded Wednesday morning in an Egg Breakfast at Hotel Brunswick, Lancaster, launching "January — Egg Month" locally.

Thirty-six guests breakfasted on eggs — boiled, poached, scrambled, sunnyside up, over, with orange as a starter, potatoes hash-browned with eggs, rolls, coffee and bacon.

Center Drive to Open

At the breakfast, it was announced signs will be erected next Saturday at the site of the proposed new Lancaster Poultry Center, and the campaign for funds put into high gear. In the Dec 31, 1955 report of contributions and pledges it was shown participants have already guaranteed \$4,330.36.

Earl Reeves of Miller & Bushong saw that the eggs were gathered Tuesday, assuring perfect freshness, while the kitchen staff of the Brunswick insured perfection in cookery.

City Issues Proclamation

Levi Brubaker, president of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange, offered the invocation. James Dorsey, from Indian River Hatcheries, presided.

Mayor Kendig C. Bare of Lancaster read the official city proclamation launching the Egg Month observance, adding the morning menu offered a nourishing, delicious, healthful breakfast, thanks to eggs. He also paid credit to the county's industry, with her 2½ million laying hens, 500 million eggs, and the resultant \$26-million-plus last year that put this on top in agricultural industries.

Wearing the official uniform — chef's hat — he read the official proclamation from his City office opening January — Egg Month.

Dr. E. I. Robertson, director of nutrition at Eshelman Feeds (Continued on page three)

Show Decorations By Flower Growers

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Flower Growers Association once more will cooperate with the Farm Show Commission in the placement of potted plants and other floral decorations at the 1956 Pennsylvania Farm Show here next Jan. 9-13.

Special floral displays in the front lobby and elsewhere in the 14-acre building will add greatly to the attractiveness and color of the entire show, according to Dr. William L. Henning, State Secretary of Agriculture and Chairman of the Farm Show Commission.

The executive committee and board of directors of the Association will meet at the Farm Show Building on Monday morning, Jan. 9, opening day of the show.

Lancaster Farming... Egg Market Basket



January — Egg Month — has special significance for Lancaster County and Lancaster Farming. One of the top "crops," the County supplies millions upon millions of eggs annually for the east's market basket. Here is symmetry in a symbol of one of the outstanding figures Lancaster County marks up annually agriculturally.

Farm Show Will Open on Monday, And Close Friday

HARRISBURG — Pennsylvania's massive Farm Show building echoed today to the sound of hammers, saws and shouts of exhibit builders as they pushed last minute preparations for opening of the 40th annual state agricultural exposition at 8 o'clock next Monday morning.

Glistening new paint of farm machines being placed for the January 9-13 classic contrasted with the neatly straw-bedded stalls and pens that are ready to receive a record-breaking display of horses, dairy and beef cattle, swine, sheep and lambs.

First Livestock Arrives

First arrivals of livestock were reported today and more than 2,000 head will be in place by Sunday, together with nearly 4,000 birds in the poultry department, making it one of the largest poultry shows in the eastern United States.

The nearly 14 acres under roof will be closed to visitors on Sunday, permitting exhibitors to complete their displays in time for the Monday opening.

\$55,968 in Premiums

Close to 12,000 different entries are expected in the competitive displays of farm and farm home products for which (Continued on page three)

POULTRY MEETING DATE CHANGED TO JAN. 18

Date of the Second Annual Meeting of the Lancaster Poultry Exchange has been changed to 7:30 a. m. Wednesday, Jan. 18 at Elementary School, Rohrestown. (The meeting was originally scheduled for the preceding evening.)

Hatchery Here Belgian's Host In County Tour

Goldfus Hatcheries of Lititz, Thursday made a hop-skip-jump tour of Lancaster poultry operations to show Renaat DeRycke of Belgium, how a Lancaster County hatchery handles production of broiler and layer chicks. The Belgian also got a good picture of how Lancaster poultry farms operate. Goldfus Hatchery, well known for its Meatpacker Cross broilers, is now first to introduce the Ames In-Cross hybrid breed into the county.

The Ames In-Cross breed is a recent introduction into Pennsylvania from Iowa, by Governor George Leader's Willow Brook Hatchery. The breed's hardiness and prolific white egg laying qualities have made the bird a favorite in other states. It now shows promise in European countries.

SEPABC MEET

Members of the Lancaster County District of the Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeding Cooperative will hold their annual meeting Wednesday, Feb. 22 in the Landisville Fire Hall at 7:30 p. m. Joe Taylor from the Pennsylvania State University will be the main speaker, reports Oren W. Seavers, Assistant manager.

Winter Drought Prevails Here And In Midwest

By LF Staff Reporter

Talk of a midwinter drought seems unreasonable, but such happens to be the case in many parts of the country as well as in Lancaster County.

"We had but .16 of an inch of rain all during December," one St. Louis resident told this weekend, while in southwestern Iowa the story was much the same. There farmers are frankly worried.

Not only were there cars parked on the streets of one Iowa county seat Saturday afternoon, but there were trucks loaded with cans for hauling water.

It's dry in Lancaster County too, with Ephrata's Weather Station recording but .23 of an inch in December. As far as the records go — back to 1896 — that was the driest December on record.

Midwestern weather was balmy with a snappy chill at night during the New Year's weekend, while here temperatures ranged down to 20 degrees and below.

Traffic was tangled in Lancaster late Thursday afternoon and early evening of last week by freezing sleet and rain. Phone company workers coming from Wilkes Barre Tuesday morning after the New Year holiday reported highways sheets of ice in many places.

In Lancaster County, use of calcium chloride and salt to speed up highway clearing was launched along U. S. 30, and success of the test indicates further use will be made of this chemical combination.

Normal precipitation for Lancaster County during the closing month of the year is 3.12 inches.

Keystone Farmer Degrees Given 9 County Students

Nine Lancaster County vocational agriculture students are among 244 named in Pennsylvania to receive the Keystone Degree of the Future Farmers of America during the Pennsylvania State Farm Show next week.

Of the nine, four are students of Jack Owen at Solanco High School, Quarryville, four are from

Myers Honored

George W. Myers, Lampeter-Strasburg High School vocational agriculture instructor, will receive the honorary Keystone Farmer degree at the State Farm Show in Harrisburg next week.

Instructor at Lampeter-Strasburg six years, he resides at R1 Willow Street. Twenty-eight of his vocational students will have received the American Farmer Degree, and one, J. Mowrey Frey, Jr., was Pennsylvania Star Farmer in 1952.

classes of George W. Myers' Lampeter-Strasburg High School, one from Manheim Central High School under Joseph McGahan.

In ceremonies Wednesday Jan. 11, the farm boys will receive the degree of "Keystone Farmer," highest that can be conferred upon any FFA boy at State level. Not more than two per cent of the State FFA membership can receive the award under FFA rules.

Outstanding Achievement

Names of those chosen were certified to the State Farm Show Commission by H. C. Fetterolf, state FFA adviser, and chief of agricultural education in the Department of Public Instruction.

The degree is awarded to vocational students for outstanding achievement in agricultural and rural life. To be eligible, FFA members must have demonstrated leadership, completed at least two years in vocational agricultural instruction, earned at least \$500 in productive agricultural enterprises, and attained satisfactory achievement in improving his farm's efficiency or his farm home's comfort.

The boys, by schools, are from (Continued on Page Three)

Work Horse Has Place In Farm Show Agenda

HARRISBURG — Work horses still have their place on many Pennsylvania farms despite increasing numbers of trucks and tractors, a fact that will be emphasized at the 1956 Pennsylvania Farm Show here.

One of the highspots for horse breeders at the coming show will be the judging of the 89 head of Belgian and Percheron horses entered in competition for prize money this year. Judging will be by J. E. Patterson, Ravenna, Ohio, in the large arena.

Champion and other award banners and ribbons will be placed on Belgians Monday morning, Jan. 9, and on entries in the grade division that afternoon. Percherons will be judged the next morning. The annual meeting of the Pennsylvania Horse and Mule Association will be held Tuesday evening in the main show building.