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Poultry Center Building Funds Drive Steps Up

June 15 will be the closing date for contributions to the new Lancaster Poultry Center, calling for a more concerted effort to raise the needed \$30,000, members of the County Poultry Association disclosed, meeting Monday night.

Construction will be of concrete block and brick, with large plate glass doors opening into a large lobby. Brick facing will be used on the front and sides of the 52-by-60 foot building offering 5,595 square feet of floor space.

Dual-Purpose Auditorium

An auditorium, 30 by 40 feet, will serve a dual purpose, for meetings and for the regularly scheduled twice-weekly poultry auctions. Future expansion will be possible through plans incorporated in the design. A number of offices will be located in the building, a kitchen, boiler room and storage rooms in the basement.

Although a closing date for contributions has been set, and with \$10,694 already pledged by 236 poultrymen, the Center will turn to other means of financing should the \$30,000 goal not be reached.

Permission is being sought from the State Department of Labor and Industry to construct the new building on the 3.8-acre tract between Roseville Road and Route 230 Bypass north of Lancaster. The site is across the road from the proposed Community Center, and will not interfere with plans for that project, in fact the Poultry Center indirectly may augment the Community Center.

Plan Barbecue June 9

At the same meeting, members of the Poultry Exchange presented plans for the June 9 Sixth Annual Chicken Barbecue at Lutz Spring Park, where a new Lancaster County Poultry Queen will be elected to succeed Miss Ruth Ann Weickel, Kirkwood, plus a poultry cooking contest will also be featured, with emphasis on outdoor cookery of poultry, and a sale of chicken corn soup.

Around 8,000 persons are expected to attend, 1000 above last year's record crowd.

Levi Brubaker, building committee chairman, emphasized that contributions of \$10 from each of the 3,000 poultrymen or contributions of \$100 from 300 would be sufficient to meet the building fund goal.

Dr. E. I. Robertson, president, pointed out the need for a permanent home for poultry educational meetings.

CORN PRICE SUPPORTS

WASHINGTON — (USDA) — Approximately 341 million bushels of the 1955-crop corn had been put under price support by producers through March 15. As of April 1, the CCC had uncommitted inventory stocks of corn amounting to an estimated 722,897,000 bu.

Historic Slackwater Bridge



Spanning sparkling Slackwater Canal in Conestoga Township is Lancaster County's oldest wooden covered bridge, now standing condemned by the State as unsafe for vehicular traffic. According to J. Richard Gaintner, Lancaster, whose hobby is history of wooden covered bridges, this structure was built in 1839 by contractors Ohmit & Witmer at a cost of \$4,300. It is a two-span bridge, 269 feet long, with a 14-foot roadway, 12-foot, 10-inch ceiling, crossing the river for Legis-

lative Route 36008. Once known as Shober's Paper Mill Bridge, it was the site of one of the locks on the old Slackwater Canal on the Conestoga River. There a dam was constructed to serve the canal and the paper mill. No longer maintained by the state, inadequate for today's traffic, its future is undetermined. This is one of 45 covered bridges still standing in Lancaster County, one of about 325 in the state of Pennsylvania. (Lancaster Farming Photo).

Rev. Dr. Bucher, Noted Minister, Dies at 72 Years

A national leader of the Church of the Brethren, the Rev. Dr. Rufus P. Bucher, 72, Quarryville, died at 7 p. m. Thursday April 19 at Lancaster General Hospital, where he had been admitted last week for a rest and a checkup. He had been suffering from a heart condition for the past three years.

He had been pastor of the Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren for a period of nearly 55 years and was one of the Country's best known rural pastors.

Funeral services were Monday at 2 p. m. from Mechanic Grove Church of the Brethren, with interment in the adjoining cemetery. More than 700 friends called at the Reynolds Funeral Home Quarryville, Sunday.

Rev. Bucher was the husband of the former Miss Naomi White, Manheim. The couple would have marked their 49th

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Rev. Bucher

Daylight Time Starts Sunday

Daylight Savings Time will be observed in Lancaster County and other sections of the nation starting at 2 a. m. next Sunday, April 29. Markets and other places of business will operate through the summer months on daylight time.

Clocks will set ahead one hour as usual, some communities and transportation lines will operate on standard time, adding to the annual confusion, that makes next Sunday only 23 hours long.

Soil Bank OK Forecast By Senator Russell

Washington—Approval of the soil bank program proposed by Congress this season was forecast by several members of Congress, including Senator Russell (D-Ga.)

Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Taft Benson had been requested to appear before the Senate appropriations subcommittee for questioning on the \$1,200,000,000 for soil bank payments this year.

It is possible Secretary Benson could put the soil bank program into operation under provisions of a soil conservation measure passed two decades ago, although many on Capital Hill deny such is possible.

BULL BRINGS \$8300

MILLWOOD, Va. — Prince of Red Gate 145th sold in the Red Gate Farm Angus Sale here for \$8,300 Monday to H. B. Pyle, Sunny Slope Stock Farm, Richmond, Texas.

Snow April 24 Precedes Fog; Chill Hangs On

Low temperature records dating back 26 years tumbled this week to provide the chilliest April in Lancaster County since April 28, 1928 when a snowstorm six to 24 inches deep struck Pennsylvania.

Frost and fog Tuesday night added to the discomfort and made Garden Spot farmers more perturbed about getting crops underway, to speed growth of those already planted.

Tuesday night found the mercury dipping to a low of 23 degrees, unusually cold for this late in the spring for Lancaster County, weather observers report. Two years ago Tuesday the high temperature was 72 degrees.

Crop preparation is still behind schedule, and more time was lost in the past week until the work is probably running two weeks late at this time. Frost damage was expected to be light, since most fruit buds have been held back by the cold weather.

Plowing in Lancaster County is getting nearer schedule, and most farms are now caught up after experiencing earlier delays from the cold, wet weather. Planting, on the other hand, is probably still two weeks behind.

Temperatures locally have been averaging one and one-half to two degrees below normal. An early morning low of 33 was recorded Tuesday at Ephrata. Davenport, Iowa, at the same time, reported 22.

FARM GRASS FIRE

Conestoga firemen were called to the Ira Duke farm near Conestoga late last week by a grass fire which went out of control when Mr. Duke was burning off a field.

Henning Seeks Better Program For Agriculture

HARRISBURG — Declaring that many Pennsylvania farm problems differ basically from national farm problems, Dr. William L. Henning, Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture, has announced a long-term "Proposed Agricultural Program for Pennsylvania."

Covering 17 points, his program includes items ranging from expansion of farm youth activities and promotion of Pennsylvania farm products to atomic age services for farmers and consumers. He stresses the need for research and attention to family size farms. He lists the following points:

1. A real and effective long-term program for the distribution, sale, marketing and consumption of all Pennsylvania farm products.
2. An expanded educational and research program and effective distribution of whole milk in the school lunch program plus increased use of milk for all Pennsylvania children.
3. An increased distribution of surplus food products, through a more widespread participation in the present program especially to those families where there are undernourished needy children.
4. An effective control and eradication program for all livestock and poultry diseases and an equally effective plant insect and disease control program.
5. Continue and step-up our indemnity program for the certification and accreditation of the entire State with the eventual elimination of tuberculosis and Bang's disease.
6. Continued improvement and expansion of our State toll, secondary and rural highways to make it possible for faster, more efficient movement of farm products to market and to insure greater safety on our highways.
7. Encourage and extend the rural electrification program in the Commonwealth with the possible development and use of

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Top \$1450 in Valley Creek Angus Auction

Seventy-seven lots totaled \$25,935 and averaged \$337 in the dispersal of Valley Creek Angus at West Chester Thursday. Seven bulls averaged \$572 and 70 females \$313.

Brooks Orchards, Morristown, N. J., paid \$1,450 for the top animal, bull lot C, Bardolier 18 of Shadow Isle. Top female, lot 90, Valley Creek Edella 119 with heifer calf at side, sold for \$850 to S. L. Edwards, Crosswood Farms, Ward, Pa.

This farm and herd was owned by Ralph E. McConnell, prominent Angus breeder who died last fall. It is located three miles northwest of West Chester.

Another herd sire, Bardoliermere H 40th, lot B, sold to Belfry Farms, Norristown, for \$725. The lot A bull, H & L Envious Ben 9th went at \$400 to Sunny Hill, Avondale, Pa.

Second high female, lot 35, Valley Creek Georgina V 153 with a heifer calf by the "40th," went to Fred Frey's Twin Oaks Farm, R2 Quarryville, for \$815.