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Farm Planes Might Tour Europe, Asia

By ERNEST J. NEILL

Plans are being formulated to send 30 United States farm aircraft on a tour of Europe and Asia this summer as a good-will mission paralleling the visit of American farmers to Russia and Russian farmers to Iowa, it was disclosed to Lancaster Farming today.

Fred B. Triplett, president of the National Flying Farmers Association, advised State Flying Farmer Association presidents of the proposed program that would send 30 flying farmer planes to Europe aboard a U. S. aircraft carrier.

30 Planes, 90 People

Space for planes and personnel will be limited, and it is expected aircraft would not be dismantled for the overseas voyage. As a result, it is evident that there cannot be representation by plane from each state in which there are NFFA members. About 90 persons would participate.

Arrangements are being completed between the NFFA and the Government departments to assure full clearance. Early stops on the trip, made by private farm planes after the aircraft carrier docks in Italy, would be in Italy, Turkey, Sweden, France, later flying into Asiatic lands.

Full Details Lacking

It is expected the trip will entail about five weeks, and the flying farmer visitors would be guests of governments enroute. Early estimates of expenses place the figure between \$500 and \$700 each, and the Government subsidy per plane would be almost \$7,000.

Full details are expected to develop within the next few weeks, as the proposal indicates a Summer 1956 schedule.

Barbershoppers Sing For Tucquan Lions

The Barbershoppers Quartet, graduates of the Lampeter-Strasburg High School, all active 4H club members, put on a program of vocal selections at the Tucquan Lion's Club dinner meeting in Martic Township Elementary School Tuesday night.

In the quartet were Stan Longenecker, bass; J. Stoner, Aaron Landis, baritone, and Raymond Denlinger, tenor.

ROSES NEAR PEAK

Delayed by unseasonably cold weather, roses at Hershey Gardens are expected to be at their prime this weekend. The peak is expected to continue through the following weekend. Five and one-half acres have been planted to more than 40,000 roses.

New Queen — Retiring Queen



To be crowned Queen of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers at the Butler Farm Show this summer, Mrs. Gail Kimmel (left) of Enon Valley, Pa., here receives congratulations from the retiring Queen, Mrs. L. L. Logan of Kennett Square. (See accompanying story) (Lancaster Farming Staff Photo).

Flying Farmer Queen Co-Leader Of 4H Club; Active in Extension

By LF Staff Reporter

Due to be crowned Queen of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers at the Butler Farm Show next August, Mrs. Florence Kimmel of R1 Enon Valley is a typical Lawrence County farm wife and mother.

But she's also to become an accomplished pilot, joining the ranks of a fully air-minded Pennsylvania farm family. Mrs. Kimmel's husband, Gail, state delegate to the National Flying Farmers' Association meeting this summer in August, is as highly qualified a pilot instructor as you may find among farmers.

In addition to operating a 70-acre farm, he has flown since the early 1940s, works in a shop, is a flight instructor and inspector at the airport which joins their farm, and serves on the local school board.

Daughter Also Pilot

There are four others in this air-borne family, Janice, now 18, who made her solo flight at 16; Larry, 14; Lynn, 10, and Freddie, eight. Janice and her mother received Lycoming plaques at the 1954 NFFA convention for having made their solo flights, plus a trophy from Piper Aircraft Corp., Lock Haven, Pa., and land-it awards and certificates.

Mrs. Kimmel — or Queen Kimmel — is a student pilot now, with 31 hours instruction already on her log book, ready now for her first cross-country solo.

On the Kimmel Farm, wheat, oats, corn and hay are rotated. In addition to flying and caring for four youngsters and teenagers, Mrs. Kimmel finds time to be active in county extension work, as co-leader of a 4H girls club, the Little Beaver 4H. Both older daughters are in 4H work, while Lynn, 10, does sewing at home — in hopes of working into 4H when she reaches the proper age. Lynn has been ill since Christmas with rheumatic fever so the pre-4H project has helped her occupy her time.

Janice Prefers J-3

Janice is a secretary in downtown Beaver Falls and flies the J-3 Cub, while Mrs. Kimmel prefers to learn in the Piper Cruiser. You see, the Cruiser is the one that makes the long cross-country family flights.

"It has been very wet this spring; we just planted our oats. Corn land is plowed, but very little has been planted," she told Lancaster Farming. It has been a discouraging, slow season of rains, floods, winds.

Mrs. Kimmel succeeds Mrs. L. L. (Lois) Loan of Kennett Square as Queen.

Postmaster Nominated

The nomination of Verna Mae Murphy, Drumore, was sent to the U. S. Senate by President Eisenhower Monday for approval as postmaster of Drumore.

Tobacco Growers, Industry Men Tour Fields in County

Tobacco transplanting at its peak highlighted the tour made by 30 Lancaster County tobacco growers and members of the industry Wednesday. Studies of tobacco seed bed disease control were explained by various representatives.

Stops were made at the field research laboratory in Landisville first, then to farms of John J. Herr, R1 Mount Joy, John Warfel, R1 Mount Joy; Willis Hackman, R3 Elizabethtown; Clarence Keener, R3 Manheim; John Burkholder, R3 Lititz, and Willis Z. Esbenshade, Esbenshade Road, Lancaster.

In charge of the tour was Associate County Agent Harry S. Sloat. Others included Dr. Robert S. Kirby, the Pennsylvania State University, extension plant pathologist; Dr. Henry W. Thurston, of Carbide-Carbon; Dr. J. L. McMurtury, USDA tobacco research, Beltsville, Md.; Dr. H. E. Haggsted, USDA, Beltsville, and Henry Engle of the Landisville station.

Hubbard Farms Host To 150 at Barbecue

Chicken was the featured item of the menu at a barbecue given Wednesday by Hubbard Farms, Inc., Lancaster. About 150 persons in a consumer education tour of the Home Economics division of the Pennsylvania Extension Service made the trip.

Leshe Hubbard, president of the Poultry and Egg National Board, addressed the group. Also speaking were Mrs. Eleanor Tompkins, home economics extension representative from Philadelphia, and Carl Dossin, poultry extension specialist from the Pennsylvania State University college of agriculture.

Poultry Queen To Be Crowned Saturday Night

Who will be the 1956-1957 Lancaster County Poultry Queen?

Tomorrow she will be selected from nine contestants at the Sixth Annual broiler barbecue sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association at Lititz Springs Park.

Candidates are: Lois Fisher, R1 New Providence; Janet Hastings, R1 Kirkwood; Mary E. Kreider, R1 New Providence; Nancy Newcomer, R2 Lititz; Miriam Roland, R1 Mount Joy; Dorothy Stehman, R3 Lancaster; Margaret Ann Wolf, Denver; Josephine Wolff, R2 Quarryville, and Esther Wolgemuth, R1 Elizabethtown.

Ruth Ann Weickel Retires

According to Mrs. F. W. (Esther) Fisher, Leacock, chairman of the Poultry Queen Contest, contestants will be at the stage in the park at 3:30 p. m. for interviews with judges regarding achievement records which will be scored at that time. The contest will start at 6 p. m. Mrs. Fisher will make introductions, and Paul Rodenhauser will be master of ceremonies.

Among qualifications for entrants are: at least 17 years of age and single; relatives of broilers, turkey growers, egg producers, hatchermen or processors. Poise, personality, beauty and achievement records will be points for judging, coupled with achievement records in school, hobbies and poultry work.

Judges will be Ernest J. Neill, editor of Lancaster Farming, Joe Wachtman and Sam Taylor of Lancaster newspapers.

Rain Date June 16

Retiring Queen is Miss Ruth Ann Weickel of R1 Kirkwood.

Events will be underway from 3 to 8 p. m., and Saturday, June 16 has been named as Rain Date. Included in the afternoon will be the Poultry Queen Contest, a Cooking Contest, backyard barbecue display and entertainment for all the family.

Golden brown barbecued chicken will be served to an estimated 4000 to 8000 persons. Fried chicken will also be available in limited quantities. Tickets will be \$1.75 for adults, 75 cents for children. Local poultrymen and the Lancaster County Poultry Association at East Petersburg, have tickets available. Tickets may also be obtained on the grounds.

Ten have entered the senior division, six the junior division of the cooking contest. In the senior division are Mrs. John Duffy, 629 West Chestnut, Lancaster; Mrs. Robert Eby, 1013 Lititz Pike, Lancaster; Mrs. Clyde Hottenstein, R1 Manheim; Mrs. L. H. Hottenstein, R1 Manheim; Mrs. Robert Kelsall, 1547 Pinehurst Ave., Lancaster; Mrs. Harold Kinsey, 627 Broad Street, Lititz; Miss Betty Markley, R2 Conestoga; Dr. Wilson Miller, Rohrerstown; Mrs. Harold Weider, Landisville.

Junior Division Contest

In the junior division for entrants between 14 and 19 years of age will be: Elwood Boehler, Jr., 249 Ann Street, Lancaster; Priscilla Bucher, 4H Cooking Club, R2 Lititz; Myrna Jean Bailey, 846 Eden Road, Lancaster; Lorna Henry, Leola; Louise Herr, Rohrerstown and Gerald Smith, 118 Dauphin, Lancaster. Both Mr. Boehler and Mr. Smith are members of the Lancaster Boys Club.

Since the broiler industry has

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