

### Janice Showalter, John Schantz Win Capon Roundup

A Reinholds R1 girl and a boy from Ephrata shared top awards at the Lincoln Community 4-H Capon Club roundup Wednesday night at the Ephrata American Legion Home.

The roundup was sponsored by the Ephrata Rotary Club and Rotarians purchased the dressed birds for their Thanksgiving dinners at an auction following the judging by Prof. Carl A. Dossin, Penn State University poultry specialist.

Best pair of birds exhibited were the capons of Janice Showalter, Reinholds R1. Janice, who recently topped the first 4-H Turkey Club roundup, entered birds weighing 7 1/2 and 8 pounds.

John Schantz, Ephrata R1, who placed fourth in the dressed capon judging, compiled an over-all project score of 98.25 to win the project award.

Joyce Nolt, Reinholds R1, and John Moore, Hopeland, were runners-up in the two categories. Joyce placed second in the exhibit and her project score of 97.45 was third best. Moore's 98 points was second and his pair of birds placed third.

Judy Boelinger, Litz R1, won fifth place in the exhibit and was fourth in score with 97 points. Troy Schantz, Ephrata R1, older brother of the champion, stood fifth with a score of 96.6.

### Plenty of Papaya



Plenty of papaya, this Venezuelan lass might say of the Turen Project of South America, where U.S.-built farm machinery is producing fabulous crops on former jungle lands. (Hamilton Wright Photo).

### Venezuela Farmer



Handling a U.S.-built tractor is commonplace today in the what was once tangled jungles of Venezuela in South America. Operations of this project are described in an accompanying story (Hamilton Wright Photo).

### Venezuela Lures

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(\$15,000). In the future, he will be operating his farm with his own capital, having already planted 50 acres of beans, 40 acres of sesame, and five acres of corn for his own consumption. All this he has accomplished in two short years. He has a Venezuelan wife, two children, two tractors and an American car that cost him well over \$3,000. By the way, Popoff's crops represent a record for Turen — and for Venezuela — for plantation of rice on dry land.

An Italian immigrant, Lorr Mollo, was so moved by the change of his family's fortunes

since their arrival in Turen, that he carved a bust of the Liberator Simon Bolivar. The bust is mounted on a pedestal in Turen's civic center.

Living together with the immigrant farmers in Turen are over 300 Venezuelan families who previously had no farms of their own. Nearly 63,000 acres now are under cultivation. However, 10 million acres covered with jungle are available.

The Government's policy to develop agriculture as fast and as efficiently as possible by founding more than 20 centers similar to Turen in other parts of the country, is attracting many people seeking a better way of living.

### Potato Yields Set Record Despite Rains

Harrisburg, Nov. — Excessive rains in western Pennsylvania counties during the latter part of the potato growing season resulted in losses of up to 100 bushels per acre for some growers when tubers rotted in the ground, the State Department of Agriculture said recently.

In spite of adverse weather conditions, blight and interrupted spraying schedules a new all-time State record average yield of 165 bags per acre was established for fall potatoes.

A new record yield per acre was also established for late summer potatoes, mostly Cobblers, at 170 bags of 100 pounds each. Federal State surveys disclosed.

Old records were 154 bags per acre for fall potatoes, set in 1954, and 145 bags per acre for late summer varieties, set in 1950 and equalled in 1955.

Fall spud production estimates as of November 1 are for a total crop of 7,425,000 bags compared with 7,569,000 bags in 1955 and the 10-year average of 9,051,000 bags.

This year's Pennsylvania potato crop was harvested from the smallest commercial acreage ever

known in the State, according to Department records. The total of 45,000 acres is 7,200 less than in 1955.

Dry weather during the second and third weeks of October permitted daily attention to harvesting of potatoes and nearly all were out of the ground by late October. The dry spell was especially welcome in rain-soaked western counties.

Yields apparently were best in the Elk County area. Yields and quality were generally good in the Lehigh area but some rotting, snail injury and sunburn was reported.

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