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## Poultrymen Plan \$100 Banquet For New Center

Solicitors began contacting processors, feed suppliers, hatcherymen and others connected with the poultry industry this week selling tickets to the \$100-a-plate Poultry Boosters Dinner.

The dinner is scheduled to be held at the Hotel Brunswick. The date will not be announced until a prominent speaker can be obtained.

The Lancaster County Poultry Assn. hopes to raise \$25-30,000 by the dinner to pay off construction costs of the new Poultry Center.

The first sale at the new center is scheduled for Jan. 24. Formal dedication of the new building will not be held until next spring after landscaping has been completed.

The solicitation plan for the Booster Dinner works like this.

Directors of the association have prepared cards with the names of the persons to be contacted. These cards were issued to members who are to contact the person named.

\$3,000 worth of tickets were sold at the meeting.

The association also passed a resolution supporting the construction of the Lancaster County Community Center.

The resolution reads: "We, the Lancaster County Poultry Assn., wish to commend the Lancaster County Community Center Commission for the splendid report which was submitted. The association suggests that authorities give the report due consideration."

It is estimated that about \$25,000 will be needed to complete the Poultry Center building and \$30,000 will permit paving the driveways and parking lots in addition to landscaping the property.

The directors of the association estimate that this need represent less than .1 per cent of the annual value of eggs and poultry in the County.

They say that the total value of eggs and poultry are worth \$33,033,507 or 34.7 per cent of the \$95,268,637 total farm product value in Lancaster County in 1955.

To date 542 individuals and organizations have contributed \$17,268.12 toward the building of the Center. Additional finances have been obtained through a construction mortgage.

If anyone desiring a ticket to the \$100 Booster Dinner is not contacted in the next few days, he may obtain tickets by writing to Lancaster Poultry Association, Mr. L. Howard Martin, Treasurer, 2823 Columbia Ave., Lancaster, Pa.

Deadline for ticket sales is Feb. 1.



## Honey Producers Display Wins First Prize

THIS IS THE HONEY products display that won first place for County producers at Farm Show. This is the first time that Lancaster County Honey Producers have walked off with the top prize. The display

consist of a collection of prepared honey, in the comb and extracted, surrounded by samples of honey candy, honey cookies, beeswax and small gift boxes of honey. (Staff Photo)

## Feeder Cattle Numbers Up 4 Per Cent on Jan. 1

WASHINGTON — The number of cattle and calves on feed for market in the United States on Jan. 1, was four per cent larger than the same date a year earlier, according to the Crop Reporting Board. Numbers were estimated at 6,099,000 on the first of the year compared with 5,880,000 on Jan. 1, 1956 and the 1951-55 average of 5,230,000 head. In the North Central States numbers were up five per cent from a year earlier. The 13 western states showed only a slight increase of 2,000 head.

Cattle and calves on feed in the Corn Belt at 4,425,000 head on Jan. 1, this year compare with 4,216,000 a year earlier. Feeding in the Western Corn Belt states was up four per cent and the Eastern Corn Belt was up six per cent from a year earlier. Feeding in Iowa, the leading state, was up nine per cent from Jan. 1, 1956, while Illinois, the second ranking state, this year showed an eight per cent increase.

Minnesota shows an increase of 10 per cent, Nebraska was up three per cent, and Ohio was up 11 per cent. Indiana, Missouri, and South Dakota each had the same number on feed as a year earlier. Kansas and North Dakota each had a decrease of 11 per cent from January last year.

## County Vegetable Growers Plan Extensive Program At Meeting

The vegetable growing situation will be reviewed from insect and disease control to the problems and ethics of handling farm labor in harvesting vegetable crops at the Lancaster County Vegetable Growers meeting to be held at the Guernsey Breeders Sales Pavilion at Lincoln Highway and Strasburg Pike, Jan. 23.

Four men from Pennsylvania State University, Dr. Charles Moran, Campbell Soup Co. research dept., and a panel discussion make up the program.

The speakers and their subjects are:

J. O. Pepper, extension entomologist, "Controlling the insect invasion by killing cutworms, wire worms, flea beetle, aphids on peas, tomatoes, beans, pumpkins, squash borer, sourfly, mites on beans and tomatoes, leaf hopper on lima and string beans and carrots."

Dr. O. D. Burke, extension plant disease specialist, — "Boosting net profits through disease con-

trol by spraying and dusting." A review of some of the more important diseases that are giving us trouble such as late blight on tomatoes; downy mildew on beans and pumpkins; anthracnose on tomatoes and beans; downy mildew on cauliflower, beans and pumpkins; and leaf spot on carrots and tomatoes.

J. O. Dutt, vegetable specialist — "Vegetable culture practices." A survey of the use of chemical weed control, fertilization, planting, cultivation, harvesting, handling, use of foliar sprays, side dressing with anhydrous ammonia and other forms of nitrogen.

Dr. A. H. Reed, department of education — "Analyzing the Problems We Face Today."

Dr. Moran — "Results of tomato variety and fertilizer tests in Lancaster County."

The panel will discuss "Problems and ethics on handling farm labor in harvesting vegetable crops." Panel members are Harry S. Sloat, Lancaster; Henry A. Gruber, manager, Farm Service Assn.; Hamburg; Herbert Royer, R5 Lancaster; William Jacobs R2 Narvon; Wilmer D. Rohrer, R2 Lancaster; Charles Ressler, Sr., R2 Holtwood.

Recognition for high yields in tomatoes, peas and lima beans will be made at the afternoon session.

A question and answer period will close the meeting.

## Heavy Crowds Mark Opening Of Farm Show

Crowds estimated at 85,000 attended the opening of the 40th anniversary Farm Show Monday. Snowfall in the Harrisburg area Sunday night served only to slow down arrivals, officials said.

The estimated attendance Tuesday was 95,000 and crowds were equally as heavy Wednesday.

Although the Wednesday crowd is usually the largest of the Show, heavy snow Tuesday night and the cold appeared to have had a dampening effect.

Gov. George M. Leader opened the Farm Show officially Monday night.

Tuesday night saw the annual rural talent festival The Lancaster County participation was a large globe surrounded by farm produce and a sign saying "Lancaster County, the Garden Spot of the World."

Lancaster County's biggest achievement at Farm Show has been the clean sweep of the tobacco show. Close on the heels of this has been the first prize won by the honey producers and a sweep of the dressed poultry prizes by Harry Lamparter, Mountville.

The 4-H baby beef show was held yesterday and the sale is being held today. Results will be listed in next Friday's paper.

## Seed Co-op Sees Bright Future

### For Coming Year

HARRISBURG — The Pennsylvania Foundation Seed Cooperative rounds out its first year of existence next month with "excellent prospects for 1957," an official announced this week.

K. W. Lauer, president of the cooperative, told the Pennsylvania Crop Improvement Assn. that a "good acreage" of various small grains was being grown under contract.

"We have a more than adequate supply of corn hybrids produced during 1956 for distribution during the spring of 1957," he said.

Lauer declared the cooperative, which was organized last Feb. 14 was "in good financial condition." It opened operations with seed stocks valued at approximately \$39,000 and a warehouse and seed processing plant at Jersey Shore purchased for \$14,000. Funds were raised through sale of common and preferred stock to members.

The cooperative was "designed to take the Pennsylvania Agricultural Experiment Station out of the business of producing and distributing foundation seed," Lauer said, "thereby permitting the plant breeding research program to be pursued more vigorously."

Lauer cited the origin and organization of the seed cooperative which, he said, intends to make grants periodically to the University to further the plant breeding program of the Experiment Station.