

Top Broilers in COT Contest Sold At Near Record Price of \$6 a Pound

HARRISBURG — A near-record price of \$6.00 per pound was paid for the grand champion broiler-fryer winner in the 1957 Pennsylvania Junior Chicken-of-Tomorrow contest.

Happy, and richer by \$324 is the 17-year-old Future Farmer of America grower, Dean R. Bixler, of Valley View, Schuylkill County. His entry of 15 dressed 9½ week-old birds was bought by the Ralston-Purina Company at the auction sale in Fredericksburg. The lot of birds weighed 54 pounds. They topped all others in quality in State championship judging at the Farm Show Building here on Tuesday.

The second highest price in six regional sales was \$3 a pound received at the Butler auction by the reserve grand champion lot of birds grown by Roy Barron, Slippery Rock, Butler County. The 15 broilers weighed 47½ pounds for a total of \$164.50 paid by Eastern State Farmers Exchange, Butler.

The all-time Pennsylvania Chicken-of-Tomorrow price per

pound was \$6.50 paid in Coatesville in 1955. Last year's top price was \$6 a pound at Butler.

Ray Morgan, Lewistown, chairman for the statewide contest sponsored by the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation, was greatly pleased with results of the 1957 contest to interest young people in production of high quality meat-type chickens.

Results of the auction sale at Coatesville follow:

Top price was \$4 per pound to Carl Shearer, Dover, RD 2, York County, for 55¾ pounds totaling \$223 bought by Beacon Milling Company, White Vantress breed from Martin's Hatchery, Lancaster, Raymond D. Schar, Jr., Dillsburg, RD 1, York County, received \$1 per pound for 52½ pounds bought by American Stores, White Vantress-New Hampshire breed from Mountain View Hatchery, Robert Southard, Kennett Square, RD 1, Chester County, also received \$1 per pound for his 45½ pound lot of birds. Sales total 130 lots, 6,125 pounds which averaged 48.75 cents a pound for a total of \$2,986.07.

J. T. Asbury Wins Scholarship To Penn State

John Thomas Asbury of Peach Bottom, has been awarded the Arthur S. Young Memorial Scholarship to enter the farm equipment service and sales winter course at the Pennsylvania State University.

Asbury won the scholarship through a competitive examination. Contestants from across the state were also rated on interest in farm equipment service and sales, and farm equipment dealer recommendation. Asbury was recommended by Chester E. Wiley and Son of Quarryville.

The scholarship is given by the Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Dealers Association. The course is offered by the agricultural engineering department at Penn State. Total fixed charges for Asbury's first year in the farm equipment service and sales course will be covered by the award.

The scholarship is given in memory of Arthur S. Young, a pioneer in the organization of the Pennsylvania Farm Equipment Dealers Association. Young was secretary-treasurer of the Association for 17 years until his retirement in 1952. He served as honorary secretary until his death in 1955.

The farm equipment service and sales winter course at Penn State consists of two 16-week training periods running from November through March on two consecutive years. There is a seven month on-the-job training period in between.

Six of Top 10 In Egg Contest From Pennsylvania

At the end of seven months, six of the top 10 pens of birds in the Pennsylvania Official Egg Laying Test are owned by Pennsylvania poultry breeders and the nation's leading pen is an entry in the Pennsylvania test, according to the state Department of Agriculture.

In a race for national honors, a White Leghorn pen entered by the Graybill Poultry Farm, McAllisterville, Juniata County, was in third place in the state contest.

Harco Orchards and Poultry Farm, South Easton, Mass., led all egg laying tests in the nation at the end of the sixth month. Birds from this pen by May 1 had produced 2,404 eggs and had 2,582 points, a point being equivalent to one two-ounce egg.

Other Pennsylvania hatcherymen and breeders in the Pennsylvania test's top 10 are: Greider Leghorn Farm, Mt. Joy, two entries; Guy A. Leader & Sons, York; and L. E. Tice, Hummelstown, Dauphin County.

High bird in the contest is a single comb White Leghorn entered by Keystone Breeding Farm, Ephrata. This hen has accumulated 224 points while producing 205 eggs.

Another Keystone entry is third, and two hens from Greider Leghorn Farms are ninth and tenth.

In the cross bred pens, a Hubbard Farm, Lancaster, entry is in second place with a total of 2,389.7 points.

Sleeping Sickness Season Starting

With the warmer weather buildup of insects, owners of horses and mules should be alert to the danger of sleeping sickness among these animals, according to a warning issued today by the American Foundation for Animal Health.

To play safe, horses and mules should be vaccinated by a veterinarian well ahead of the peak season for the disease, authorities suggest.

Peach Bottom Farm Wife Elected Pennsylvania Flying Farmer Queen

Mrs. Charlotte Huber, wife of David H. Huber, R2 Peach Bottom, was elected Pennsylvania Flying Farmer Queen to succeed Mrs. Florence Kimmer, present queen, at the May meeting of the Pennsylvania Flying Farmers held at Beaver County Airport May 10 and 11.

Mrs. Huber will be crowned and begin her reign at the Butler Farm Show in August and will compete for the National title at the National Flying Farmers Convention in Chicago the last of August.

The new queen enjoys flying and has her private license with over 50 hours to her credit. They fly a four place Piper Pacer from their own airstrip northwest of Quarryville. She is mother of four children, is active in church and community affairs, makes her own and the childrens clothes, plants a

large garden, cans and freezes their vegetables and helps daily with the milking.

The two day program included a tour through the Babcock & Wilcox steel mill at Beaver Falls, a turkey supper with business meeting, and the queen selection after which Bill Ritchey showed movies of various flying farmer events.

On Saturday morning the group enjoyed a guided tour of the Greater Pittsburgh airport and facilities, which is the second largest in the world.

Pilots only were permitted into the air route traffic control center under the guidance of Malcolm Small, chief controller of Pittsburgh office C.A.A. Small explained the procedures and use of equipment and how the job of complete space separation of aircraft was carried out efficiently, how the Flying Farmer pilots could best utilize the facilities, and how C.A.A., by Radar and other means, can help the private flyer when in trouble.

The local Flying Farmer members opened their houses to the more distant flyers. Those attending from this area included Mr. and Mrs. David H. Huber, Peach Bottom; Amos F. Shenk, Litz; President and Mrs. John Gehman, Barto; Mr. and Mrs. Homer Graybill, Manheim; Warren Wetzel, Unionville; and Mr. and Mrs. L. L. Logan, Kennett Square.

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