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THESE ARE SIX OF THE 11 girls who have entered the Lancaster County Poultry Queen Contest. The winner will be selected at the Seventh Annual Poultry Assn. Barbeque at Lititz Springs Park tomorrow. The girls are (from left) Ruth Osborne, 17, R2 Quarryville; Marcalena Hess, 17, R1 Bareville; Betty Kauffman, 17, R2 Willow Street; Marion Wolf, 17, R2 Denver; Mary Jane Landis, 17, R1 Mt. Joy; and Louise Herr, 17, 2237 Marietta Ave., Rohrerstown. The other contestants who could not be present for the picture are Audrey Burkholder, 17, 2169 New Holland Pk., Lancaster; Audrey Rowe, 17, R2 Willow Street; Barbara E Reed, 17, R1 Peach Bottom. Joan G. Mumma, 22, R2 Lititz; and Faye Boyer, R2 Lititz. (LF Photo)

11 Beauties To Compete At Barbeque

Eleven young women, all relatives of men in the poultry industry in the county, will be competing tomorrow night for the title of Lancaster County Poultry Queen at the Poultry Assn barbeque at Lititz Springs Park, Lititz.

To be eligible for the title, the girls must be at least 17, single and related to someone in the industry.

The contestants are Misses Ruth E Osborne, 17, R2 Quarryville, Audrey Burkholder, 17, 2169 New Holland Pk., Lancaster, Mary Jane Landis, 17, R1 Mt. Joy, Marcalena Hess, 17, R1 Bareville, Audrey Rowe, 17, R2 Willow Street, Betty Louise Kauffman, 17, R2 Willow Street; Louise M Herr, 17, 2237 Marietta Ave., Rohrerstown.

Marian Wolf, 17, R2 Denver; Barbara E Reed, 17, R1 Peach Bottom, Joan G Mumma, 22, R2 Lititz, and Faye Boyer, R2 Lititz.

In addition to the poultry queen contest, a poultry cooking contest with a junior and senior division competing will be held.

The prize winning recipes will be printed in Lancaster Farming next week.

In addition to the contests, there will be entertainment and educational displays at the barbeque. Judging of the queen will be held at 7 p.m. and the cooking contest will be held in the afternoon.

In addition to the events at Lititz, an open house at the new Poultry Center will be held at the Center, 340 West Roseville Rd., Lancaster.

Lewis Mortensen, East Petersburg, is chairman of the barbeque.

County Producers Hit High Price Week of June 1

Chicken growers selling to the Lancaster poultry market during the week ended June 1 received the highest average price for their birds in 13 weeks.

Birds auctioned came to a total of 116,000 for an average price of 22.40 cents a pound. The previous high was 22.72 cents.

Pennsylvania broiler chick placements at 783,000 continued to decline and reached their lowest peak since early April. Placements were down two per cent from the previous week and well below the 984,000 chicks placed for the same week in 1956. During the first 22 weeks of this year placements of broiler chicks were down six per cent from the same period of 1956.

Eggs set for broiler production for the week also took a sharp drop, declining five per cent to 1.221,000. This was 11 per cent under the 1956 production. Non-broiler eggs for the week also were well below last year.

Late Blight Reported on Tomatoes Shipped Here from Southern States

Late blight has been reported on tomatoes from southern tomato plants shipped into Maryland, New Jersey and West Virginia.

Associate County Agent Harry Sloat warns that the presence of this destructive disease in these areas and the panhandle of West Virginia presents a threat to both tomatoes and potatoes in Pennsylvania.

Sloat urges growers to watch any plants they receive from the south, or other outside sources, for signs of late blight. If blight is found he recommends immedi-

ate spraying, with continued spraying at seven to 10-day intervals during wet, cool weather.

Protective sprays like maneb 70 per cent wettable powder (Manzate) at two lbs per 100 (one level tablespoon per gallon) are effective for leaf spots and anthracnose, which are also common in garden and field.

Fixed copper 50 per cent wettable powder, at four lbs per 100 (two tablespoons per gallon) or zineb (one and one-third tablespoons per gallon) are effective for blight and some leaf spots.

Now Is the Time . . .

By Max M. Smith, County Agricultural Agent

To Enroll in Clubs

The Pennsylvania Grassland Club membership will close July 15 and the State Five-Acre Corn Club will close Aug. 1. These two clubs recognize the best practices and greatest yields in their respective fields. Application blanks for both are available at the County Extension Office.

To Provide Shade

Livestock efficiency is reduced by extreme heat conditions. If natural shade is not available, then artificial shade should be supplied. This is especially true for hogs and sheep. Plans and suggestions are available at the Extension office.

To Make Soil Tests

In case you are planning to make an August seeding of alfalfa or an early fall seeding of pasture, we suggest that you submit your soil sample soon so that you will not be delayed. A complete soil test will pay dividends. Grasses or legumes will not thrive unless both lime and fertilizer requirements are met.

To Start Owner-sampler Testing

Last week the thirteenth group of dairymen in the County were started on DHIA testing. And under the new IBM record keeping system, testers are permitted to enroll additional herds where the farmer takes his own samples once a month and the tester picks them up for testing. This is an excellent way to discover low producers at a low cost. See any tester or call the Extension office for details.

Poultry Scholarships at Ag Colleges Suffer from Lack of Applicants

BELLEVILLE, Pa. — Scholarships in poultry husbandry at Northeastern colleges and universities are going begging, according to a survey of institutions in 14 states conducted by the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council.

State colleges from Maine to West Virginia and west to Ohio told Council pollsters that much of the available financial aid to poultry students goes unused for lack of applicants.

Upon completion of its student aid survey, NEPPCO staffers sampled poultry industry firms for an outline of job opportunities. It found that there are at least six or seven jobs available for every poultry husbandry graduate that emerges from collegiate ranks this month.

"I've had two top flight positions open for the past six months," one poultry industry firm reported. "We have only slim hopes of being able to fill them out of this year's crop of graduates. There just aren't enough to go around."

In Pennsylvania, Harry P. Metz, Belleville poultryman and a director of the Council, evidenced sharp concern over the failure of young farmers to become interested in poultry.

"The Council's survey of scholarships at Pennsylvania State

University indicates a wide range of financial aid available to students specializing in poultry," Metz declared. "Many of these have not been actively sought in recent years."

Scholarships at the University range all the way from \$25 per year to an \$800 four-year program. Many are available to out-of-state students as well as Pennsylvanians. Even first-year students are eligible for several.

Poultry raising has become a multi-billion dollar farm industry in recent years, the NEPPCO director continued. The advent of industrialization and the use of automation procedures has provided a wide range of tasks covering such technical fields as electronics, all types of engineering, journalism and public relations.

Copies of the Council's listing of available scholarships for poultry majors may be obtained by writing NEPPCO, 10 Rutgers Place, Trenton 8, N. J.