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Poultry Assn. Okays Merger By 57-5 Vote

By vote of 57 to five, the Lancaster Poultry Assn. approved the merger of the association and Lancaster Poultry Exchange. The vote was taken at the association's annual meeting Tuesday night at the Poultry Center.

The members also approved a resolution authorizing the directors of the association to take such legal steps as are necessary to effect the merger. The Exchange had approved the merger at a meeting last week.

Speaker at the meeting was Lee H. Bull, deputy secretary of agriculture for the state. He gave an outlook on the future of agriculture in the Commonwealth.

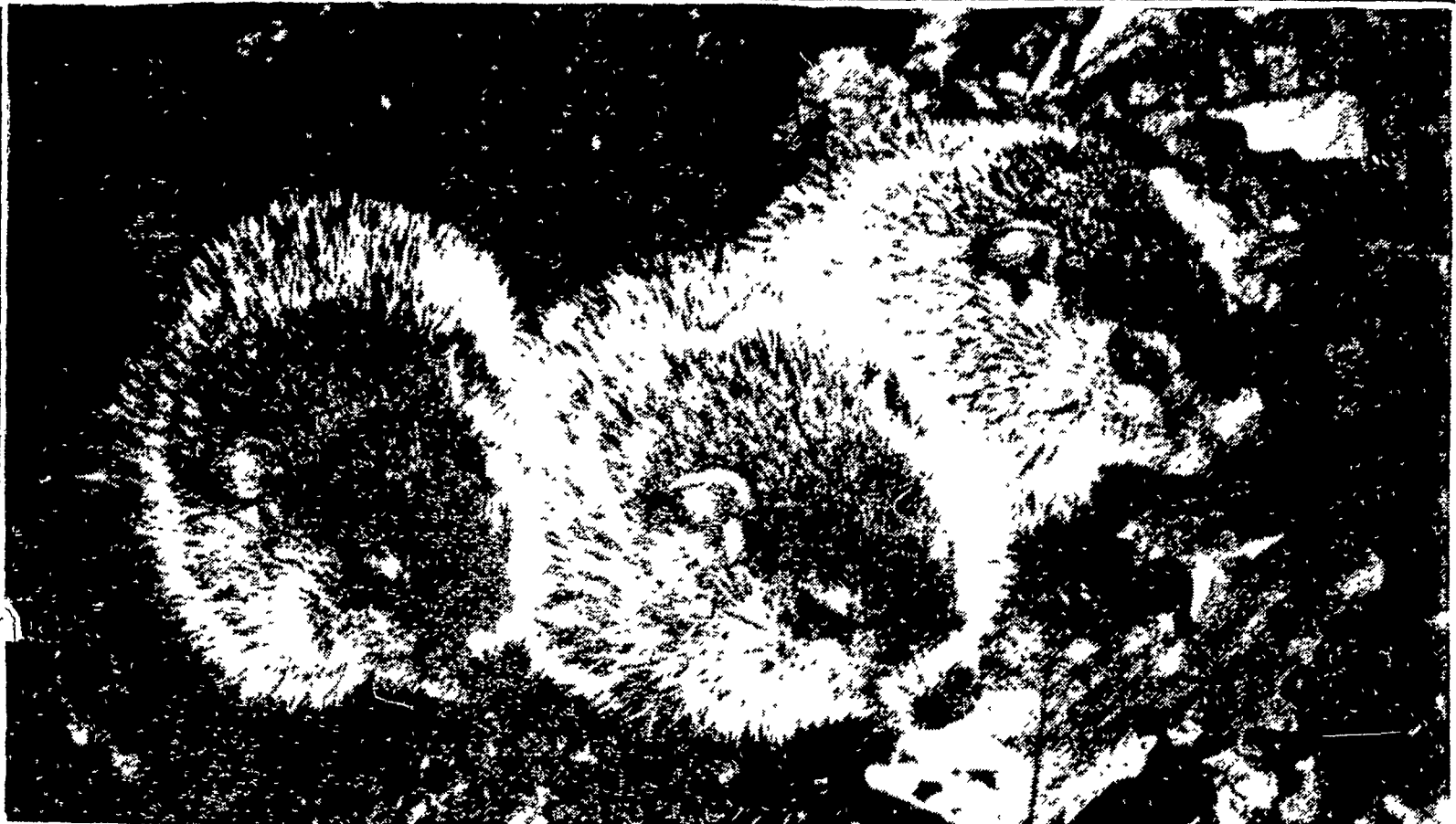
Bull outlined five current programs that are of particular interest to the poultry industry. First is the hiring of added inspectors by the Bureau of Markets to enforce the Fresh Egg Laws.

Second was the changes and modifications in the Fresh Egg Law that went into effect on Jan. 16. Bull noted that the addition of the Fancy 60 and Fancy 80 grades had been made.

A third program underway is the establishment of a Pennsylvania certification program in which there would be state supervision of egg grading. This would lead to greater promotion of Pennsylvania produced farm products.

A fourth program underway is a promotional venture on the behalf of poultry being carried out.

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THE U.S. WEATHER Bureau claims that groundhogs know less than they about the weather. But in parts of the County, especially around Quarryville, the groundhog is regarded as a never failing prophet. Some cousins

of these three young animals will have a chance to prove their powers of prognostication on Sunday. So in order not to take chances, let's hope for clouds and a mild early spring. (Photo by George Smith)

Somerset Co. State's 48th Soil District

State Secretary of Agriculture William L. Henning Thursday announced the official organization of Somerset County as the state's 48th soil conservation district. In reporting on its formation

Secretary Henning said Somerset County becomes the 18th new district in the last two and a half years and brings to 80 per cent the total of Pennsylvania farm land in soil conservation districts.

Stock Producers Co-op Shows Drop In Membership, Volume in 1957

A decline in membership, sales, headage, and volume was reported to members of the Producers' Livestock Cooperative Saturday at the Farm Bureau. However the operations of the stock buying and selling co-op netted \$2,081.61 for the year.

The net was up by some \$4,700 from 1956, manager Noah H. Huber noted.

Marketing specialist Wesley Kribel gave the cattlemen his views on the outlook for cattle and hog feeding for the coming months. He noted that in 1957 total slaughter was down by three per cent and that per capita meat consumption has also dropped.

He said that price discounts for heavy stock could be expected next spring because many feeders are taking advantage of cheap corn and milo to feed out animals to heavier weights than usual.

He also noted that 1957 saw one of the sharpest decreases in cow marketing in history. Part of this can be attributed to the drastic need for young stock and feeders as Western stockmen rebuild their herds and as more Midwest farmers turn to feeding cat-

tle.

Also on the program was County Agent Max M. Smith who discussed some of the production problems facing cattlemen. One of these, he said, was that Eastern feeders are going to start to have to reply on Southern cattle for stockers due to the high prices commanded by Western stock.

This means, Smith said, that parasite control, both internal and external, will be a "must" on Pennsylvania farms because most Southern cattle will come on the farm infected to a greater or lesser degree.

Another popular topic with Smith and the cattlemen was the increased use of roughages in the cattle feeding program. Various cattlemen noted that they were in competition with 80 cent corn in the West when they had to put out well over a dollar a bushel for grain to fatten their cattle.

A breakdown of the cooperative balance sheet shows that there are now 991 members. A total of 1,035 sales were made during the year which accounted for 3,445 head of feeders and 5,564 head of slaughter cattle. Total volume was \$1,151,675.74. The net from the operation was \$2,081.61.



AN ARC WELDER is one of the handiest pieces of machinery in the farm shop—and one of the most dangerous. Here John B. Hurst, R1 Narvon, demonstrates two safety practices that should always be followed: Always wear the mask, no matter how

small the job; and, don't weld wearing clothing with open cuffs that may catch hot sparks. Another caution is to use a shield if another person is usually in the shop. (LF Photo)

Extension Assn. to Honor Newsmen At Annual Dinner in Lancaster

The communications industry—newspaper editors and radio and television farm directors—will be guests of honor at the annual dinner meeting of the Lancaster County Agricultural and Home Economics Extension Assn. on Feb. 13.

The dinner will begin at 6.30 p. m. and will be held in the Social Rooms of the First Presbyterian Church, 136 East Orange St., Lancaster.

Speaker at the dinner will be Prof. William Smith, College of Home Economics, PSU. He will discuss family relations in modern times.

Five new members of the executive committee will be elected. Reports from extension personnel will be made.

The county is divided into five districts with two men and one woman representing each district. A third of the directors are elected for three year terms annually.

Presently serving on the board are A. Clyde Kreider, R1 Quarryville; Mrs. John Stoner, R1 Quarryville; Ira Rutt, Peach Bottom; Harry F. Houser, R7 Lancaster; Mrs. Mark S. Hess, R6 Lancaster.

Ralph Breneman, Washington Boro; B. Snavelly Garber, R2 Willow Street; Mrs. Robert Hess, Strasburg; J. Homer Graybill, R3 Manheim; Jacob E. Buckwalter, R3 Litz; Mrs. J. Nissley, R1 Mt. Joy; Mrs. Allen Risser, R1 Bareville; W. Z. Esbenschade, 1631 Esbenschade Rd., Lancaster; J. Lloyd Rohrer, R7 Lancaster; and Melvin Rohrer, R3 Litz.