

Poultry Assn. Finds Exchange 'Gripe' Free

The "gripes" at the Poultry Exchange operations review meeting turned out to be only minor ones Thursday night.

With only 35 users of the Exchange appearing for the session, most of these buyers, it was felt that the operations must be satisfactory to the majority of users.

Poultry association president Jay Greider remarked that there certainly would have been a much larger turn-out if there were anything wrong.

NOAH KREIDER was in charge of the meeting as head of the Poultry Exchange operations committee of the Poultry Association. He called on Levi Brubaker, past president of the Exchange, to moderate the meeting.

Buyer-seller relationships form-

ed the bulk of the questions brought before the meeting.

It was brought out that the buyer and seller should arrange to meet to weigh birds and make every effort to be on time. Mutual agreement also is needed when determining what "chicken catchers" should be paid.

IT WAS FELT that \$2 an hour was a fair price to be shared equally.

Contract buying, a problem in areas of New England, was believed to be no problem here.

One subject tossed around around periodically by the Exchange is the hiring of an independent flock inspector. However, a consensus of opinion was that current volume did not warrant such an outlay of funds.

Integrated operations are losing ground, the crowd was told. In Southern areas, poultry operations are being financed by bank credit, individual credit and as community projects. The South is also changing their methods of marketing.

Some buyers said that the building of poultry houses in this area should be encouraged. They said that a good price spread will encourage expansion of poultry raising, although labor competition with the South still limits profitable competition.

Brubaker said that the small independent poultry operation is going to be with us for a long while. He said that the small operator can continue to operate, although his labor income will be smaller than the large operation can afford.

Farm Calendar

May 5
New Holland Community 4H Club — 8 p.m. at Bank Building

May 6
4H Leader Training Meeting — PP&L Bldg, Lancaster
Chicken of Tomorrow Contest — Farm Show Bldg Harrisburg

May 7
Kirkwood Community 4H Club — 8 p.m., Fulton Grange

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Chicken of Tomorrow Auction — Coatesville
4H Leader Training — UGI Building Lancaster
Red Rose Baby Beef & Lamb Club — 8 p.m. at Rohrerstown Elem. School

May 8
Lititz Manheim 4H Club — 8 p.m. at Fairland School

Keystone Ag Engineers Hear Newest Methods of Farm Construction

Pennsylvania agricultural engineers were shown some of the latest developments in farm building, hay making and food preservation at a meeting of the Pennsylvania section, American Society of Agricultural Engineers, held April 24 and 25, at State College.

Concrete tilt-up construction for farm buildings was explained by Sidney J. Myers, structural field engineer of the Portland Cement Assn.

These buildings are built of pre-formed slabs of concrete. The slabs, usually eight feet square and four inches thick are formed right at the building site and then are tilted into position by

using a regular farm tractor.

ADVANTAGES OF this type of building include low cost, fire proofness, rot freeeness, and high strength.

However they do have a disadvantage in that a 10 by 10 slab is about the largest that can be handled thus limiting the height of the structure.

Some of the buildings that can be made this way include machine sheds, hog houses, and grain storage houses. The cost runs from a dollar to \$109 a square foot.

PENN STATE AG engineers explained some of the whys of current interest in hay handling

and curing equipment. They pointed out that narrowing the time spread in hay making improves the quality of the forage and thereby increases value.

They pointed out that it costs up to \$150 a ton to use a crusher-crumper or an air dryer. But the cost is more than offset by the \$4 a ton premium such hay brings on the market.

Dr. F. B. Thomas, assistant professor of horticulture at Penn State discussed food preservation by radiation and showed some examples of current work.

Also speaking on the theme of peace time uses of atomic energy was James E. Van Zandt, representative of the 20th District of Pennsylvania in Congress.

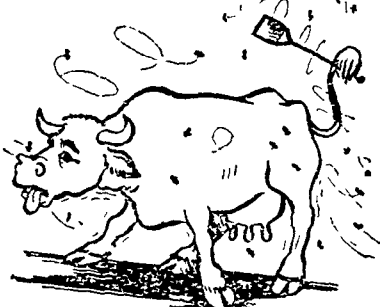
Attending the meeting from Lancaster County was Paul Mount, an associate member of the ASAE, from Quarryville.

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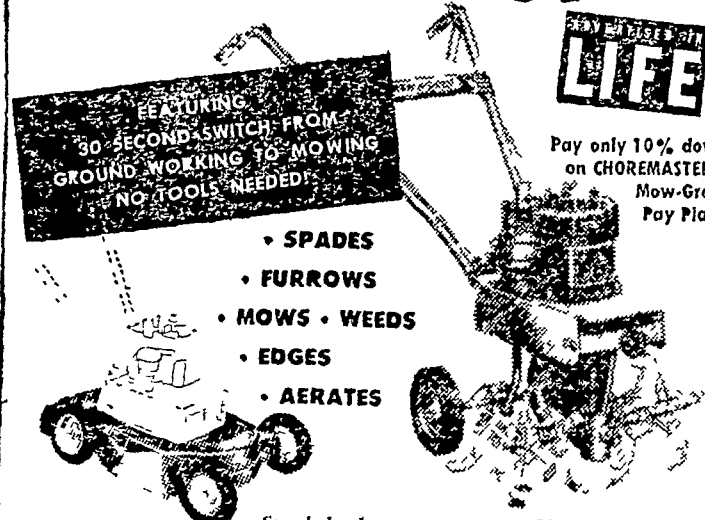
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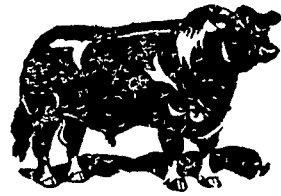
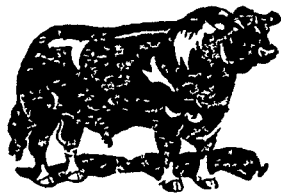
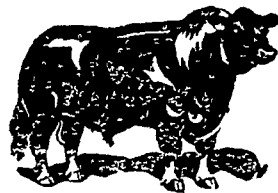
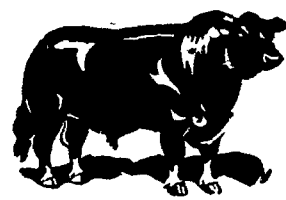
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