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## Two Queen Contests Seek Farm Girls as Candidates

### Eight Girls Competing for Poultry Title

Eight young women will compete for the county "Miss Pennsylvania Poultry Industry" title tomorrow at the Poultry Assn. barbeque at Lititz Springs Park.

And for those who see their beauty on a platter, rather than a pretty face, there will be a cooking contest for both junior and senior contestants.

The cooking contest, which too leads to a possible state title, will start at 2 p. m. at the park.

Judges for the cooking contest are Mrs. Anna Smith, home economist, Albright College, Mrs. Eleanor Ruhl, home economics teacher, Warwick Union High School, and Lee Zinn, owner of Zinn's Diner.

**GENERAL CHAIRMAN** of the cooking contest is Harvey Specht. Others on the committee are Mrs. George Rutt; Mrs. Norman Lausch, Mrs. Harvey Showalter and Mrs. Amos Nolt. Harry Ward Jr. is in charge of the stoves and gas which are being donated by the Ward Eottle Gas Co. of Ephrata.

The principle business of the barbeque, the eating, will begin at 3 p. m. and will continue until 7 p. m. Carryout service will be provided.

**THESE ARE** the contestants for the queen contest: Misses Janice Koser, 18, R2 Manheim; Mary Kathryn Keene, 17, Christiana; Lorraine Hess, 17, R2 Peach Bottom; Rosemary Andrews, 17, R7 Lancaster; Marilyn H. Folkman, 19, Conestoga; Barbara Ann Forey, 17, 434 North Cedar St Lancaster; Myrna J. Bailey, 18, 846 Eden Rd., Lancaster; and Christiana K. Spickler, 17, Elizabeth town.

Jay Greider, Mt. Joy, is general chairman of the contest. However, due to Greider being hospitalized, Charles Warfel, R2 Conestoga, will act as general chairman.

**THIS PROBABLY** will be the last large barbeque that will be sponsored by the Poultry association.

### Light Movement of Home Grown Strawberries Likely this Week

**HARRISBURG** — First pickings of Pennsylvania home-grown strawberries are about to be made and light movement of berries to local stores, markets and roadside stands should occur this week, the State Department of Agriculture said today.

Prospects for Pennsylvania strawberries are good, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting service noted in its crop and weather round-up for the past week. However, warmer weather is needed to help the ripening and maturing of the fruit.

**FARM ACTIVITY** was in full swing during the past week, and the cutting of grass silage continues in most sections of the state. Wheat is in head in some southern areas, and plowing is still being done on heavier soils.

In the South and Central sections of Pennsylvania, the first



**MISS MARCELENA HESS**  
1957 Poultry Queen

cutting of alfalfa is under way. Some alfalfa has been damaged by spittlebugs and alfalfa weevil, especially in unsprayed fields.

Early corn is up and some farmers have started to cultivate. However, in some localized areas, corn remains to be planted. Nearly all of the oats is planted and making good progress. In a few sections, where oats could not be seeded, the land was shifted to corn because of severe weather conditions at planting time.

**THE CROP REPORT** also noted sweet cherries in the extreme south are starting to turn color; other fruit is developing nicely in most areas; tomatoes for both fresh market and processing continue to be planted; peas for commercial processing are in blossom in the South; early sweet corn and cabbage are making good growth.

### Queen of Furrow Contest to End June 20 in County

Ten Lancaster County girls have thrown their bonnets into the ring to be considered for "Queen of the Furrow" at the National Plowing Matches and Conservation Exposition to be held in August at Hershey.

Amos H. Funk, Millersville, chairman of the county contest, said that county finals will be held at 8 p. m. June 23 at the Millersville State Teachers College auditorium.

If more than 15 girls enter the contest, semi-finals and a final contest will be held in the county.

Two girls from the county will compete in semi-finals preceding the state contest. Judging for this contest will be Aug. 2 and the finals will be Aug. 15, both contests being held at Hershey.

**JUDGING IN ALL** the contests will be done with the contestants wearing street clothes. The young women will be chosen for beauty, charm and poise. Only farm girls are eligible.

Deadline for entering the county contest is June 20. Entry forms are available from any of the vocational agriculture departments in the county.

Assisting with the contest are Mrs. Elam Buckwalter, president of the Lancaster County Society of Farm Women; Mrs. Elizabeth Myers, home economics instructor, Solanco High School; and Mrs. Ruth Kreibach, extension home economist.

**JUDGES WILL BE** Dr. William Duncan, Millersville State Teachers College; Wayne B. Rentchler, secretary of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District; and Russell Shelly, professional photographer.

The winner of the state title will win a trip to New York City, a wardrobe of new clothes and will make personal appearances throughout the Commonwealth.

Last year the Queen of the Furrow was a 16-year-old farm girl from Ohio.

### Feed, Hatchery Interests Attend Italian Show

The importance of good feeding -- for which U. S. feeds are available -- in poultry raising will be demonstrated by a U. S. Department of Agriculture exhibit at the Italian National Poultry Show, which opens in Varese, Italy, June 14.

Several leading U. S. poultry breeders will be at the Poultry Show to develop business contacts.

The U. S. representatives will be Charles A. Denton, poultry nutritionist, USDA's Agricultural Research Service; J. L. Krider, vice-president, Central Soya Company, Fort Wayne; W. W. Bridges, feed mill manager, Producers' Grain Corporation, Amarillo, Texas; and S. C. King, poultry geneticist, Purdue University.



**GOOD GERMINATION** and vigorous growth are evident here as Richard Miller, R2 Mt. Joy, inspects his wheel track planted corn field. Miller planted 32 acres of corn using this method for the first time this year. (LF Photo)

### Two Lancaster County Farmers Find Wheel Track Corn Planting Okay

To speed their planting operations this spring, two brothers living near Florin, C. Richard Miller and N. Parke Miller, R2 Mt. Joy, switched to wheel track planting for their corn crop.

Having no previous experience with the method, they decided to play it safe. Instead of planting on 100 per cent plowed ground, they ran over some of the rougher portions of the fields with a disc once before planting.

These were places where the ground tends to be heavy and tight. Some other spots that were plowed when the ground tended to be too wet were also hit with the disc.

**HOWEVER THE** bulk of the crop was planted just as the soil lay after plowing.

The Millers like the method now that they've tried it. Richard, who planted about 20 acres, said that if the yields are as good as with the conventional method, he plans to continue using the wheel track method.

The corn is up now, and any doubts about the stand are gone. The stand is very even and the seedlings show good color and vigor. An important item is that some of the corn sprouts are two or three inches high and there are no weed seedlings out of the ground.

The Miller brothers did not use a pre-emergence spray.

**THEY PLAN TO** cultivate once after the corn gets well up and the weeds begin to show. Two cultivations might be needed.

The Miller brothers do not farm in partnership. However, Richard got the idea this spring, approached his brother with it and found that he too had been thinking

about the same thing. One tractor was used for plowing and the other was rigged for wheel track planting. The rear wheels were set in to 46 inches. A two-row planter was used.

**IN PLANTING,** a spacing of about 36 inches was made to compensate for the extra wide rows made by the planter. However, no special equipment or modifications to the tractor or planter were required.

The Millers found that good plowing is the first essential in wheel track planting. It took them a while to get the plow adjusted to give the type of covering action desired. They added a sweep to the plow to help knock down trash and heavy growth.

Some of the fields were small grains and others were old meadow and hay fields.

**ANOTHER DISCOVERY** about the plowing job was made when planting was started. The tractor with the rear wheels set in is slightly harder to steer. And in corn planting the rows must be kept as straight as possible. But when the furrow is crooked, the planting tractor tends to follow the furrow and thus crooked rows are made.

Contour planting is not necessary on the Miller farms because there is little slope to the fields.

Much of the corn will be used for silage, although some will be allowed to mature for grain. The Millers are steer and poultry feeders and as such use large quantities of corn.

By using the wheel track method, they feel that their corn will cost them less this year -- a saving that will stay in the pocket.