

Poultry Producer Chief Defender Of Poultry Health, Dr. Gentry Says

UNIVERSITY PARK, Pa. June 25 — Educational sessions on poultry health, a special reorganization luncheon for the new board of directors, and the traditional "Drumstick Golf Tourney" rounded the annual summer meeting of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation at Penn State University.

Dr. Robert F. Gentry, head of poultry disease research at the University, told his poultryman audience that the "front line of defense against poultry disease is the poultry producer himself." A high percentage of infections can be avoided by proper management practices, he asserted.

Dr. Gentry reported that they are currently working on four main projects at the University's poultry disease research center.

THEY ARE a new method of rapid, accurate diagnosis of poultry diseases, a new method of

vaccinating day old chicks against certain diseases, basic research on Chronic Respiratory Disease which costs poultrymen — particularly broiler producers — millions of dollars annually; and studies of avian visceral lymphomatosis, a disease of chickens comparable to cancer in humans.

Dr. Louis Liebowitz, director of the poultry diagnostic laboratory at National Agricultural College, Doylestown, discussed new drugs and methods for controlling internal parasites of poultry, including various types of worms. "There are no known parasites of poultry that are transmissible to man," he pointed out.

DR. LIEBOWITZ CITED poultry roundworms as one of "nature's best egg producers," with females laying as many as 200,000 eggs a day. Sanitation and food management practices, coup-

led with the piperazine compounds offer effective controls of these pests, he said.

Some of the "miracle drugs" are no longer performing their miracles in the fields of human and poultry health, according to Dr. Grover D. Cloyd, of Hess & Clark, Inc., Ashland, Ohio. Disease-causing micro-organisms seem to have built up resistance to the antibiotics, and anti-bacterials may offer more hope for control and treatments of certain diseases in the future, he believes.

DR. CLOYD DISCUSSED the major bacterial diseases of chickens, along with prevention, control and treatment measures for each. In summing up he emphasized that it is cheaper in both time and money to follow prevention programs than to treat disease after it appears on the farm.

"It is better to prevent than to live with or treat any disease," he maintained, urging the poultrymen to practice the basic principles of disease prevention and control such as sanitation, blood testing, and depopulation.

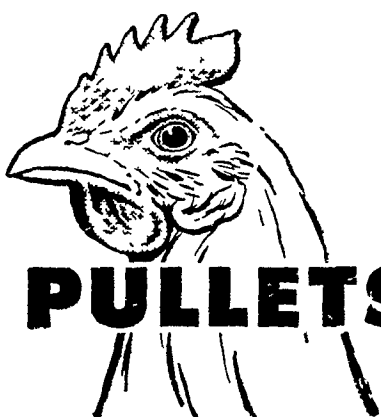


POULTRYMAN OF THE YEAR George M. Anthony, Berks County hatcheryman, and Mrs. Anthony, are shown here with the certificate presented Anthony by the State Poultry Federation. He is a past president of the Federation. (J.F. Photo)



OUTGOING PRESIDENT of the State Poultry Federation, Dr. E. I. Robertson of Lancaster, is presented an engraved gavel by the incoming president William G. Robinson (left). Robinson assumed his new duties at the annual Poultry Federation Banquet at State College Thursday. (L.F. Photo)

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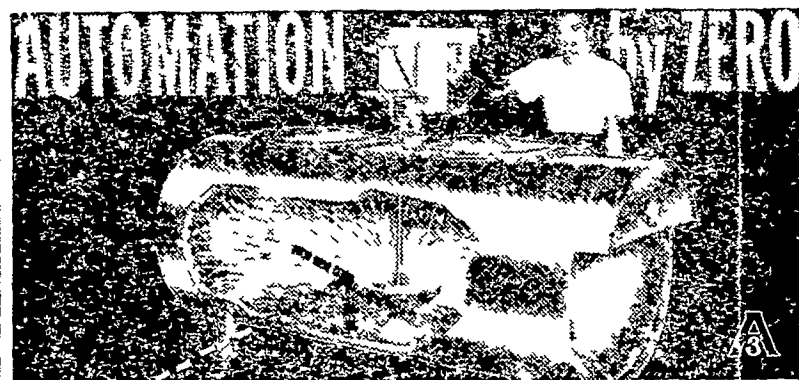
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