

# Lancaster Farming

## Four-Point Program Viewed by FAMC

### Opposition Voiced

Four-point proposal for an integrated agricultural program presented to the General Assembly with the Penna. Dept. of Agriculture and Government found rough sledding Wednesday afternoon at the Penna Food Marketing Council meeting in the State Building.

Henning's proposal for the program, the first opened for comment by nearly 100 state and organizational representatives.

McSparran, Pea- farmer and Mas- sachusetts Gran- ne major objec- posed marketing tiven by both the State Farmers

This organization support the pro- use, "Producers orders would not be in hands of the State Farmers

boards could be not only of pro- could include

dealers, processors and hand- lers of commodities."

"We in the Grange feel control of marketing orders for farm products, must remain solely in the hands of producers, just as in the Federal Marketing Orders" he stated.

A representative for the Penna. Potato Producers voiced objections to the propos- a's on the ground his indus- try ". . . has taken care of our own marketing problem, so that right now I don't know of a potato in Pennsylvania that wants to be sold."

Mrs. Elsie Mummau, Leb- anon County farm women, appearing by invitation as an individual, vigorously pro- tested the proposal as ". . . an attempt to set up a dictat- orship." She urged the state devote its attention to stop- ping the "dumping" of out of state farm products on "our

markets She also insisted the state do nothing to ". . . stop competition." She also led applause for Sec. Henning, following a remark by Mc Sparran that, "We wish we knew you would be in this job forever."

The meeting opened with a suggestion by Marketing Director John Rainey that the Food Marketing Advisory Council revise its organiza- tion to include one dele- gate from all state organiza- tions concerned with the pro- duction, processing, hand- ling and distribution of food products within the state.

His suggestion, adopted without opposition by the group, called for the meet- ing of the full council one of two times each year to con- sider the overall situation of Penna. agriculture.

The new system will en- able the Secretary of Agri- culture to call in delegates from those organizations di- rectly concerned with prob- lems pertaining to a partic- ular commodity, without having the full council meet monthly, with many mem- (Turn to page 6)

### Marketing Orders Defined

Following are some ex- planations of terminology and requirements of the "enab- ling act" of proposed Four- Point Farm Program as pre- sented by the state adminis- tration

The Agricultural Market- ing Act of 1959 as contained in House Bill 1336 and Sen- ate Bill 554 would establish the legal power to be used by growers to develop a marketing agreement or or- der to be used by growers in marketing their product.

A "marketing agreement" is a voluntary contract enter- ed into by the Sec. of Agri- culture and a grower of a particular commodity. It af- fects only those who sign it, however the act requires that before the contract can become effective, producers of 65 per cent of the volume of the commodity must sign the agreement.

A "marketing order" is an order issued by the Sec. of Agriculture which makes

the terms of a marketing agreement effective upon all members of the particular commodity industry. It is issued upon the request of the industry and with a substan- tial majority approval. It is binding upon all producers of the defined commodity, once in force.

The Agreement or Order may provide for exemptions to growers under certain conditions, which must be spl- led out in the order.

An order can be termina- ed any time the Sec. deter- mines it no longer fulfills the desired policy of the ACT. The Sec. is REQUIR- ED to terminate an order whenever a majority of the growers request the order be killed, or whenever growers producing more than 50 per cent by volume of the com-modity request this.

No price fixing or regula- tion, or production controls are authorized under the ACT.

## 'Rural Life Sunday' Services Planned



MEMBERS OF THE LANCASTER COUNTY 4-H Council are shown above during their recent planning meeting for Rural Life Sunday in the county. The young ladies are, from left, LaVon Nolt, Mt Joy RD 2; Donna Heckendorn, Lancaster; Barbara Heisey of Sheridan RD 1; Judy Ginder, Florin, and Jean Snader, Ephrata RD 1. The gentlemen in the rear are, from left, Harold Frey, Marietta RD 1; Fred Bernhard, Mt. Joy RD 1; Glenn Bushong; Robert Wagner, Q-ville RD 2, and Herbert Frey, Marietta RD 1. The Council helped local clubs with plans for the three Rural Life Sunday services scheduled in the county this year.

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## Entries Listed Regional C-O-T

For the finals of the 1959 Chicken-of-Tomorrow have been released by Floyd H. Moore, Coatesville chairman.

of 161 contestants, including 75 from Lancast- have indicated intentions to enter 15 birds each onal competition to be conducted May 2 at the Cooperative Exchange plant, Coatesville.

the regional com- the Farm Show Building at e to be received, Harrisburg. There will be 36 ad dressed, start- state-wide entries. m, Moore reports. Presentation of state a- wards will take place at 1 p.m., May 5th.

Frederick will be of dressing opera- the contest birds.

at 9 a.m., Daniel Lancaster, will entries He will be judging by Clyde John Smith, Char- Victor Plastow, er, John Kreps, ompson, Kenneth Paul L. Martin Bortz

eight regional win- be eligible for in the Pennsyl- T contest to be y 5 at 10 a.m. in

## WEDNESDAY WEATHER FORECAST

Wednesday Weather Bureau, Lancaster Office. Temperatures will average in the range of 44-50. Warm Saturday night. Warmer by Sunday night. Mostly fair for

the Farm Show Building at Harrisburg. There will be 36 state-wide entries.

Presentation of state awards will take place at 1 p.m., May 5th.

The following Wednesday, May 6, Coatesville region entries will be sold at special auction in the Lancaster Poultry Center, starting at 10 a.m.

This is the first year for the auction through Lancast- or Poultry Exchange facilities. Claude F. Smith will serve as auctioneer, with Lowell Blass, chairman of the sales and awards committee. Members are Paul L. Martin, Miles Moyer and F. W. Fisher.

Although the 15 dressed birds of all contestants who wish to sell through the special auction will sell on Wednesday; an additional special auction for the remaining live birds of contestants who wish to sell will take place on Thursday, May 7, either before or after the regular LPE weekly auction.

LPE rules calling for bonded buyers will be removed for these special sales of C-O-T birds, Exchange officials reported.

Lancaster County entries in the contest are:

- Robert W. Armstrong, Drumore RD 1; Elam S. Blank, Strasburg RD 1; Phyllis Raymond, and Robert Bomberger, Lititz RD 2. Glenn Bricker, Manheim RD 2; Harold and Kenneth Brubaker, Mt. Joy RD 1;

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Lancaster County 4-H Sunday committee, will lead Clubs and cooperating churches in the county will participate in the nation-wide Rural Life Sunday program during the next three Sundays, with three services scheduled in the county. Northeastern clubs, with Barbara Heisey and Jean Snader as co-chairwomen of that district's 4-H Rural Life

will be Davlight Saving Time

Salunga Church of the Brethren will welcome club members and others to their service at 7.30 p.m., May 3.

The Bergstrasse congregation will host the club members, parents and friends at a special Rural Life Sunday service at 10 a.m., tomorrow, April 26. Those planning to attend are reminded that this (Turn to page 14)