



"THESE ARE JUST A FEW OF THE ACTIVITIES OF 4-H clubs." Keith Overgaard is to be saying to Patsy Witmer as they look over the 4-H display at the Conestoga High School this week. Keith, a seventeen-year-old senior at the school has been a member for six years. He has had projects in garden, strawberries, capons, sweet corn, entomology, and handyman club on the farm of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Overgaard at Lancaster R4. Patsy, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. David Witmer, Ronks lives on a farm but has never enrolled in a 4-H project. The pretty, fourteen-year-old ninth grade co-ed says that she has considered joining one of the clubs in the area. The purpose of the poster is to encourage the rural youth to participate in 4-H club work.

March Is Nat'l Egg Month How Do You Like Yours?

Editors Note: Many solutions to some of the surplus problems in agriculture have been proposed. Some suggestions have been preposterous; some have been presented tongue-in-cheek. The egg producers are attacking the problem in several ways. Following is an article printed recently in the "Eastern Indiana Farmer."

What is the plight of the egg? Efforts to glamorize it are shaping up. Pickled, per fumed, diced, curried, curled, canned, and even butter-scotch-flavored eggs are just a few of the possibilities.

There may be such things as vacuum dehydrated "instant" scrambled eggs, frozen fried eggs with prefabricated French toast, and there will be no breaking the egg, or getting a frying pan dirty.

Behind these ideas, no matter how fanciful they may seem, is an urgent economic problem. Americans are not eating as many eggs and the nation's hens are turning out eggs faster than ever. The diminishing demand has pushed wholesale egg prices down to very near the lowest level in 19 years, squeezing profits of producers and merchandisers alike.

Consumption has dropped from a peak of 402 in 1945 to 354 per capita in 1959. The hen has bounded from 152 eggs a year to around 200 eggs, and there are twice as many hens as humans. Forecast for 1960 is that consumers will slip another four eggs per capita.

There seems to be two possible solutions. One is to cut back production and have the Government buy up part of the existing surplus. The other is to increase consumption with heavy promotion and improvement of the basic product.

The latter idea is picking up speed with the researchers. Farmers and dealers are kicking in funds for a fast-growing program of research and promotion, and at the same time are striving to increase the quality and freshness of eggs coming to the consumer.

reduce bacterial leaf spot, but not scales, use six lbs. of copper sulfate and six lbs fresh spray lime for dilute application or eight lbs. of each for concentrate spray.

To control scales mites and leaf curl use two lbs. of copper sulfate and three pounds of fresh spray lime plus two gallons of miscible superior oil for dilute spray. For the concentrate spray use three pounds of copper sulfate, 4½ lbs. of fresh spray lime and three gallons of the oil. Where Terrapin scale is a problem, the oil may be increased by one gallon in either the dilute or concentrate mixture.

When combining oil with bordeaux mixture, add the materials in the order listed. Oil must be added last.

For the control of leaf curl only, ferbam (two lbs. dilute or six lbs. concentrate) or liquid DN regular (one quart dilute) may be used. Do not use DN with oil.

Complete coverage of all buds and limbs is needed to obtain effective pest control.

Don-Donegal Community Club Holds Election Of Officers

an Miller, Elizabethtown was elected president of the Don-Donegal Community 4-H Club at the meeting Wednesday night. Miller as vice-president is the Witmer, Mount Joy Treasurer for the year. Bixler, Marietta R1, Ann Ressler, Market Water Streets, Florin, serve the club as secretary. Other officers elected were: Asst. Sec., Joanne Hess, Marietta R1; News Report-

er, Larry Brubaker, Mount Joy R1, and Christ Miller, Elizabethtown, R1; game leaders, Sue Martin, Marietta R1, and James Ressler of Florin; Song Leader, Joanne Martin, Marietta R1. The following adult leaders were elected to advise the club: Christ Miller, Sr. Elizabethtown R1; Mrs. John Herr, Mount Joy R1, Lewis Bixler, Marietta R1; Wilis Hackman, Paul Hess and Victor Longenecker, all of Elizabethtown R3.

FIVE - DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday

Temperatures for the next five days will average 10 to 12 degrees below normal. Normal temperatures for this time of year range from a low of 32 at night to a high of 50 in the afternoon. Quite cold over the weekend with only a slowly warming trend thereafter. Next precipitation about Monday or Tuesday. Precipitation for the past week was 2½ inches of snow.

Temperatures for the first 10 days in March averaged 15 degrees below normal making it the coldest March on record.

Person Herd Receives Honor

r distinguished success breeder of registered pure dairy cattle, C. Har Gable at Elverson, has presented the 'Construction Breeder Award' by the three Breeders' Association, Brandon, Vt. This was the second award to be won by Gable. In order to qualify for this award, one of the most coveted prizes in dairy cattle circles is necessary for the breeder to excel in both production and type. In addition, a percentage of the herd must have been bred and developed by the owner, rather than purchased from other breeders. (Turn to page 8)

Angus Association Announces New Registration Fees

The board of directors of the American Angus Association meeting in St. Joseph, Missouri, recently voted to revise registration fees on purebred Aberdeen-Angus cattle imported from the British Isles.

Effective with purchases made on and after May 1, 1960; registration fees for entry in the American Herd Book of animals recorded by the Aberdeen-Angus Cattle Society will be as follows: \$2,500 per head for bulls; \$1,500 for a cow and her calf or calves; and \$1,000 per head for other females.

This action was taken to discourage the importation of unworthy breeding stock.

Peaches Need Dormant Spray

Associate County Agricultural Agent, Harry Sloat has prepared the following list of recommendations for peach spray in consultation with Drs. Carlton F. Taylor and John O. Pepper of the Pennsylvania State University.

Purpose of the spray is to prevent leaf curl, and reduce bacterial leaf spot and brown rot and to control San Jose and European lecanium scales and red mites.

The spray should be applied before the buds start to crack but when the temperature is above freezing.

Several combinations of ingredients may be used depending on the conditions in your orchard. In each 100 gallons of spray, any one of the following combinations may be used.

To prevent leaf curl and to control scales, use two gallons of Harold Endslo, Marietta R1.

On the following day, March 16, the morning session will be held on the farm of J. Mowery Frey, Sr. Lancaster R7, along route 222 just south of Mylin's Corner. The afternoon session will be on the farm of Lester Weaver, New Holland and R1, one mile northeast of New Holland.

"The control of tobacco diseases lies in clean seed and clean plants rather than field spraying," Sloat says.

Natural Plant Food Meeting to Hold Meet

Natural Food Quality will be subject of a talk to be presented by Dr. E. E. Ruffner, director of the Biological Research Laboratory, Spring Valley, New York, as he addresses a meeting of the Garden Spot Natural Food and Soil Assn. at the Lancaster County Agricultural Center, Roseville.

The general public is invited to attend the meeting on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. Dr. Ruffner will show colored slides to illustrate his subject. For more information, contact John W. Overgaard, Mount Joy R2, president of the local assn.

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Tobacco Seed Treating Demonstration Set

A series of four demonstrations on cleaning and treating tobacco seed has been scheduled for next week according to Harry Sloat, Associate County Agent.

Dr. Carlton Taylor, Plant Disease Specialist from Pennsylvania State University, will treat tobacco seed with silver nitrate solution and explain disease control practices.

On March 15 at 9:00 a.m. the demonstrations will begin at the farm of Levi Rohrer, Lititz R2, one mile west of Lititz. During the afternoon, beginning at 1:30 p.m. the demonstration will continue at the farm of Harold Endslo, Marietta R1.