

Poultry Assn. Plans Meet

The Lancaster County 4-H poultry club roundup will be held in conjunction with an educational meeting sponsored by the county poultry association next week.

A panel of poultrymen, moderated by Professor Carl Dossin, extension poultry specialist from Pennsylvania State University, will present their views on "Producer vs Processor Grading of Eggs". Displays and awards to members of the 4-H club will make up the first part of the program, according to Cleve Hastings, chairman of the educational committee.

All county poultrymen and their families are invited to the meeting at the Lancaster County Poultry Center, 340 W. Roseville Road, Tuesday, March 21 at 7:45 p.m.

Marking Timber

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Mr. Mrs. Katherine Schroll near Bainbridge Kitch said, a logger offered to buy the timber on Mrs. Schroll's woodlot for a flat fee of \$1,000 and cut it immediately.

Mrs. Schroll, he said, being unfamiliar with the value of standing timber, called the state employed forester to measure and mark the trees to be sold.

When the forester measured the woodlot, he estimated nearly \$2,000 worth of timber ready for harvest with the immature trees left for further growth.

Kitch said the sawmill operator agreed to take only the marked trees and the selling price was set at \$2,625.

A farm area in woodlot can supply a regular income just as any other crop, Kitch said, if old, mature and weeded trees are removed before they prevent the younger trees from growing.

"The forester's program includes all problems of woodlot management starting with planting new plantations through timber stand improvement to the final

Farm Fire Loss \$165 Million Last Year

Farm fires caused losses estimated at \$165 million during 1960, the U. S. Department of Agriculture reported today. This is about five percent less than the estimated 1959 loss of \$174 million the highest on record.

Economists of USDA's Agricultural Research Service based their 1960 estimate on reports received from 207 farmers' mutual fire insurance companies, selected from 1,625 such firms insuring farm risks.

The loss rate for 1960, including lightning damage not always resulting in fire, averaged 14.2 cents per \$100 of insurance in force at the end of the year. This compares with the rate of 14.8 cents for 1959.

Personal property losses were about 35 percent of the total livestock losses, about 15 percent of all claims paid, accounting for more dollars than any other personal property item. Most livestock claims were due to lightning.

stage of harvesting and marketing.

In Lancaster County there are approximately 82,483 acres in woodland, according to a recent survey of soil and water conservation needs. At the present time, more land is being planted to forest trees and managed as a cash crop on more productive land.

In other business, directors approved seven new co-operators asking for free conservation plans. They are:

Gunter P. Kaiser, New Holland, 10 acres; Rufus Miller, Bainbridge R1, 14 acres; A. Franklin Myer, of Lancaster R6, 145 acres; George Weaver, Quarryville R1, 328 acres; Mathan Martin, East Earl Star Route, 96 acres; Clair Bomberger, of Peach Bottom R1, 167 acres; and Malcomb D. Mertz, of Peach Bottom R1, 175 acres.

Hog Show

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Barrow — Millarden Farms, Annville (Hampshire). Reserve Grand Champion Trio—George Cogley, Ronks R1 (Yorkshire). Reserve Grand Champion, (Turn to page 11)

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pound, a record for U. S. hog sales in 1961. The average was more than double the best market price of hogs on the stockyards Monday, when the retail price was \$21.50. Total weight of the 199 hogs was 42,215 pounds for a 212 pound average.

Auctioneer Abe Diefenbach said, "I think this is close to an all-time record price for a pen of ten hogs I don't ever recall of hearing of a higher price."

Other buyers and their purchases were Arbogast and Bastun, Allentown, 71 hogs at \$3,816.37; Fisher Bros., Bridgeton, N.J., nine hogs at \$420.00; Kunzler and Co., Inc., Lancaster, 55 hogs at \$3,012.50; Spungin Abattoir, Harrisburg, five hogs, \$204.75, and Weiland Packing Co. of Phoenixville, three hogs, \$167.70.

Judging the show at 9:00 a.m. were J. Carl Dalton, Kunzler, and Co., Inc., and William Crow, Weiland Packing Co. They were assisted by James O'Hara, in charge of the USDA Market News Bureau at the stock yards.

Show committee for the swine association included Earl Fisher, Stauffer Homestead Farms, East Earl R1, chairman; H. B. Endslow of Marietta R1, and Arlie Anderson, Masonic Home Farms, Elizabethtown.

Other placings are as follows.

CHAMPIONSHIPS

Grand Champion Barrow—Norman Kolb, 355 Pitney Rd. (Yorkshire)

Grand Champion Trio — Masonic Homes Farm, Elizabethtown (Duroc-Jersey)

Grand Champion Pen of 10 — John J. Hess, Intercourse (Yorkshire).

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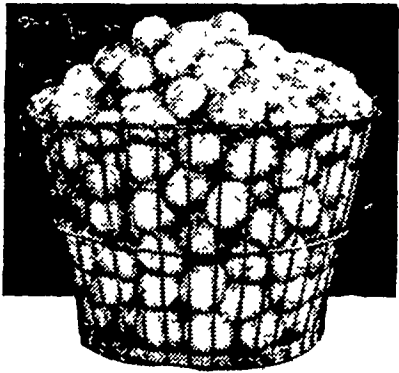
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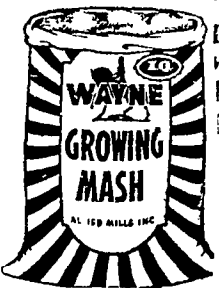
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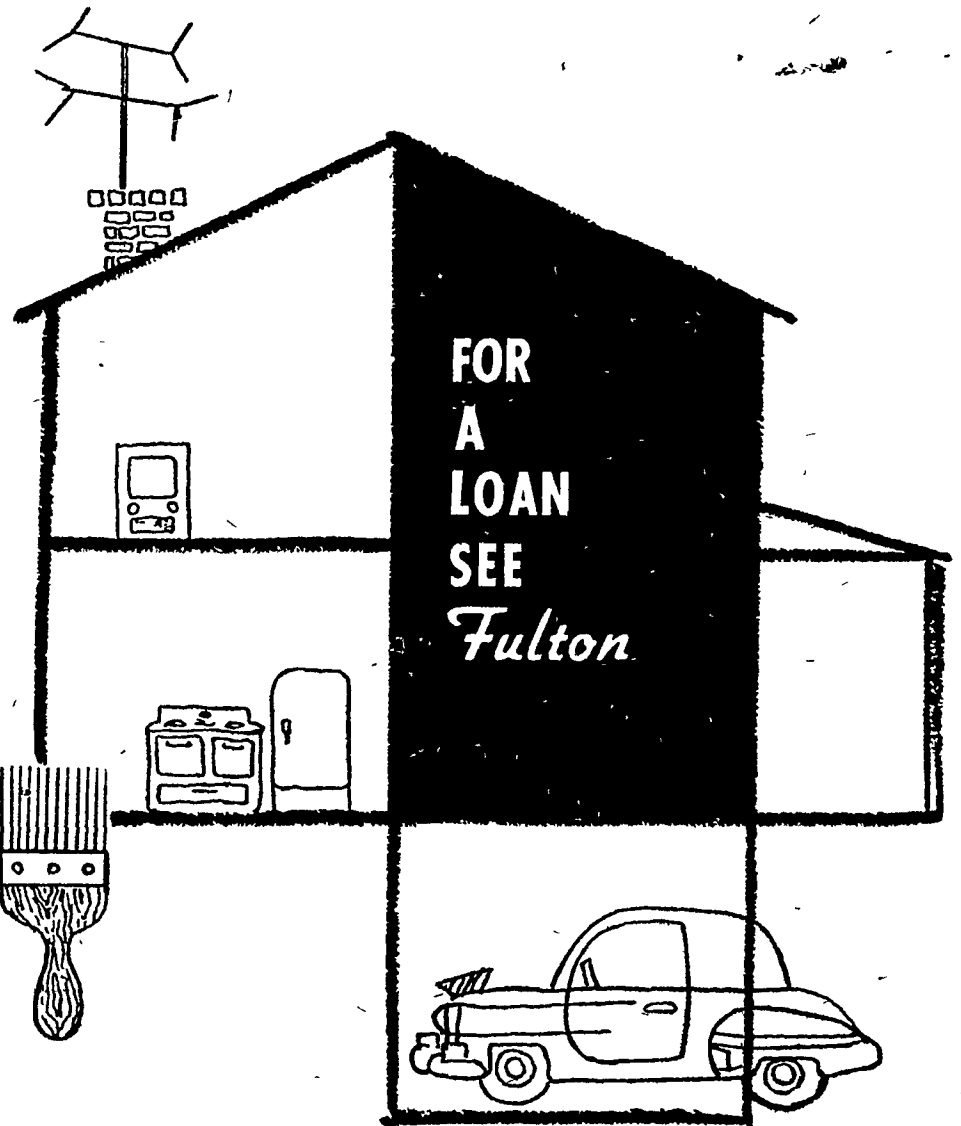
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