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ANYTHING FOR THE PROMOTION OF THE POULTRY industry, seems to be the thing of these members of the Lancaster Poultry Association. The costumes he peddled out the Saint Patrick's day theme when the association gave away 3,000 green-dyed and cooked eggs on the square in Lancaster. As they appeared at a meeting at the Poultry Center Tuesday night, left to right, Eugene Cassel, chairman of the egg promotion committee; June Sangrey, office manager at the Poultry Center; Charles Warfel, secretary of the assn., and Benjamin Burkholder, vice president of the assn. L.F. Photo

Egg Processors See All Plant Grading Soon

In a few years all the eggs produced on Lancaster County farms will be graded by the processor, one egg dealer told poultrymen on Tuesday night.

Speaking on a panel, "Producer versus Processor Grading of Eggs", John Copenheaver, Elizabethtown egg dealer, said he sees the day in the near future when all egg grading will be done by the processor. He cited the demand of consumers for a more uniform pack and said most farmers do not have accurate enough equipment for the large shell egg outlets. Copenheaver said about 90 per cent of the eggs coming to his plant arrive as gathered on the farm.

Richard Sauder, New Holland, speaking in behalf of Victor Weaver, Inc. said that plant is now buying 100 per cent ungraded eggs.

He said he is in favor of in-plant grading for several reasons.

He agreed that processors can give the consumer a more uniform pack. Processors who grade eggs in the plant can spot troubles a producer is having and help him correct his mistakes, he said. He concluded by saying, "Farmers should never grade eggs when someone else can do it more efficiently."

Producers on the panel at a meeting of the Lancaster County Poultry Assn. Tuesday night were generally in favor of farmer grading of eggs, but at least one producer said he grades eggs mainly because he has the equipment and has always done it.

Henry Reist, Mount Joy said, "It is interesting to watch egg quality drop as hens get older." He felt that producers grading their own eggs could have a better control of the quality of their eggs.

Harry Houser, Lancaster R7, recalled how his father put the eggs in a basket and (Turn to page 12)

Fruit Growers And Beekeepers Plan Joint Meet

County Beekeepers and Orchardists will be given a look at agriculture behind the Iron Curtain at a joint meeting of the two groups next month.

Dr. Carl Bittner, extension fruit specialist from Pennsylvania State University will present an illustrated talk showing the highlights of his trip to Russia last summer at a joint meeting of the County Beekeepers and the County Fruit Growers, on April 14.

Dr. Bittner, well known to orchardists of the Lancaster County area will contrast farming under a free society with the problems of farming under the domination of a communist form of government.

Reservations for the banquet, scheduled to begin at 6:30 p.m. at Hostetters Banquet Hall, Mount Joy, may be made at the County Agent's office, Lancaster, or with Walter Becker of Mt. Joy R2, Ralph Gamber of 910 State Street, Lancaster, or Roy Erb, 118 Kreider Ave Lancaster.

William Clarke, Extension Beekeeping Specialist from PSU will also be on the program, it was announced this week.

Garden Spot 4-H Holds Election

Wilmer Wenger, 76 Greenfield Road, was elected president and County 4-H Council representative by the Garden Spot 4-H Community Club at a recent meeting in the Smoketown Elementary School.

David Denlinger, of 2351 Horseshoe Road, was named vice president of the club. Other officers elected were Elaine Stoltzfus, Ronks R1, secretary; Joyce Denlinger, 602 Enfield Road, treasurer; Lois Ann Overgaard, Lancaster R4, news reporter; Donald Kraybill, 599 Lampeter (Turn to page 7)

Panel To Discuss Corn Growing At Solanco YFA

A panel discussion on growing high yielding corn will be the feature of the next meeting of the Solanco Young Farmers Association.

Panel members will include winners in state corn growing contests as well as producers of outstanding yields.

James Jackson, Christiana R1, one of the top scorers in the Pennsylvania state five-acre corn contest will lead off the discussion of what it takes to produce top yields. Backing him up will be J. Zeigler Hess, Quarryville R3, poultryman and corn producer who dries much of his crop. Robert Henney, teacher of vocational agriculture at Warwick High School will tell how he grew nearly 100 acres of corn with minimum tillage (wheeltrack planting) Paul (Turn to page 5)

4-H Holstein Club Elects

Paul Trimble, son of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Trimble, of Quarryville R1, was named president of the Lancaster County Holstein 4-H Club Thursday night at the reorganization meeting.

The 61 members present tapped Elvin Shelly of Manheim R. D. 1, as vice president of the club. Donald Trimble, brother of Paul, was elected secretary.

Other officers included Donald Musser, Mount Joy R1, treasurer; James Kettering, Lititz R3, news reporter; Melvin Beiler, Gordonville R1, song leader, and Gloria Shelly, Manheim R1 and George Rutt, Jr., Stevens R1 game leaders. (Turn to page 13)

Ag. Center Architect Hired By Directors

The Lancaster County Agriculture Center came one step nearer realization this week with the hiring of an architectural firm to draw preliminary plans for the building.

Levi Brubaker, chairman of the finance committee of the Agriculture Center board of directors said this week,

Spray Garlic Now For Best Control

Now is the time to control the in pastures, M. M. Smith, County Agent said this week.

Repeated sprays for two to three years will be needed to completely destroy the in permanent sod, but spraying could prevent the of rejected milk this year.

Time to spray is any warm dry day in late March or early April, he said. The ester form of 2,4-D may be used if clover or alfalfa do not adjoin the pastures to be sprayed. The ester form should be used where there is danger of drift to legume stands.

Spray should be applied at the rate of one pound of ester 2,4-D per acre in five to ten gallons of water.

FARM CALENDAR

27—Noon - Southeastern District County Agents meet at Dutchman's Diner, Denver

30 p.m. - County Future Farmers meet at Elizabethtown High School.

30 p.m. - Elm-Penryn 4-H club meets in the Penryn fire hall.

28—Cattle feeder meeting. Tom King, livestock specialist will discuss feeding and management. Lew (continued on Page 13)

boundary lines and elevations of the proposed building site have been supplied to the firm of Haak and Kauffman, Myerstown.

The architects will make preliminary drawings and return them to the board of directors in about 3 weeks, Brubaker said. All elevations of the proposed east-west bypass were supplied by the Penna. Highways Dept. and included in the report to the engineering firm, he said.

Planning for the proposed Agriculture Center began last year with the anonymous donation of a parcel of eight acres of land and \$100,000 in cash. The cash donation carried the stipulation that it would be matched by other funds contributed by county farmers and others interested in agriculture.

No solicitation of funds will be made until the fall of 1961 Brubaker said. "By then we should know how much will be needed," he said.

Soil Meeting Scheduled At Elizabethtown

Conservation of soil fertility and the production of high quality corn will be the subject of an educational meeting sponsored by the Elizabethtown Chapter Future Farmers of America next week.

The meeting scheduled to begin at 7:30 p.m., March 30, in the high school cafeteria will feature a discussion and a question and answer session on the general fertility of local soils and the latest practices in growing, harvesting, and drying field corn. A plant food con- (Turn to page 5)