



LESLIE S. HUBBARD OF LANCASTER, left, presents the Poultryman of the Year plaque to Homer J. Bicksler of Palmyra, right. Bicksler was cited during the annual conference of the Pennsylvania Poultry Federation June 29-30 at the State University. Hubbard of Hubbard Farms was the 1957 winner and is a past president of the Federation. Bicksler is manager of the Pennsylvania Farm Bureau Hatchery, Harrisburg, and is a former Federation president.

● Poultryman
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The Pennsylvania industry queen, Beverly Heath, spoke briefly. Main speaker of the evening was Dr. D. L. Biemederfer, President of the

Millersville State College. A feature of the annual banquet is the honoring of 4-H club and vocational agriculture youths who have made outstanding records with poultry projects. Youths honored this year were Carl Donald Brown, R. D. 2, Factoryville; Wayne R. Daubert, R. D. 2, Pine Grove; and Thomas Schechterly, of West Hemlock Township. They received framed certificates citing their accomplishments.

John Smith, 11-year old youth from R. D. 3, Altoona, received a wristwatch from John Ke'ner, Tamaqua, president of the Pennsylvania Turkey Association, in recognition of his excellent work with turkeys. John was top winner in the 4-H dressed turkey class at the 1961 Pennsylvania Farm Show, at Harrisburg.

Wheat Support Price Is Set

The minimum price-support rate for 1961-crop wheat in Lancaster County will be \$2.01 per bushel, Lands G Becker, Chairman of the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Committee, announced this week. This compares with the county support rate of \$2.00 a bushel for the 1960 wheat crop.

The 1961 rate is based on the minimum national average support price which has been increased 1 cent per bushel to \$1.79 per bushel, to reflect 75 percent of the estimated July 1 parity price.

The new minimum reflects 75 percent of the 1961 wheat parity price for May.

Information on price-support rates for wheat stored in terminals is also available at the County Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office. For major producing areas, as in the past, county rate generally reflects terminal rates less handling and freight charges needed to get the wheat to terminals. To maintain fair and equitable relationships between county and terminal support rates, the county rates will be adjusted for any future freight rate decrease that may occur during the 1961 period of price-support availability.

In general, basic county (Turn to page 11)

BLUE COMB

A disease which attacks growing pullets and young laying chickens.

ORIGIN: Not of bacterial origin, but otherwise suggestive of a contagious or infectious disease. Current view point: Probably a virus disease.

SYMPTOMS: Sudden decreased feed consumption, drop in egg production, depression and whitish watery diarrhea. Individual birds may have crop distension, sunken eyes, dark blue combs, shriveled shanks.

Post Mortem usually shows pale breast muscle resembling the flesh of fish. Crop is often filled with sour-smelling food. Small yellowish spots may appear on the liver. Enlargement of kidneys is common with the accumulation of urates.

CAUTION: Accurate diagnosis is necessary to differentiate between Blue Comb and Fowl Cholera.

TREATMENT: Several types of treatment formerly recommended have mostly been replaced by the use of the Broad Spectrum antibiotics or a combination of one of these with Furazolidone contained in a highly fortified feed.

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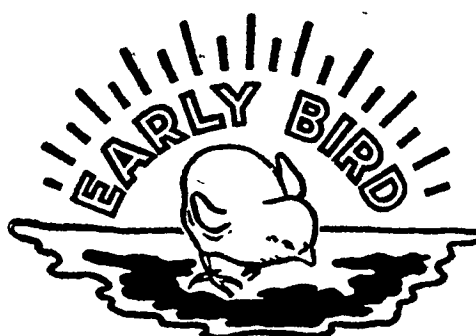
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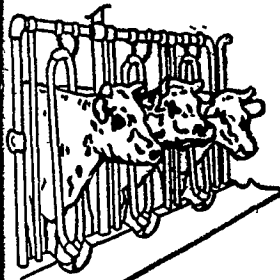
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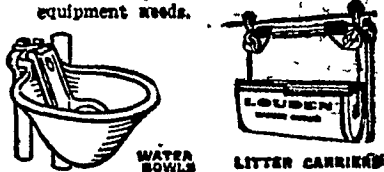
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