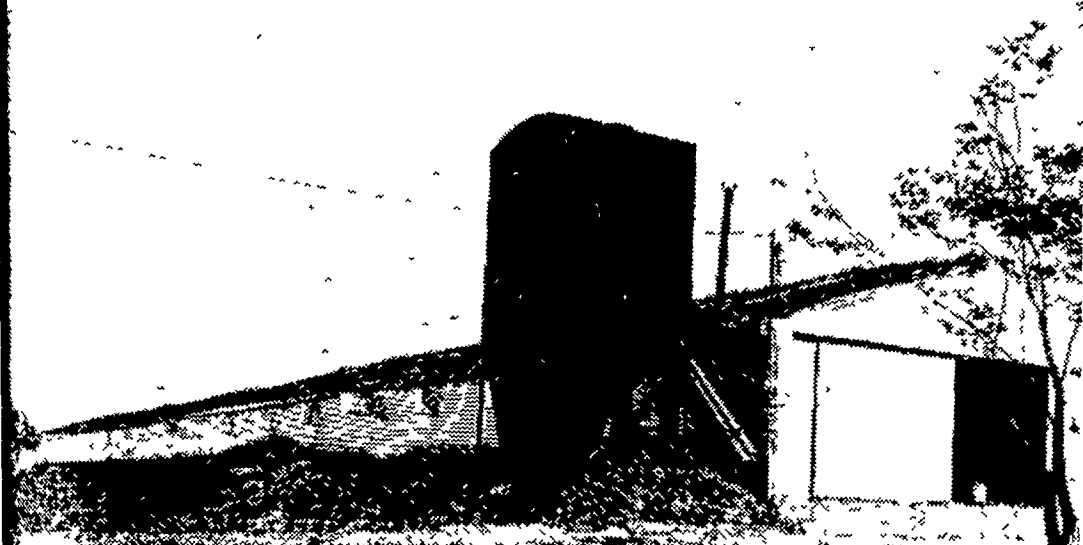


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THIS IS A CHICKEN HOUSE. The fact that this is a chicken house might be very obvious to some, but to those who know chickens this house looks strange. There are no windows in the house although there are 10,000 producing layers inside. All lights and ventilation are electrically provided and regulated. Choring in the house is done almost entirely by machine. Only six hours of labor per day is needed to care for the layers and —L. F. Photo

County Poultry House Built Without Windows

Mechanization in the poultry business leaves very little to chance or to nature it seems. At least one layer house completed recently in Lancaster county, has no windows for either light or ventilation, but these two necessities of the birds have not been neglected.

James High, a feed dealer at Gordonville R1, recently completed the insulated aluminum building and equipped it with cages for 10,000 laying hens. While there are no windows in the building, the hens appear happy and healthy. Their apparent health is verified by the 85% plus production being maintained in the house.

But lack of windows is not the only unusual feature of the house. As Clay (Skip) Weaver, Purina feed representative says, "The heaviest thing that has to be lifted in the house is a doggone egg."

It is true that mechanization has taken over most of the heavy chores in the operation. So completely mechanized is the system that the care of the 10,000 layers can

be done in approximately six man-hours of labor per day.

Furthermore, the operation is uncomplicated. Much of the work in feeding, gathering and processing eggs and general chores is handled by 12-year-old Michael High, the son of the owner. Assisting Mike with the chores and overseeing the operation is his sister, Mrs. Norma Ann Fryberger.

Mike drives down the aisles between rows of cages, with three birds per cage, on a self propelled feeder which has been loaded at a bulk feed bin. An elevator on the machine spreads the specially compounded caged layer feed in the troughs in front of the cages. The feed and the running water in another trough

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Suburbia Makes Demands On County Agent's Time

The population explosion is beginning to close in on extension service. At least that is the impression left by president of the National Association of County Agents who visited in the county Thursday afternoon.

Howard H. Campbell, county agent of Nassau county, New York, accompanied the Dow Scholarship tour of County Agents from the southern states as they viewed farming in the Garden Spot. The tour included stops at the farms of J. Har- Frey, Marietta R1, Clarence Keener, Manheim R1, Raymond Witmer, Wil- Street R1.

County Agents have no time to visit a farmer if a problem can be taken care of on the phone," Campbell said, but hurried to add, "of course, that is just one agent's opinion." Campbell explained that the pressure from increasing suburbia has put so many demands on the time of the county extension office that it is impossible for the extension personnel to personally visit every person with a problem.

4-H Leaders Schedule Meet

A humorous talk by H. Hurst, French Creek, at McCaskey High School will be the main feature of the annual summer meeting of the county 4-H leaders. Also on the program will be a report by Darwin Boyd, Ephrata, on his recent trip to the National 4-H Conference at Washington, D. C. The program is scheduled to get under way at 8 p. m. on July 26 in the Salunga Community Park, located between Landsville and Salunga and the Old Harrisburg

FARM CALENDAR

July 27-29 - FARM SAFETY WEEK
July 24 - all day - judging of county FFA swine projects in the area advisor.
10 a. m. - 4-H Town and country business meets at Lancaster Shopping Center, Litz Pike, to be a tour of Lehigh Valley (Turn to page 14)

309 Entries In SPABC Show

With entry deadline still two days away, a total of 309 head of cattle had been officially entered in the tenth annual Southeastern Pennsylvania Artificial Breeders Show August first and third. Representatives of the Cooperative said Thursday night they had verbal entries from several other breeders and expected about 100 more animals to be entered before deadline today.

New facilities including a permanent, concrete wash rack and more tent space has been added this year. More animals will be accommodated through the use of two separate judging days as well. Guernseys, Jerseys and Brown Swiss will be judged the first day and Holsteins & Ayrshires will be placed on (Turn to page 14)

Poultrymen Plan Tour

Wednesday, July 26, has been reserved by the Lancaster County Poultry Association for their annual tour. The committee has arranged for the group to go by bus, since they feel moving a large number of private automobiles over major highways can constitute a traffic hazard.

The schedule calls for two morning and two afternoon stops in Fredericksburg Lebanon County area, with a chicken barbecue lunch available to all poultrymen at the Fredericksburg Lions Park.

After assembling at the Lancaster Poultry Center at 8:00 a. m., the group will go by charter bus to the Whitmoyer Laboratories at Myerstown where they will see the manufacture of poultry medicines.

William Myer, farming four farms north of Myerstown, will be the host at the second stop. He will show his 26,000 broilers, 5,500 layers and 4,500 turkeys as well as his 90 holstein cows and 50 heifers.

At the Grimes and Hauer poultry dressing plant the poultrymen will see a 40,000 per day capacity operation employing 135 workers. Much of the cut-up poultry used in frozen dinners is supplied by this plant.

At his Bethel R1 farm, Raymond Musselman will exhibit his house with capacity for 13,000 layers. He has a home made bulk feed bin with storage room for 40 tons which supplies his automatic feeders.

Plans call for return to the poultry center by 4:30 p. m., according to the committee, John Longenecker, H. Raymond Stoner, Winthrop



Providence 4-H Hears Florists

Twigs, frogs, vases and flowers equals beauty, members of the New Providence 4-H were told at their recent meeting.

Mrs. I. Groff and Mrs. A. Getz of the Cloister Flower Club, Ephrata gave a very interesting show and tell demonstration on arranging flowers in different sized and shaped vases.

Club members were given geranium cuttings which they were asked to try to grow according to instructions given by the club leaders.

Miss C. Jane Henry is reporter for the club.

Merriam, Melvin Hess, Elwood Earhart, Earle Hershey and Glenn G. Harr.

Second Annual Soil Conservation Field Day Program Takes Shape

The perennially popular wagon train tours which were such a successful part

of the first annual Soil Conservation Field Day last year will be on the schedule again this year.

Wagon trains, pulled by tractor, will be making regular tours of conservation exhibits and demonstrations on the Speedwell Forge Farm near Elm on August 2 from 10 a. m. until 3 p. m., as part of the Lancaster County Soil Conservation District's program.

Speedwell Forge, the farm of Gerald Darlington, will be headquarters for the field day program, but exhibits and demonstrations will be at various stops on the tour routes.

Among the demonstrations on the route will be the actual construction of a diversion and the marking of timber trees in a farm woodlot.

A short speaking program is scheduled to begin at 1 p. m. when members of all cooperating agencies in the Soil Conservation District will be introduced.

Speedwell Forge is located along Hammer Creek, between the Lebanon pumping station and Elm.

FIVE-DAY WEATHER FORECAST

Saturday - Wednesday
Temperatures for the next five days are expected to average near normal to a few degrees above the normal range of 66 at night to 88 in the afternoon. Warm and humid Saturday and Sunday will be followed by somewhat lower temperatures and humidity Monday & Tuesday. Rising trend again about Wednesday. Precipitation may total over 3 in. as scattered late afternoon and evening thundershowers mainly about Sunday and again Wednesday.