

Local Hatchery Lists Changes In Personnel

William H. "Bill" Wilson, Leola, has been appointed General Manager of Babcock Hatchery, Inc., Lititz, franchise distributor of Babcock chicks and started pullets in Penna., New Jersey, Maryland and Delaware.

Wilson is a graduate of



WILLIAM WILSON

Pennsylvania State University, majoring in agriculture. He was with the Penn State Agricultural Extension Service for eight years following graduation and has been employed by two breeder hatchery organizations as sales manager since that time.

Bruce M. Babcock, President of Babcock's Lititz hatchery is moving to Ithaca, New York, to head Babcock Poultry Farm, Inc., but reports he will continue to be active in the management of the Lititz hatchery.

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Potato Growers To Hear Horst

HARRISBURG — Miles Horst, special assistant to Governor William W. Scranton, is to be one of the featured speakers at the 13th annual Pennsylvania Potato Growers Institute March 4 and 5 at the Hotel Penn Alto in Altoona.

A former State Secretary of Agriculture, 1943-1954, Horst is to give his views on the development of agribusiness and farmer cooperatives, according to Robert W. Harwood, Wattsburg, Erie County, president of the Pennsylvania Co-operative Potato Growers Association, sponsors of the institute.

Reports on latest methods in the use of pesticides, fertilizers and weed killers will be given by the following specialists from the Pennsylvania State University: Dr. Dale E. Baker, Elmer C. Pifer, George Berggren, E. J. Udine and Dr. Herbert Cole.

Certified Egg Program Grows

HARRISBURG — A total of 32,370,750 dozen eggs, an all-time record, were certified in Pennsylvania last year under the state's egg quality and grading program.

Last year's total topped the previous year's record by 3,912,990 dozen eggs, the State Agriculture Department announced. December volume alone reached 3,040,920 dozen; an all-time high for any month since the Pennsylvania Certified Egg Program was introduced.

"A great deal of the success of this program stems from the high level of customer

The annual business meeting of PCPG will be held on March 5 preceding a tour of Cambria County potato storage houses. Four co-op directors are to be elected. Those whose terms expire are Ivan Miller, Corry, E. Paul Hoover, Patton, Don Freeman, Ulysses, Perry Knorr, Catawissa and J. K. Mast, Elverson.

acceptance of quality eggs," said State Agriculture Secretary Leland H. Bull.

The Poultry Division of the U.S. Department of Agriculture reported a total of 28,578,370 dozen eggs handled last year at plants in Pennsylvania operating under the division's voluntary poultry and poultry grading program. It was an increase of 9.5 million dozen over the previous year's volume.

The division also reported 166,437,943 pounds of poultry were handled last year in plants with resident graders, an increase of 15 million pounds. Poultry graded totaled 58,819,538 pounds, an increase of more than 2.5 million pounds; turkeys graded totaled 11,362,870 pounds, an increase of 1.5 million pounds over

Increases are attributed to a nationwide trend towards increased grading of poultry and poultry products to meet domestic consumer acceptance and export requirements.

More Services Add to Food Costs

More convenience and built-in maid service in food today add to its cost, says Harold Neigh, Penn State consumer economics specialist. Also adding to the price rise are higher wage costs, freight rates, fuel, supplies, equipment, taxes, advertising, and other processes used to get food from the farm to the market and to the consumer.

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