



**Wayne Maresch
Will Direct SCS**

Wayne F. Maresch has been selected to direct the Soil Conservation Service office in Lancaster, it was announced today. A native of Allegheny County, Mr. Maresch at-

tended Pennsylvania State University where he received a degree in Agronomy in 1951. After serving in the U.S. Air Force until 1955 he began work with the U.S. Soil Conservation Service in Erie County as a Soil Scientist. In 1956 he was moved to Indiana, Pa., where he continued in soil survey work. In 1957 Mr. Maresch was promoted to Soil Conservationist in Carlisle, Pa., where he directed the SCS work in assisting the Cumberland County Soil and Water Conservation District.

In 1959 he was selected to work as an Administrative Officer on flood control dams under the Small Watersheds Program. In that capacity he worked with state, county and municipal groups throughout Pennsylvania as well as with various youth groups interested in soil and water conservation.

In discussing his new job Maresch said he plans to make available the latest technical information and assistance to Lancaster County farmers and

**Layer Hatch
Down 7 Percent**

Poultrymen expect to raise 139 million chickens for egg production in the Keystone State this year, 7 per cent less than in 1963, according to the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service.

The total, PCRS noted, would be about three-fourths of the 1958-62 average.

Egg production in the first half of this year totaled 1,606 million—six million fewer than in the first six months of 1963, PCRS reported.

landowners in dealing with their soil and water management problems in cooperation with the Lancaster County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Mr. Maresch replaces Larry Corson who has been acting in that capacity since the retirement of Martin Muth.

**Grain Stocks
Down 47 Percent**

Stocks of grain in both farm and commercial storage positions on July 1 totaled 22.2 million bushels, the Pennsylvania Crop Reporting Service, Harrisburg, said this week. The amount was about equal

to stocks on hand a year ago, the agency said, but was 47 per cent below the April 1 figure.

According to the service's quarterly grain stocks report, corn held in all storage positions totaled 12.4 million bushels on July 1—down 13 per cent.

Stocks of oats totaled 7 million bushels, up 18 million bushels from a year ago and the highest of record for the July 1 date, the agency reported.

Wheat stocks were up 18 per cent at 17 million bushels from the low level of a year ago.

Barley and rye stocks were lower than a year ago, but soybean holdings showed gains.

PENN MANOR

By Nancy Cramer

The Penn Manor Clashing Thimbles met in the Penn Manor Junior High School on Wednesday for a combined work and business meeting.

Plans for a party were discussed. It will be held Sept. 12 at 7:45 p.m. Parents will be invited. Committees for the party were appointed as follows: refreshments, Judy Lehman, chairman, Joy Hostetter, Susie Wenzel; games, Peggy Eshleman, chairman, Tina Neff, Susie Breneman; program, Betty Jane Barley, chairman, Betsy Ginter and Nancy Cramer. Nancy Neff was appointed to find a place to hold the party.

Final plans will be made at the next meeting, Aug. 12, at the Penn Manor Junior High School.

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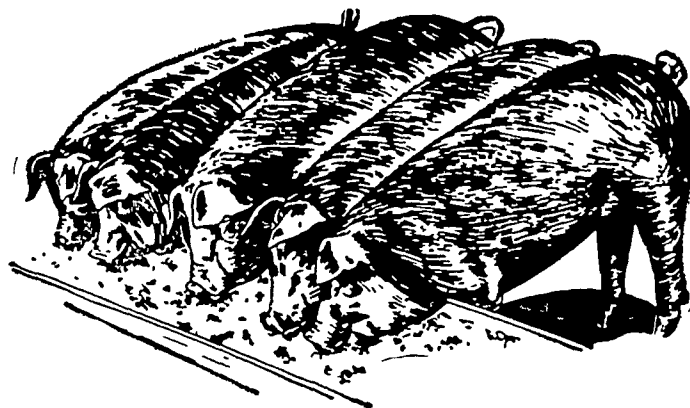
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