

● **Hybrid**

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 in 1958. The first year they planted 200 unrooted cuttings, 50 rooted cuttings, and 12 yearling trees. This year they planted 2,000 cuttings, and 1,000 rooted cuttings. Next year they plan to increase these numbers still further. On the face of this spoil bank, which is about a 45 degree slope, there was no survival of unrooted cuttings; on the level and intermediate sections of the bank, there was a 75 per cent survival among the unrooted cuttings where properly planted. The rooted cuttings showed a survival rate of 85-90 per cent regardless of degree of slope.

An old iron bank near War-
 amples were on extremely
 acid soil. At a Bethlehem Steel
 site in Lebanon County cut-
 tings were planted in an al-
 kali basin that had an aver-
 age pH of 8.9. There were 6,
 062 hybrid poplar cuttings
 planted there in 1962, with an-
 nual additions made since. At
 the time of the original
 plantings, black locusts, black
 alders and many varieties of
 grasses were also put in. The
 conclusions at this point are
 that the hybrid poplar has
 economic potential which the
 others lack. The locust, being
 a legume, tends to improve
 the soil value, and the alder
 and locust together serve well
 as dust stoppers.

Is Fry pleased with the
 progress he has made with
 history.

Most of the preceding ex-

his poplar project during the
 last seven years? You bet he
 is! He has learned a tremen-
 dous amount about the habits
 and adaptabilities of this spe-
 cies. He visualizes uses for
 the hybrid poplar that range
 from reforestation of sub-
 marginal land to home plant-
 ings. Customers who original-
 ly ordered 50-100 plants for
 trial are beginning to demand
 cuttings in large quantities.
 Eight generations of Frys
 have farmed here, but it
 would be difficult to imagine
 that a more unusual and
 startling crop had even been
 raised in the farm's 200 year

**Poultry Ass'n
 Plans Banquet**

The Lancaster County Poul-
 try Association plans to hold
 their Annual Banquet on
 Thursday, October 29, at the
 Plain & Fancy Farm, Bird-in-
 Hand, R1, Pa.

The speaker will be William
 H. Hardy, Eastern Regional
 Editor for Farm Journal. His
 topic will be "You Don't Have
 to Be a Farm Drop-Out"

Benjamin Burkholder will
 give the group a report on
 the proposed transfer of the
 Lancaster County Poultry Cen-
 ter to the new Lancaster Coun-
 ty Farm & Home Foundation.

Members of the Banquet
 Committee are Paul Hiestand,
 Chairman, Donald Wolgemuth,
 Richard Kreider, Carl Meck,
 Reynolds Minnich.

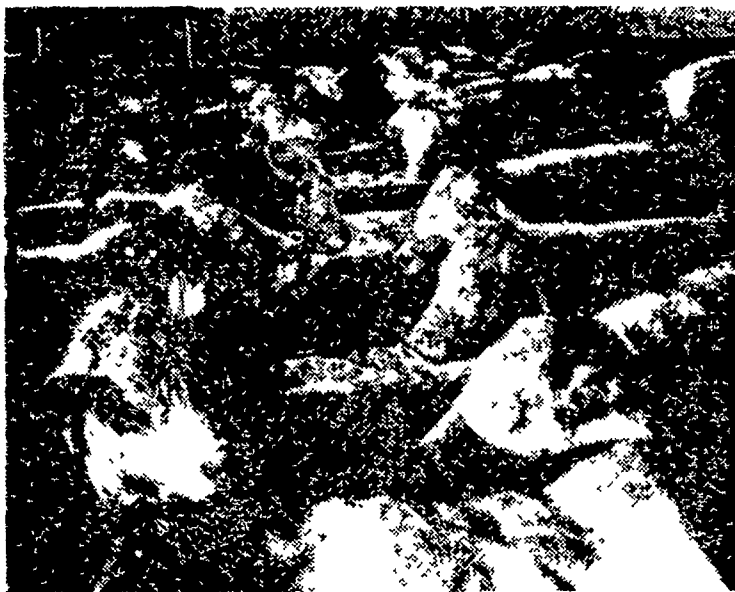
Tickets may be obtained
 from any member of this com-
 mittee, or by contacting the
 Poultry Center Office, West
 Roseville Road, Lancaster (569-
 2401).

Dr. William B Walsh, found-
 er and president of Project
 HOPE, is a veteran of World
 War II and first conceived the
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