

● Poultry Ass'n

(Continued from Page 1) would not be otherwise productive.

2 — Better quality labor — no one will do the job as diligently as the owner.

3 — Better and more efficient production per farm unit

4 — Fewer mechanical problems and breakdowns — a real problem for the giant farms with their hired labor and excessive mechanization

5 — Less disease and less physical damage to the birds.

6 — Opportunities to market a part of the farm's production at a higher price through speciality products and retail sales.

The giants have one real advantage over the smaller farms according to Hardy — that all industries supplying better purchasing power. This

applies to many of their inputs — chicks, pullets, medicines, etc. — but particularly to feed, which makes up about one-half of their production costs in most cases. Another important item, Hardy declared, is credit. The giants can obtain it more readily than the "smalls" and usually at less cost

He suggested that the allied industries serving farmers are going to have to streamline their operations, their profit margins, and then thinking if they are going to truly serve the farmer of the future. He talked about the possible economies that could be gained by the feed manufacturers through the use of computers and a "least cost" approach to feed formulation. He stated that all industries supplying farmers must have one ob-

jective: to create better services at lower costs. He included feed manufacturers, universities, extension services, and even farm publications. Without the farmer there would be no need for all these allied fields, Hardy said. Let's help the family farm survive by making every economy available to them," he concluded.

Benjamin Burkholder, a Director of the Lancaster County Poultry Ass'n., reported to the group on the transition of the Association from the Poultry Center to the planned Farm and Home Foundation building. For some time now, Burkholder said, The Poultry Center has been a financial drain on the Association. At the meeting of the Board of Directors last summer it was decided to close the building and put 75 per cent of the net assets into the Farm and Home Foundation Fund, provided that Farm and Home would erect a new building or take over the Poultry Center.

Although the Association has not a large mortgage on the Center, the costs of maintaining the property have exceeded income. It was felt by the Directors that the Association could best serve the poultry industry in the county by joining with the Farm and Home Foundation.

When the new Farm and home building goes up, the Association will rent office space in it, Burkholder said. The financial responsibilities involved will be met from current income.

Cows In Local Guernsey Herds Finish Records

The American Guernsey Cattle Club recently reported that three Lancaster County dairymen had completed high records.

R. F. and L. A. Witmer, Willow Street, had six cows completing 305-day records on two times a day milking. They were:

Penn Del Reliable Blossena, a 5-year old, 12,060 lbs of milk, and 630 lbs. of fat;

Penn Del Reliable Starfire, a senior 4-year old, 12,990 lbs. of milk and 591 lbs of fat;

Penn Del Kings May Ella, another senior 4-year old, 15,540 lbs of milk and 689 lbs of fat;

Penn Del Nero Augusta, a junior 2-year old, 10,840 lbs. of milk and 518 lbs. of fat;

Penn Del Mockorange, a junior 2-year old, 11,140 lbs. of milk and 548 lbs. of fat;

Monterey Leaders Fanny, another junior 2-year old, 10,540 lbs of milk and 459 lbs. of fat.

J. Rohrer Witmer, also of Willow Street, had three cows completing records:

Witlas Perts Peggy, a 6-year old, 11,070 lbs. of milk and 571 lbs. of fat in 302 days;

Chancellors Rose of Glendale, a 7-year old, 12,790 lbs. of milk and 606 lbs. of fat in 305 days;

Witlas Jolly Posy, a senior 2-year old, 9,710 lbs. of milk and 523 of fat in 305 days.

H. H. McConnell, Honey Brook, had four cows that completed high, 305 day records:

Meetinghouse Lane Pretor

LOCAL GUERNSEY BULL SUMMARIZED SIRE

McDonald Farms Jelly Banker, registered Guernsey bull, owned by J. Rohrer Witmer, Willow Street, Pa., has become a Summarized Sire, according to the American Guernsey Cattle Club. To attain this distinction, a bull must have at least 10 daughters with official production records.

"Banker" has 10 tested daughters that have made 13 official production records. Their average production is 10,125 pounds of milk and 537 pounds of fat, when converted to a twice-daily milking, 305-day, mature equivalent basis.

This fine Guernsey bull was bred by Cornell University, Cortland, N.Y. This bull's sire was McDonald Farms High Neptune and his dam was Boulder Bridge Urania. She has 4 official records including one of 11,723 pounds of milk and 650 pounds of fat.

"Banker," also has had 10 of his registered daughters classified with an average rating of 82.4 per cent.

Rose, a 5-year old, 15,230 lbs of milk and 590 lbs. of fat;

Rolling Acres Electors Moree, also a 5-year old, 13,840 lbs. of milk and 605 lbs. of fat,

Meetinghouse Actors Serene, a junior 4-year old, 12,610 lbs of milk and 612 lbs. of fat;

Kings Darlenes Dolly, a senior 2-year old, 9,670 lbs. of milk and 435 lbs. of fat.

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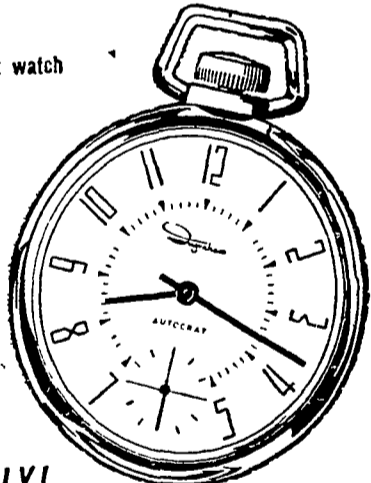
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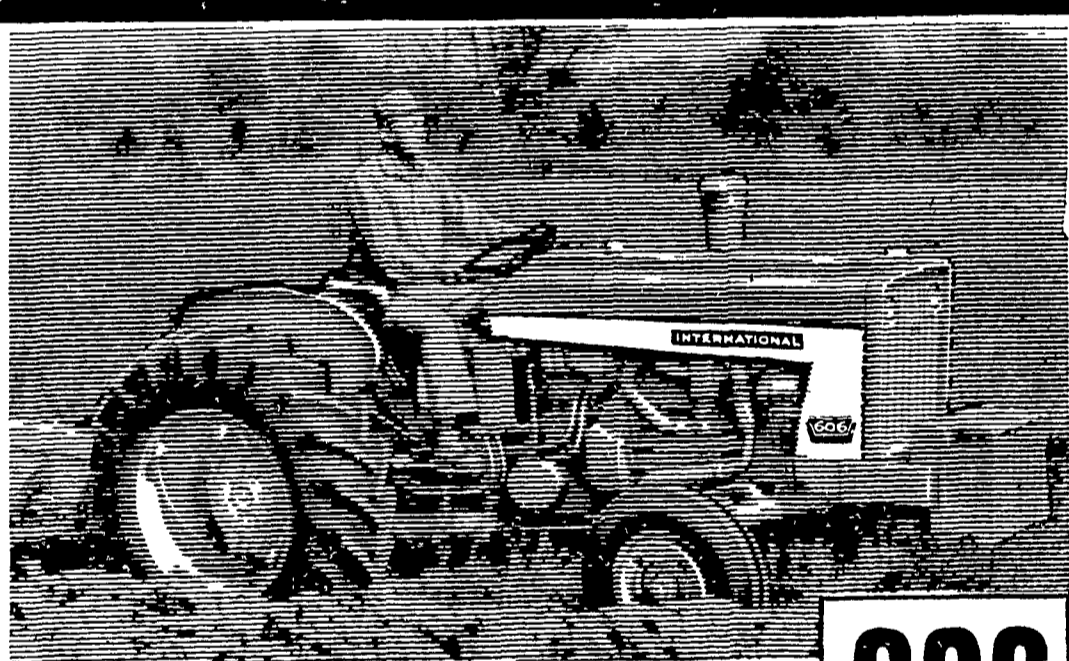
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