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No Need For Pa. Pullet Program, Industry Testify At Hearing

HARRISBURG — Poultry and allied industry people went on record overwhelmingly opposing the Pennsylvania Approved Pullet Grown Program at a hearing on the subject Tuesday afternoon in the State Department of Agriculture building.

The proposed program is a voluntary, state-supervised, pullet-growing plan, which Department officials claim would help standardize and upgrade the production of replacement pullets in Pennsylvania.

Deputy Secretary of Agriculture Jack R. Grey, serving as chairman for the hearing, ordered the proposed program be read aloud in its entirety to the group. As this was being done, one hatchery representative challenged the basic premise of the program as set forth in the first paragraph, particularly the last sentence which stated that such a program would be beneficial to the seller and the buyer of pullets.

"What conditions are present in the industry today that would make such a program of any benefit to either grower or buyer," the hatcheryman demanded? He suggested there was no point in reading any further in the proposal because the supposition by the state that there was a need for such a program was incorrect.

In reply, E. J. Lawless, chief of the Bureau of Markets' (Continued on Page 7)

New Division Developed At Penn State

A Division of Food Science and Industry is the newest development in the College of Agriculture at Penn State University. The division serves to coordinate and integrate instructional and research programs in a number of departments, announces Dr. Donald V. Josephson, head of the department of dairy science. Josephson will serve as division chairman for the first three years.

The new division includes the departments of animal science, dairy science, horticulture, and poultry science. Josephson says the division will also draw upon other departments having phases of instruction related to the food sciences, such as agricultural engineering and agricultural economics and rural sociology.

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Orval Bass

SCS Conservationist Attends Management Training Conference

Lancaster County SCS work unit conservationist Orval Bass recently returned from a management training conference, held last week on the Michigan State University campus.

The conference, sponsored by the U.S. Soil Conservation Service, was held at the Northeastern Regional Training Center. It featured many authorities in the field of management from Michigan State University, Michigan University, and SCS. Such subjects as human relations, communications, principles of supervision, training and employee development and management improvement are studied in these training conferences, SCS reported.

The objective is to strengthen the management skills of SCS leaders.

Co. Angus Breeder Builds Better Gate; Buyers Beat Path To Fred Frey's Farm

Like the world desperately seeking the builder of the better mousetrap, livestock producers over a twenty-state area are seeking out the Frey, Quarryville R2, these days. Why? Because Frey designs and builds gates and assorted metal products which appear to do the job better than anything previously available.

Frey, known locally as one of the largest breeders of Angus cattle, and as an outstanding showman, has been gradually increasing his pre-fabricated fence and gate business as well as custom design and building of those products. This "sideline," born about four years ago out of the need for better gates on the home-farm, has now grown to the point where its income potential rivals that of his 60-head brood cow herd, Frey said.

"About 75 percent of our work is done on a custom basis," Frey said, adding that he has done jobs as far away as Missouri, constructing a beef barn, feeders, stalls and gates. One of his most recent contracts is with Penn State University, relocating and remodeling a livestock barn.

Fred and his brother Ernie fabricated their all-steel, all-welded, gates and fences right on the farm where they have a complete welding shop.

Everywhere one looks in the shop there seems to be special homemade rigs for holding, crimping, or patterning. Each product, Frey said, is the result of recognizing a need and then, through trial and error, building something to do the job. The Freys combine inventing, building, and improving techniques to turn out their specialized products.

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SWCD Directors Meet With ASCS

The Lancaster County Soil & Water Conservation District directors met Monday night at the Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation Service office on Manheim Pike, Lancaster, with several cooperating agencies.

No final action could be voted for lack of a quorum of directors, but the group received eight new cooperator agreements totaling 382 acres, and discussed plans for the annual county plowing contest, which has been tentatively set for the last week in July.

Several sites for the county contest were considered, but no decision was reached. Associate director Forney Longenecker suggested that greater participation in the plowing contest by Young Farmer As-

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Freeman Raises Wheat Allotment

In response to strong demand for wheat exports, and reduced storage stocks, Secretary of Agriculture Freeman recently announced a 15 percent increase in the national acreage allotment for the 1967 wheat crop.

The effective allotment in 1966 was 51.6 million acres, Freeman said. The increase will raise that total acreage figure to 59.3 million. This will mean, the secretary said, that wheat acreage on most farms in 1967 will be at a level equal to the period of 1955 through 1961.

"For the first time in 13 years our June carryover will be under 600 million bushels," Freeman said, adding that that figure is an average year's supply for domestic consumption.

He predicted that this acreage increase, coupled with continued strong demand in the market, will substantially increase farm income in 1967.

Farm Calendar

May 15—Rural Life Sunday, begins Soil Stewardship Week—May 15-22.

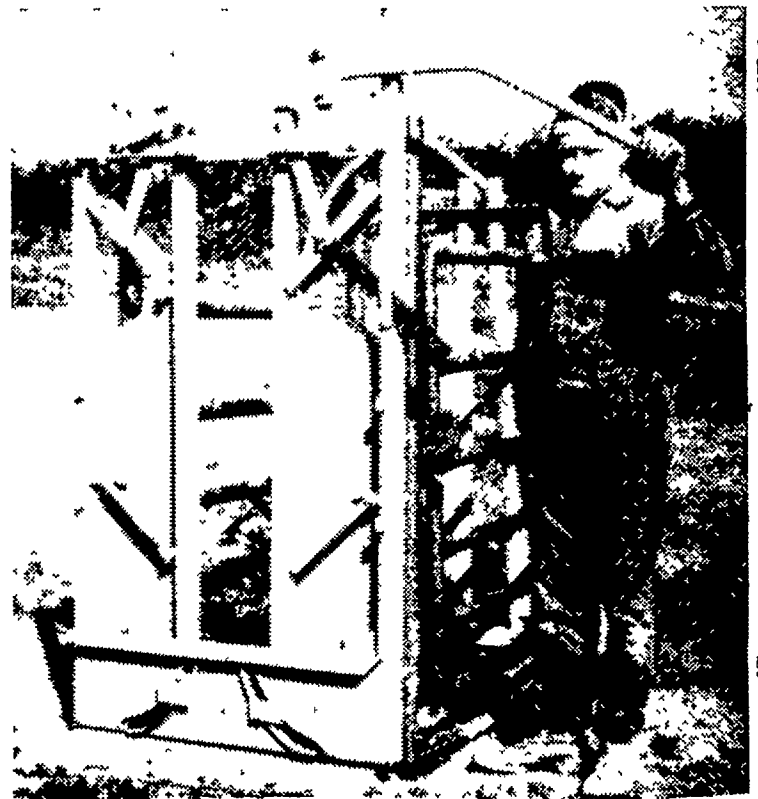
May 18—Spring Southeast Region 4-H Leaders' Forum at Reading Motor Inn —4-H Wildlife Club meets at Lititz Springs Park, Lititz.

May 20—20th through 22, Lancaster County Horse Show at Lancaster Riding and Tennis Club grounds, Lincoln Highway West, Lancaster.

—8 p.m., 4-H Horse Club at Farm Credit Bldg., Lancaster. Speaker, James Gallagher, Penn State livestock specialist.



THE TWO HATS OF FRED FREY — at left, as a breeder and showman of Angus cattle, and at right as a builder of equipment for cattle raisers. Here he is shown with his herd sire — Lamington Jingo 16 — two-year-old son of the International Champion Bull Ankonian Jingo. The first calves from this young bull are being dropped this



Spring. Frey's bull barn can be seen on the distant hill. Fred demonstrates his Model 100 head gate which is set up as part of a display model on the farm to show prospective customers the different types of gates, latches and assorted attachments his company manufactures. L. F. Photo