

● **Poultry Lab.**

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plants in 1964 — the single most costly disease with which poultrymen have to deal.

ARS poultry researchers at East Lansing, directed by Dr. Ben R. Burmester, said they welcome the reconstruction plans, since the 30-year old laboratory's facilities are becoming increasingly obsolete for the highly technical work involved in virus-disease studies. The new facility, to be constructed several miles south of the present location, will provide office and laboratory space for 14 scientists.

A special feature of the laboratory will be an isolation ward for infected chickens, with tight security against the escape of harmful viruses. There also will be a poultry house designed to produce specific-pathogen-free (SPF) chickens. These birds are raised under sanitation conditions designed to prevent infection by all poultry viruses, bacteria and other disease-producing agents that are highly contagious.

Plans include an incubator and breeding house, plus five ordinary cage houses to maintain experimental stock.

The university also will benefit from the move, officials said, because it needs the 50 acres occupied by the present laboratory for new classrooms and student housing. These re-

quirements, officials added, were unforeseen when the university invited ARS to its campus to establish the laboratory.

Under the new agreement, the university will provide another 50-acre plot to replace the old site. In addition, the university will contribute funds equal to the value of the laboratory buildings being vacated. These funds, plus \$450,000 already appropriated by Congress to enlarge the laboratory, will pay for the planned construction.

● **FFA Week**

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Donnell of Wayne County; and the national FFA vice-president, James Stitzlein of Ashland, Ohio.

Greeting the assemblage the night of June 30 will be David R. McClay, head of the department of agricultural education at Penn State; James C. Fink and Dean Witmer of the agricultural education division of the Department of Public Instruction, Harrisburg, and Jerome K. Pasto, associate director of resident education in the College of Agriculture at Penn State.

A final assembly will be held the morning of July 1 to present awards. College of Agriculture personnel will be available the morning of July 1 to discuss with FFA members the various career opportunities in agriculture.



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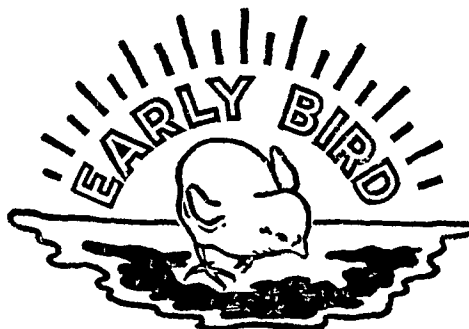
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