



BREAKING GROUND FOR 500,000 layer operation — Ray W. Sheaffer, president of L. M. Sheaffer and Cloisterdale Farms, Inc., shown sinking shovel into ground to launch Lancaster County's largest egg producing installation. From left, Tom Smith, sales representative; Jane Smith, poultry science major at Penn State University; Sheaffer; and E. J. Bowser, general manager of Cloisterdale Farms, Inc.

Cloisterdale Farms, Inc. Launches 1/2-Million Hen Operation In County

L. M. Sheaffer, Cloisterdale Farms, Inc., of Ephrata, recently broke ground one mile north of Ephrata for a one-half million layer operation, according to Ray W. Sheaffer, president of the firm.

The facility will include candling and packaging equipment, and will feature a continuous flow of eggs from the nest into the carton, Sheaffer said, adding that the new unit will be one of the most up-to-date, completely automated egg producing farms in the country. Production is slated to begin in November with plans to complete the project by fall, 1967.

This farm will supplement a nearby Cloisterdale Farms unit which presently houses 100,000 layers, and has an ultimate capacity of 150,000.

L. M. Sheaffer, established in 1900, is one of the oldest and largest egg marketing firms in the country, and, Sheaffer stated, with the combined production of these two farms

will be one of the largest egg producers. The firm plans to continue purchasing eggs from large independent local producers, the president said. He stressed the prime advantage of the company's large installation will be to supply consumers in the Northeast with day-old eggs.

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(Continued from Page 1) equipment also is planned. The always-popular wagon tours will be held in the morning, and while the plowing contest is going on in the afternoon. Several of the demonstrations will be repeated in the afternoon session for those who missed them the first time around.

Other exhibits allied with the theme of conservation will be presented by cooperating agencies, such as SCS, State Game Commission; Production Credit; and ASCS.

● PLOWING CONTEST

The feature of the afternoon will be the annual county plowing contest, starting at 1 p.m., which will be held on the neighboring Isaac Geib farm. Seven contestants have already been signed up and several more are "thinking it over." Leading the list of contestants is last year's champion Marvin Zimmerman of East Earl R1, also from East Earl, Loren Zimmerman, John Campbell, Sr., New Holland, Ivan Yost, Narvon R2; Ronald Klme, Lititz R3; Everett Kreider, Quarryville R1; and Jay Rohrer, Manheim R2.

Plowing entrants will be limited to the first ten who sign up by Saturday, July 23.

While the judges are figuring out placings in the plowing contest, a pig chase is planned for the youngsters. This event was won last year by Eugene Bollinger, Denver R2, in the "unofficial record" time of 1 1/2 minutes.

It is hoped that the Lancaster County Dairy Princess, Carol Ann Hess of Strasburg R1, and several other celebrities will be on hand to greet the crowd at this annual County conservation event.

● 4-H Queens

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The eventful field day began at 2 p.m., with a swimming party at the adjacent Brookside Pool. The main portion of the evening program opened with the queen contest, followed by installation of the 1966 County Council.

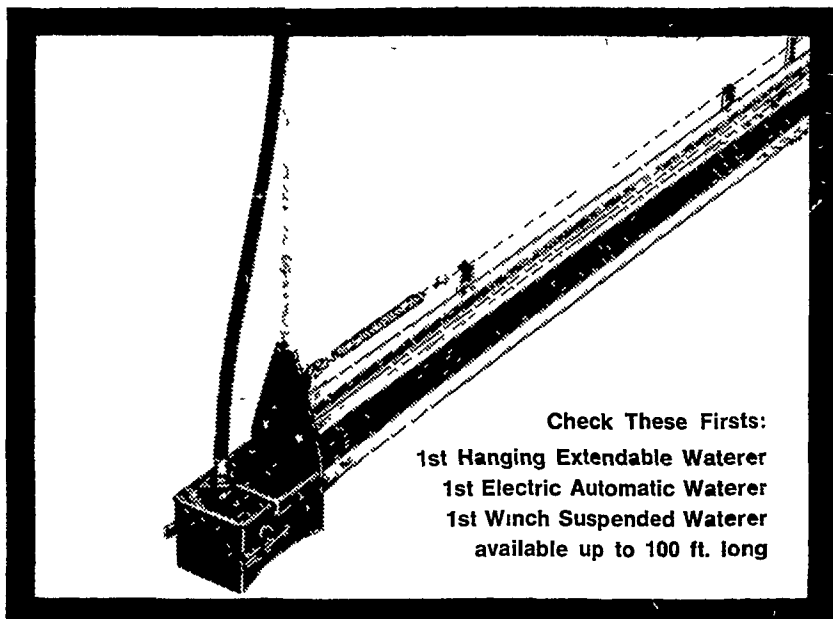
The featured speaker at a vespers service was the Rev. Eugene Roop, summer pastor at the West Green Tree Church of the Brethren, Elizabethtown. He spoke on "You Have Decisions to Make."

Each of the 59 contestants represented individual 4-H Clubs in the county, with one representative chosen for both the junior division, ages nine to thirteen and senior division, fourteen to nineteen.

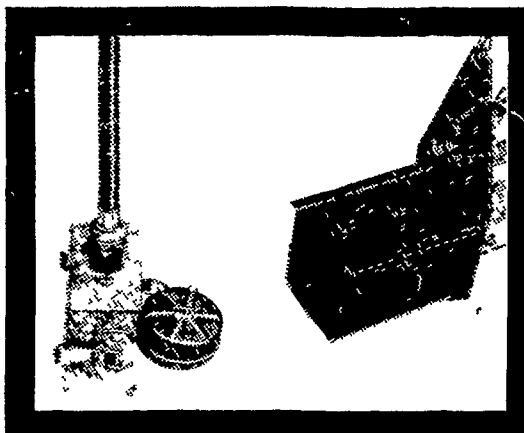
Other Senior Queen finalists and their clubs were Margaret Grube, What's Cookin' Club; Shirley Myer, Garden Spot Sewing Club; Lucy Herr, Penn Manor Clashing Thimbles, and Mary Samples, Little Britain Sewettes.

Four other junior finalists were Judy Sweigart, Lincoln Sewing Club; Peggy Buckwalter, Lititz-Manheim Club; Nancy Weber, Boots and Saddle Light Horse and Pony Club; and Cynthia Balmer, Lititz-Manheim Sewing Club.

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