

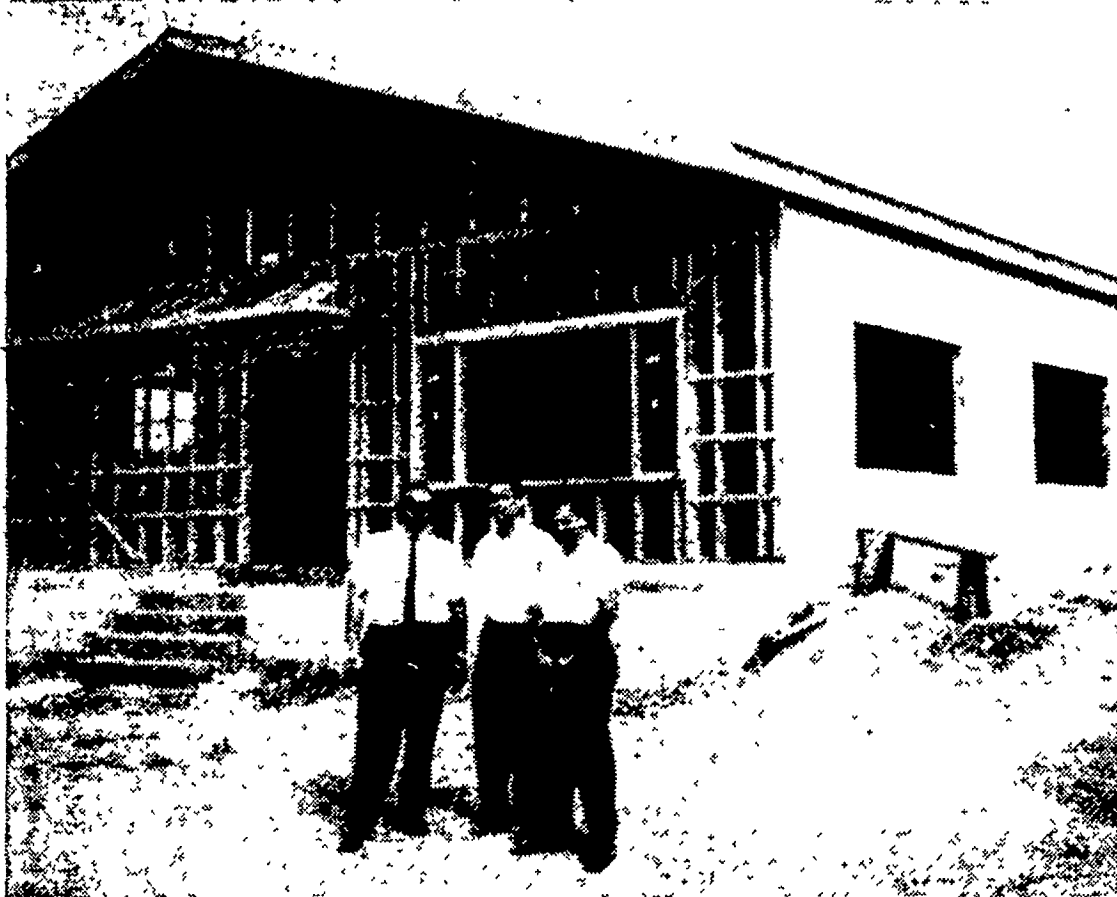
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PARTNERS in the Plain & Fancy Egg Ranch Inc., from left, Paul L. Hess, president; Claude Hess, vice-president and secretary; and John Snader, treasurer and general manager, shown in front of the partially completed, combination egg processing plant-office building. When finished, the building will be the center of the 60,000-bird, cage layer operation. L. F. Photo

Delivery Of Day-Old Eggs In Quantity Is Goal Of Plain & Fancy Egg Ranch

by Don Timmons
With an initial investment approaching half a million dollars, three Lancaster Countyans recently launched an egg production operation with an ultimate goal of 250,000 cage layers. The first stop on their timetable will be at the 60,000-bird level, which they anticipate by July, 1967.

corporation, which are based on distributing eggs to points of sale, and/or consumption, within 24 hours of their production.

Vice president Claude Hess has operated his own environment controlled, cage layer plant near Akron for approximately 10 years.

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The trio, operating as the Plain & Fancy Egg Ranch Inc., brings together an assortment of talent and experience which should go a long way toward assuring the firm's success. The president, Paul L. Hess, has spent the past 22 years in the egg marketing business, and with his father, Eli Hess, founded Hess Brothers Eggs, now Hess Brothers Farms, Inc. In March, he sold his interest in the egg firm to become eastern sales manager for the National Poultry Equipment Co., of Renton, Washington. He will guide the egg marketing plans of the

80 ASCS Community Committeemen Elected

Ballots cast for ASCS community committeemen by 972 of Lancaster County's more than 8000 eligible farmer-voters were tabulated Thursday at the county Agricultural Stabilization & Conservation office. The chairman, vice chairman, and regular member of each of the 16 community committees will serve as delegates to the County ASCS convention on Friday, September 9, at 8 p.m., at the county of...

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DHIA Board Acts On 3 Tester Proposals; Banquet Chairmen Set

Directors of the Red Rose Dairy Herd Improvement Association approved two tester proposals and rejected another Monday night at their regular quarterly meeting at the Farm Credit Office, Lancaster. The three proposals were presented to the board three

weeks earlier at a joint meeting of DHIA testers and directors.

The board agreed to increase the maximum per herd milk-o-meter handling charge from \$3 to \$4. The individual charge for the service is left to each tester's discretion and is based on several factors including distance traveled to service an individual account.

The directors also approved the tester recommendation that a joint meeting of testers and directors become a regular annual occasion. The first such meeting was held August 8.

A third supervisor recommendation, that two more milk-o-meter units be purchased, was turned down by the board. It was felt that

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County Plowman Places 2nd In State Contest

Lancaster County Contour Plowing Contest Champion Marvin E. Zimmerman of East Earl Fd., finished in the runner-up spot for the state title last Friday in a six-man event. (Continued on Page 13)



Marvin E. Zimmerman



TOBACCO TIME IN LANCASTER COUNTY — Fifteen-year-old Richard F. Gruber, left above, and his father, Roy F. Gruber, Elizabethtown R3, team up to bring in the tobacco crop this week. Richard is a student in vocational agriculture at Manheim Central High School. Below, a wagonload of prime, fresh-cut tobacco is on its way to the shed for curing at Gruber's. L. F. Photo

Farm Calendar

- September 6 — 7:30 p.m., Lancaster Land Owners Assn., at Paul Z. Martin Sales Stable, Blue Ball.
- September 7 — Red Rose Baby Beef & Lamb Club barbecue at Penryn Picnic Woods — 4:30 p.m., Lancaster County Vo-Ag Teachers, at Ephrata High School.
- September 9 — 8 p.m., Lancaster County ASCS Convention at ASCS office, Manheim Pike, Lancaster.
- September 11 — 12:30 p.m., Ephrata Adult Farmer Class Picnic at Stevens Firemens' Field.

