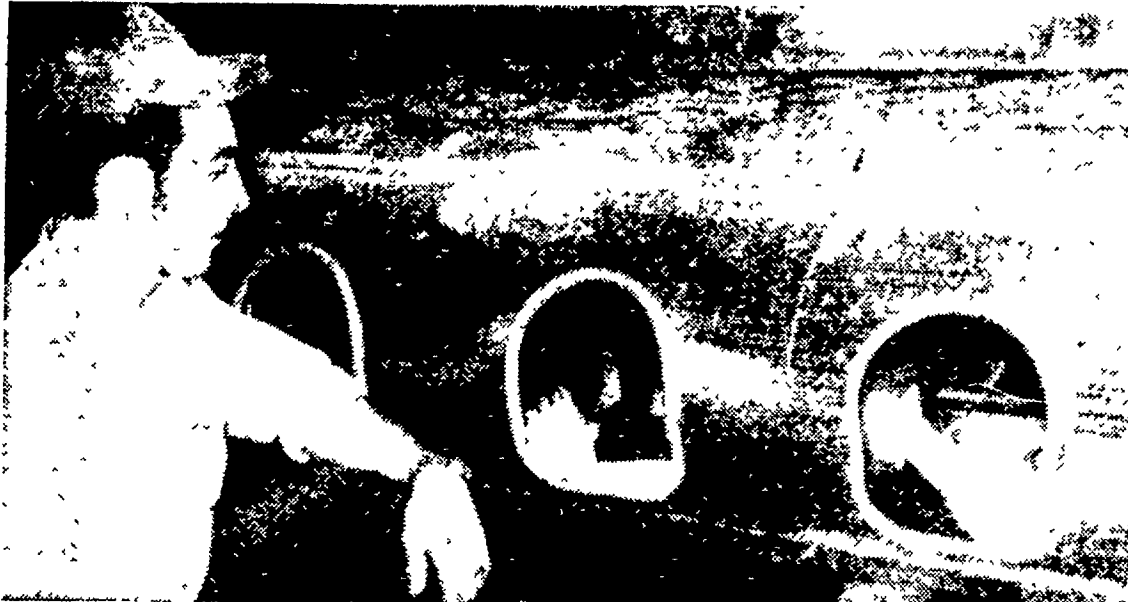


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NEW TYPE EGG GATHERING NESTS. Donald Kreider, Lebanon R1, shows his new nesting system where the entire litter moves around the house. The

hens can ride along if they wish. Mr. and Mrs. Kreider and 15 mo. Jestine were one of the families visited this week by a New York State Poultry Tour. L. F. Photo

New Egg Gathering Unit Shown To New York Visitors

A new-type egg gathering unit—the first of the kind in Pennsylvania—was shown to a group of New York State visitors Wednesday afternoon. Located just West of Schaefferstown in Lebanon County at the farm of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Kreider, the German-made "Farmer Automatic" system moves the entire litter with the eggs in it around the house. In the egg room, the eggs are sifted out of the litter and one person (in this operation Mrs. Kreider) picks up the eggs and crates them while the buckwheat litter drops down and continues on around the layer house. The 368' x 40' house and egg room is accommodating 11,500 birds. Donald, just back from Vietnam, installed the unit March 1 and says it is working very well.

The main advantages given for the system is that hens lay in a normal nest and any broken eggs or manure in the nest is coated with the hulls and easily picked out. Between flocks the 800 ft. chain conveyor system runs the nest box litter out on the floor for fast cleaning.

Jay Irwin, Lancaster County Associate Agent, arranged the tour in Lancaster and Lebanon County, which included Cloisterdale Farm, Litz R4, Plain and Fancy Farm, Elizabethtown R3, Irvin Musser Farm, Mt Joy R1, The Farm and Home Center and a drive through Lancaster County.

The 35 member tour was headed for Spread Eagle Farms, in Schuylkill County.

Farm Calendar

Monday, March 24
7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County Sheep Meeting, Farm and Home Center
7:30 p.m. — Lancaster County FFA Chapter meets, Lampeter-Strasburg High School
Tuesday, March 25
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EGGS ARE FILTERED out of the litter at this point in the egg room. Donald Kreider, shows how the eggs appear and are easily picked off the system into cases. The grate projects into the buckwheat litter. As the litter passes over the grate, the eggs stay on top and the buckwheat falls down and continues on around the laying house. L. F. Photo

Local Farmers At Livestock Conference In Dillsburg

Topics such as direct marketing, carcass grade and weight selling, preconditioning, forward contracting, and the futures market are being discussed wherever groups of livestock producers and feeders gather these days according to Al Keating, Assistant Director of the American Farm Bureau Federation's Research and Commodity Activities Division.

"There is a growing recognition among stockmen that they

will need some additional group action to market effectively in the future to meet the changes." (Continued on Page 16)

Muskrat Exhibit Wins At 4-H Wildlife Club

Jeff Kaufman, Millersville R1, won first prize Wednesday night in the Lancaster County 4-H Wildlife Club's wildlife con- (Continued on Page 8)

Penna. Potato Marketing Program Explained Here

A pair of representatives, one from a marketing coop and the other from the Pennsylvania State Department were in Lancaster to explain the new proposed potato marketing development program to Chester and Lancaster County potato growers. They were Raymond Reiter, Supervisor of Marketing Program, Pa Dept of Agriculture and Owen Barkley, Man-

ager of the Pennsylvania Cooperative Potato Growers Assn.

The program is designed to use the Commodities Act of 1968 passed by the State Legislature permitting any group of Agriculture producers to establish a program to provide a fund for the advancement of their own segment of production. Numerous meetings to explain the program are being held throughout the Commonwealth and on May 27 a public hearing is set in Harrisburg. If at that time, the vote of those present is favorable a referendum will be held by mail to all potato growers in the state. If the mail vote shows 66 2/3 percent in favor, and these growers (Continued on Page 9)

Crossbred Wins Carcass Show

Two Crossbred entries placed first and second in the Annual Lancaster County Swine Producers Carcass Show this week. They were shown by George Smith, Altoona, in first place with .9 back fat; 30.7 carcass length; 5.3 loin eye and 43.6% ham and Loin and Stauffer Homestead, East Earl R1, in second place with 1.1 back fat, 31.2 carcass length, 4.0 loin eye and 42.0% ham and loin.

In the Evaluation Contest, Mark Nestleroth, Manheim R3, was first with 897 points. In this contest the lowest score wins.

Other carcass entries and their placings are as follows: 3. Real (Continued on Page 10)

Waste Disposal Meeting Set For Thurs., March 27

The subject of Sewage Disposal is one of increasing general concern to all segments of Lancaster County. The problem of waste disposal and the maintaining of pure water supplies is getting attention from all areas, both rural and urban.

Therefore, the Lancaster County Extension Service has scheduled a special meeting on the subject for Thursday evening, March 27, at 7:30 p.m. in the Farm and Home Center.

The program will include the following speakers:

Milford R. Heddleson, Soils Specialist from Penn State University, Topic "Soil Aspects of Sewage Disposal"

N. Henry Wooding, Extension Engineer from Penn State University, Topic "Proper Design and Installation of Sewage Systems"

Milton Stanley, Local Representative, Penna. Department of Health, Topic "New Sewage Facility Act"

Opportunity for questions will follow each presentation.

M. M. Smith, County Agent in charge of the meeting said these subjects should be of particular interest to township supervisors, contractors, septic tank service concerns and local farmers who are concerned about the proper disposal systems for their homes and barns.

Robert E. Martin Elected President Of Local Milk Assn.

Robert E. Martin was elected President of the New Holland local unit of Eastern Milk Producers Cooperative Association, Inc. by a large group of farmer members assembled here in annual session recently.

Other officers were Ivan Redcay, Vice President, Mervin Weaver, Secretary, and LeRoy Smucker, Treasurer. Named as (Continued on Page 8)

4-H Tractor Round-up Held

The best over-all project awards were presented to two Lancaster County 4-H Tractor Club members Thursday night at the Annual Round-up held at the Farm and Home Center.

The winners are Lynn Royer, 2025 Oregon Pike and Robert Zimmerman, Denver R1. The presentations were made by Charles Hooper, President of the Lancaster County Machinery Dealers Association.

Other awards presented by (Continued on Page 5)

Holstein Tour Going To Berks

The Lancaster County Holstein Association announced plans this week for the Annual Holstein Tour. The tour is planned for Berks County with the first stop at the Clarence H. Martin Farm, Sinking Springs, with a stanchion type barn. The Martins have a family operation.

A brief visit to the Quaker Maid Kitchens will be followed by a stop at Leu Hel Farm, Inc. owned by Reuben Fields. The operation is partly stall barn and partly loose housing with a bunk feeder and a 24' x 76' silo. Lunch will be at Shattlesville Hotel.

In the afternoon, the tour will visit Harold and Wayne Lesher who have a free stall operation. (Continued on Page 5)