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LOCAL VISITORS to the NEPPCO show at Atlantic City, New Jersey, Wednesday are looking at the Massachusetts Department of Agriculture Chick incubator. They are (left to right) Mrs. Pauline Miller, wife of Martin Miller who works for Wolgemuth Bros., Inc., Mt. Joy, Mrs. Het-

tie Ginder, who works for I. R. Musser Farms, Mt. Joy Rd., Homer Bicksler, Pa. Poultry Federation, and Jay Irwin, Associate County Agent. When asked how they liked the show the ladies exclaimed, "Oh, it is great — very nice." L. F. Photo

Local Egg Ranch Wins Best Carton Award At NEPPCO

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — Plain and Fancy Egg Ranch Inc., Elizabethtown, captured the award for the most attractive egg carton in competition at the exposition of the Northeastern Poultry Producers Council (NEPPCO), here Wednesday. This marks the second time Plain and Fancy has taken the top award.

The show previously held in Harrisburg was moved to the resort city by the sea for the first time this year and a notable reduction in local visitors was evident Wednesday though a nice crowd was on hand in the Haddon Hall Hotel Exhibition room.

In the "Best of Show Gold Award" competition in what was called the nation's largest

market egg show, Waltersdorff's Poultry Farm at York was named the winner. Close to 100 entries from seven states participated in the contest. Locally, blue ribbons were won by Plain and Fancy, Dutchland Farms of Rheems and Cloistdale Farm, Ephrata, all on Grade A Large eggs.

At a special meeting of representatives of the American Poultry and Hatchery Federation, the Poultry Industry Manufacturers' Council and NEPPCO to explore the possibility of these three organizations to co-sponsor one poultry industry exposition. It was agreed to do this in 1970 at Cincinnati, Ohio, October 26 to 29. Representatives of APHF participated, but found it necessary to defer final action until their board of directors meet.

Officials of both NEPPCO and PIMCO emphasized that their cooperative effort in joint sponsorship of the International Poultry Industry Exposition did not affect the individuality of either of the two industry associations. Each will continue to function as it had in the past, developing its own programs and projects to serve its members.

The plan of co-sponsorship was given official status with (Continued on Page 8)

ASCS News

New Committeemen Take Office
Newly elected County and Community Committeemen took office October 1st.

Fred G. Seldomridge was re-elected as Chairman of the County Committee. Vice Chairman is Frank W. Aument and Regular Member, John J. Herr.

Alternate members of the County Committee are B. Snaveley Garber and Charles A. Ressler.

Three regular and two alternate Community Committeemen were elected in each of the 16 communities in the County.

Agricultural Conservation Program

To date, the 1970 Agricultural Conservation Program has not been received in the County. The program has been approved at the national level.

The national program places stronger emphasis on enduring conservation practices, includes measures for abatement of water or air pollution, and continues encouragement to low income farmers to do needed conservation work.

Cost share for temporary conservation practices has been reduced from 50 to 30 percent of the cost.

All funds available under the 1969 ACP have been allocated, and no additional requests can be accepted until the 1970 allocation is received.

Cropland Adjustment Payments
Payments of \$6470.13 were made to seven farmers under the Cropland Adjustment program. (Continued on Page 7)

Strawbridge Has Champion Carcass Show Winner

The grand champion in the Manheim Fair Carcass Show held last week, was a Hampshire market hog weighing 200 pounds and entered by John Strawbridge, Stewartstown. The winner had a ham lion percent of 42.5.

Reserve champion was also a Hampshire entered by Masonic Home Farms, Elizabethtown. This 199 pound hog dressed with 42.3 percent ham lion.

The third place entry was a 197 pound crossbred shown by Carl Harrison, Johnstown. This pig had 42 percent ham lion. Fourth was Dutch Valley Farms, Manheim with a 40.6 percent ham lion on a crossbred and Eugene Bollinger, Denver had a crossbred in fifth place that cut out 39.3 percent ham lion.

Evaluation Contest

In the Evaluation Contest, John Henkel Strasburg was first, Mark Nestle, 5th, second, Robert Martin East Earl third and Mrs. Carl Hummer Gatz, fourth.

Cow Comfort Basic In Barn System, Grout Says

"Cow comfort is the basic thing we are after in a barn system," said Roger Grout, Penn State Specialist. Speaking to area DHIA supervisors and county agents at the Southeast Pa. Conference held Monday afternoon at the Willow Valley Restaurant, Grout added efficiency in producing milk as another item needed. "Muscle power is an expensive way to get work done," he said.

If we are thinking of a 'milk factory', free stalls have a good talking point. But we don't think the free stall system is a good place to show off cows for the breeder of registered stock.

In comparing the free stall and the stanchion barn, Grout said the modern stanchion barn has 4 1/2 x 6 or larger stalls. Every cow in the barn can lie down and there is lots of room for the man to work.

"For all intents and purposes the cow is still a hay burner so you may want to consider hay storage above your barn," he said.

Mechanization is important.

Farm Calendar

Saturday, Oct. 18 (today)
18 & 19—Twelfth Annual Chrysanthemum Show, Conestoga Bank, Manheim Twp. Brian's Lutz Pike.

Monday, Oct. 20
Southeast District 4-H Show Management Committee meet, Exchange Room, Lancaster Stockyards.

Tuesday, Oct. 21
8:00 a.m. — Lancaster County (Continued on Page 5)

in the stanchion barn. The barn cleaner is a real labor saver. Some farmers go to a gated gutter and a liquid manure system.

"We are a bit behind in mechanical feed carts," he said. "But I've seen carts that can feed 30 cows per minute. Some feed systems put a gutter cleaner chain in the manger to move the high tonnage material to the cow."

"Single story barns are being used where silage is the primary ingredient in the feeding program," the specialist said.

On the free stall system Grout (Continued on Page 7)

Congressman To Address Local Farmer's Assn.

The Lancaster County Farmers Association announced plans for their annual meeting and banquet this week. James Martin, Secretary, said the meeting will be held Tuesday, October 21 at Plain and Fancy Restaurant, Bird-in-Hand, with Congressman Edwin Eshelman as the featured speaker. Starting time is 7 p.m.

Directors will also be elected and the County's policies will be accepted or rejected to go to the State Convention in November. Martin said tickets can be secured from any director or by calling the County office at 569-1755.

More Rigid Controls Forecast For Poultry Industry In 70's

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J. — More rigid controls on the egg industry, a strong position on processing plant inspection, and jurisdiction over poultry by the Packers and Stockyards Administration — these were among the predictions of John Haims, editor of the Kiplinger Agricultural Letter at the general session of the NEPPCO exposition this week.

Haims whose talks require keeping a finger on the pulse of both agriculture and government, touched on some of the sensitive areas for the poultry industry, then went on to make some more palatable forecasts on consumption expectations for the 1970's.

Haims predicted that Congress will eventually pass the Purcell bill or something very close to it. This is the measure that proposes mandatory continuous inspection of the larger

table egg plants, plus periodic spot checks on the small ones.

He also forecast that poultry must eventually come under the jurisdiction of the Packers and Stockyards Administration, which might well inject new factors into such things as integrator contracts, payment to growers and other broiler business practices.

In the area of poultry inspection in processing plants, Haims warned his listeners that they can expect the new get-tough policy to keep going. He went on to suggest that the poultry industry be vigilant in seeking fair treatment.

Broiler production guidelines, jointly reached by industry and government, may well be an industry plus in the 1970's commented Haims. Egg production guidelines would fall into the same category. (Continued on Page 9)

Local Boys At Kansas City

Local boys are representing Manheim Dairy, Richard Rohrer, Pennsylvania at the National FFA Convention in Kansas City this week. And three County Voc Ag teachers are serving as coaches for the teams.

The boys on state teams are Livestock Judging, Ed Donough; Manheim, Poultry, Wilmer Groff.

The teachers serving as coach (Continued on Page 11)