

Hours Extended For Legislative Aid

Ron Reedy, field representative for Congressman Edwin D Eshelman, will hold office hours in 16 area post offices during 1970. Previously Reedy had served four post offices in Gap, Quarryville, Denver and Mt. Joy.

Reedy will be available on Saturday mornings to hear people with problems or opinions that they would like brought to the attention of their Congressman. Two post offices will be visited every other Saturday beginning on January 17. On that day, Reedy will be in the Ephrata Post Office from 9 a.m. to 10 a.m. and in the East Pe'ersburg Post Office from 11 a.m. to noon.

Other post offices to be used for this service are Quarryville, Millersville, New Holland, Landisville, Elizabethtown, Lititz,

Blue, White, And Brown Eggs Used In Exhibit At Farm Show

HARRISBURG — One of the new ideas at the 54th Pennsylvania Farm Show was the Pennsylvania Egg Marketing Association's exhibit in the poultry division. The display contained 5,400 hardboiled eggs and weighs about 510 pounds.

It is the product of the combined labors of Kermit Birth and Floyd Hicks, both poultry extension specialists at Penn State and E. J. Lawless, chief of poultry and egg marketing in the Bureau of Markets of the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture. The eggs, glued on with flour and linoleum paste, are arranged on the four-sided display to emphasize the Penn State football team, education, poultry production, and quality control.

The football supremacy side of the exhibit shows a large white map of the Commonwealth outlined with blue eggs. It has a blue "No. 1" egg at the location of State College and a brown egg at Harrisburg.

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Census Taking

The 1969 agricultural census will be taken this year by mail and most farmers have already received the questions. We urge all farmers to cooperate with the Bureau of Census by filling out the papers as accurately as possible, and returning them as requested. The agricultural census reflects the picture of agriculture in our country and is very useful. I recognize the time required to complete the census forms but realize the value of a good census and therefore, feel that farmers should comply with this request.

INSTANT READER RESPONSE



Conservation Corner



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Systemic Insecticides Not Always Successful

HARRISBURG — Many Pennsylvania vegetable growers expected too much from present-day systemic insecticides and on a number of occasions were disappointed with their results, an Extension entomologist at the Pennsylvania State University declared here today at the 54th Farm Show.

Speaking at a meeting of the Pennsylvania Vegetable Growers Association, Stanley G. Gesell said the use of systemics for the control of sucking insects is usually good but normally is poor on chewing insects. Soil moisture and transpiration are important in the rate of uptake and concentration of the toxicant in the sap.

He pointed out that systemics are those insecticides applied primarily in the root zone of the plant. Foliar application of systemics have had minor use. "The Colorado potato beetle is

rapidly building up in the eastern half of the state and poses a serious threat to potato and tomato crops," the Penn State entomologist said. "Two systemics, Di Syston and Phorate, have not effectively stopped the spread of the potato beetle."

Gesell emphasized that systemics have been helpful in controlling aphids and thrips on cole crops; leafhoppers and aphids on green and lima beans; and aphids on leafy vegetables. He pointed out that several promising new systemics are being developed for commercial use.

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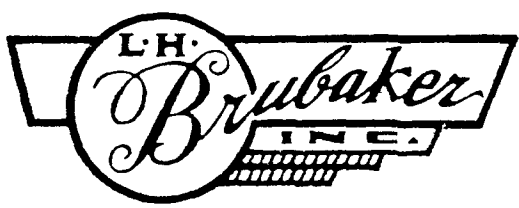
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