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Lancaster County Poultry Association members are shown at a recent meeting at the Farm and Home Center with the large pendant the county won for its egg display at the Farm Show in Harrisburg.

The Poultry Association has been discussing possible display of the award in county restaurants this summer along

with other promotion of the county's large egg business.

The five association members are, left Allen Graybill, vice president, Melvin Gehman, treasurer; John Jacob Oberholtzer, secretary; Harold Esbenshade, publicity committee chairman, and Lorin Weigard, president.

Group Sets 8 Scholarships

The Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation this week announced its annual scholarships to high school seniors desiring to further their educations in the fields of agriculture and home economics.

Interested youth are urged to contact their Senior Guidance Counselor for details and an application blank. Forms must be forwarded to the foundation by May 5.

Eight scholarships of \$400 each are available to help defray tuition, fees or room and board expenses at any accredited college or university.

Award by the foundation board of directors will be based 50 per cent on financial need, 30 per cent on scholastic achievement

and 20 per cent on leadership ability.

Each application must include the application form, a transcript of high school scholastic records, and a statement from the guidance counselor or high school principal regarding scholastic activities, leadership ability and character.

Finalists will be invited for a personal interview before the Foundation Scholarship Committee.

The eight scholarships are made from the earnings of an irrevocable trust fund set up by the late Elmer L. Esbenshade, one of the founders of the Lancaster County Farm and Home Foundation.

Open House Set For Modern Barn

Open house will be held at the large new dairy barn of the Triple G farm at Stevens RD1 from 1 to 3:30 p.m. Tuesday, April 14.

Victor Plastow of the county agent's office said the new barn incorporates many modern features which may be of interest to other county dairymen.

The Triple G, with 270 cows, is one of the largest dairy operations in the county. Three brothers, Arthur, Donald and Irvn Graybill, built the new barn to pool their separate dairy operations.

Roger Grout, Penn State agricultural engineer, will be on hand to answer questions concerning the barn layout. A contractor also will be present.

Plastow said a big feature of the barn is that the farmer can "dive down through with feeding equipment" and it requires "no boots" to tour the structure. He described it as "completely enclosed free stall housing for 270 head." He said the set-up makes care and show of cattle easier.

There is no auger feeding. Cattle are fed from a chuck wagon with an automatic dispensing system. Plastow said this avoids the

very costly installation charge for the auger system.

The farm is located near the Rheemstown-Denver intersection of Route 222. Motorists traveling north on Route 222 should turn left at the traffic light at Rheemstown about 11 miles north of Ephrata and the farm is the first one after turning left, Plastow said.

Mass. Egg Farmers to Visit Here

Lewis Ruggies, regional poultry specialist from Worcester, Mass., will bring three carloads of poultrymen from Massachusetts to visit Lancaster County poultry operations April 15.

Jay Irwin, associate county agent, said the visitors will "observe the different types of poultry housing in Lancaster County." They will see a sloping wire floor and caged operations, including one new automatic drying and cleaning system.

Irwin noted that Penn State referred Ruggies to Lancaster County, which is "the top poultry county in Pennsylvania with

three million layers and 12 million broilers and about \$31 million in gross value of product." The schedule, beginning at 8 a.m., calls for visits to the following county farms:

Claude Hess Egg Ranch, Elizabethtown RD3, 66,000 caged layers with hand gathered in three houses and one house with mechanical gathering and deep pit floor. The farm has an egg processing plant.

Irvn Musser, Mount Joy RD1, 16,000 layers, sloping wire floor, hand gathering, manufactures his own feed, has egg processing and egg breaking plant.

Victor Weaver, Inc., New Holland, processing plant, processes 65,000 dozen eggs per day, breaks 10,000 dozen eggs per day for sale in liquid form, and dresses 65,000 broilers per day.

Started in 1937 as a one man operation, Weaver now employs 875 persons. All eggs are purchased locally, within 35 miles.

Cloisterdale Farm, Lititz RD4, managed by Glenn Heit, 270,000 layers in nine houses of 30,000 birds each, completely automated, caged and deep pit. One house has been converted to Dr. Bressler's automatic drying and cleaning system.

'70 National Ayrshire Convention Here

The annual National convention of the Ayrshire Breeders Association will be held in Lancaster County April 14, 15 and 16.

Headquarters will be the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge and Guernsey Sales Pavilion.

Highlights will be tour of four Ayrshire farms in Chester Co. beginning at 9 a.m. Wednesday,

April 15, and banquet at 6 p.m. and grand national Ayrshire sale at 7:30 p.m. Thursday at the Pavilion.

Dean Gordon Cairns, University of Maryland College of Agriculture, will speak on "Ayrshire Leadership in the Seventies" at 12:15 p.m. Wednesday.

Joe Taylor, Pennsylvania State University, will be toastmaster at

the annual banquet, at which the French Trophy award will be given for high herd production of milk and fat in the U.S. and the Distinguished Service award will go to the person who contributed most to the association.

Victor Plastow, associate county agent, noted that it's not often that a particular area can claim a national meeting of one of the

breeder associations.

Milton Brubaker, a Lititz Ayrshire farmer, who has assisted in planning the national convention, released the Wednesday tour schedule of Chester County farms. The tour begins with Conebella, operated by Mr. and Mrs. Charles H. Gable, Elverson. The approximately 85 head farm has received its 12th Con-

structive Breeders Award with 36 cows averaging 12,699 pounds of milk, 4.1 per cent and 523 pounds of fat. The M.E. average is 14,601 milk and 565 fat. Several two year olds made over 15,000 pounds of milk.

The Ardrossan Farms herd, managed by Mrs. Edgar Scott, Villanova, originated from nine (Continued on Page 16)