



Elm-Penn 4-H Club

By Gregory Schell
News Reporter

The Elm Penn 4-H Club was called to order by the president Michael Grube and the club pledge was recited. Roll call was taken and the club members responded by telling what projects they were taking and their progress.

The meeting was then turned over to Mr. Victor Plastow, our representative from the County Extension Office, who showed a film entitled "Goals and Dreams".

The next meeting will be held Monday, May 4 at 7:40 p.m. at the Penn Fire Hall.

Holstein 4-H Club

By Philip Bixler

The first meeting of the Holstein 4-H Club met recently at the Farm and Home Center.

The following officers were elected: President, Burnell Buchen; Vice President, Robert Greider; Secretary, Raylene Harbold; Assistant Secretary, Joyce Groff; Treasurer, Gary Buchen; Game Leaders, Debbie Hess and Tom Wivell; Song Leaders, Marlene Harbold and Nancy Eby; News Reporter, Philip Bixler; County Council, Sue Kauffman, Vernon Yost, Bob Greider and Dave Warner.

The adult leaders of the club are Robert Kauffman, Clarence Stauffer, Jay Landis, Mrs. Herbert Royer and Kenneth Rutt.

Bryncoed Farms Has 31 Ton Silage Output

Bryncoed Farms of Chester Springs, with a yield of 31.62 tons of 30 per cent dry matter silage per acre, have been entered in the 1969 DeKalb (Ag Research, Inc.) 30 Ton Silage Club.

Their entry was mechanically harvested and verified by an impartial third party. The yield came from a field of XL-66.

They used such progressive management practices as good weed and insect control, heavy fertilization and a high population hybrid to attain this yield.

They planted on May 15 in 35 inch rows. The fertilizer program included 170 pounds of nitrogen, 200 pounds of phosphate and 140 pounds of potash. Twenty tons of manure had also been applied. Weeds were controlled with Aatrex and one cultivation.

The purpose of the DeKalb 30 Ton Silage Club is to promote idea exchange, stimulated by friendly competition, among the nation's leading silage growers.

Feed Is Major Expense Of Poultry Production

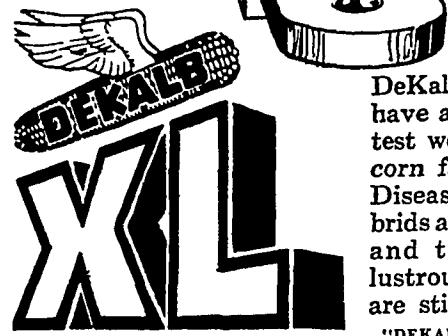
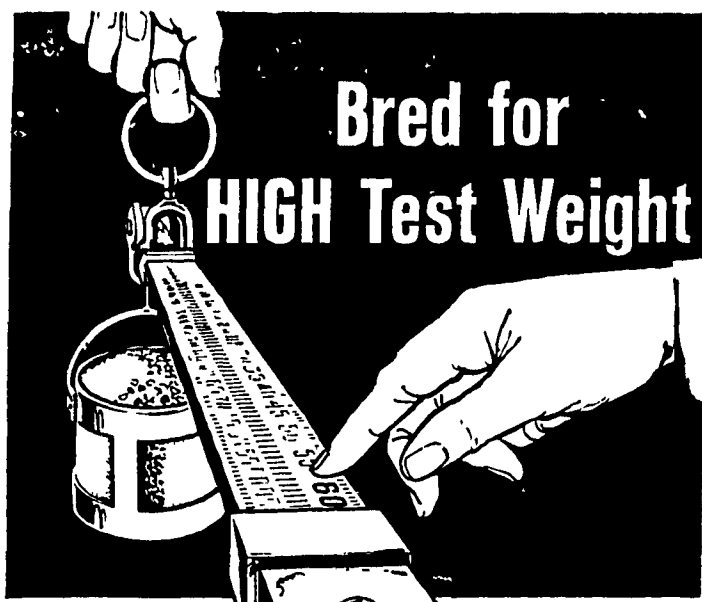
Feed is a major expense in poultry production. It amounts to about 55 per cent of the total cost of producing market eggs, 65 per cent of the cost of producing meat-type birds, and 55 per cent of the cost of producing hatching eggs.

The age and breeding of chickens determine their purchase price. Highest purchase prices are charged for ready-to-lay pullets. Day-old sexed pullet chicks sell for 25 to 30 per cent of the cost of ready-to-lay pullets of the same breeding.

Normal expenses of a farm flock — in addition to feed and birds — include housing, equipment, vaccines and drugs, fuel, electricity, labor, taxes, interest, and depreciation.

Accurate records are essential in figuring costs and determining efficiency. Records also can be used to improve operations.

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