

Second Poultry Meeting Planned

"Market Stability and Producer Responsibility in the Broiler Industry" will be the topic of the second poultry education meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, February 25 at the Farm and Home Center.

Dr. Anthony Stemberger, Penn State poultry specialist, will speak on producer responsibility and Dr. Filmore Bender, University of Maryland agricultural economics professor, will speak on market stability.

The meeting is the second of three to be sponsored by the Lancaster County Poultry Association and the Agricultural Extension Service.

In urging attendance, Jay W. Irwin, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent, said the meeting should be especially interesting to broiler producers. He also encouraged egg producers and persons interested in pullet rearing to attend.

The experience, knowledge and research of the speakers, as well as their studies and seasonal demands in broiler markets and

the use of computers, will interest poultrymen, Irwin said. Two farm management meetings have been scheduled to help

Dean Asquith Honored

Dean Asquith, professor of entomology at the Fruit Research Laboratory of Pennsylvania State University, Arendtsville, received the third annual outstanding leadership award recently from the State Horticultural Association of Pennsylvania.

The award was presented at the organization's 112th annual meeting in York.

The award honors an individual making the greatest contribution to the fruit industry. Professor Asquith was cited for his accomplishments in developing and adapting effective insecticides in relation to ecological concerns.

He is currently developing an integrated control program using natural predators and reduced insecticides to keep down mite populations on fruit trees.

farmers become more efficient operators and to plan for future developments in their enterprises

The first meeting has been set for 7:30 p.m. March 4 at the Farm and Home Center. George Morgan, Lancaster attorney, will speak on "Legal Problems with Wills, Estates, and Taxes." The speaker will also discuss death and gift taxes, why estate planning is important, and why farmers should bother with wills

The second meeting at 7:30 p.m. March 18 at the Farm and Home Center will feature Fled Hughes, head of the Penn State farm management department, on the subject "Farm Transfer Arrangements" with information concerning partnerships, contracts, corporations, tax advantages, and installment sales

Jay W. Irwin, associate Lancaster County agricultural agent, urged farmers to mark their calendars now and invite friends to attend with them.



Farm and Home Sets Auction Sale

The Farm and Home Foundation has scheduled an auction sale for next week to raise money to pay off outstanding debts on the Farm and Home Center.

The market is scheduled to start at 10 a.m. Thursday, (Feb. 25) and continue all day at Root's Country Market and Auction just off Route 72 between Manheim and East Petersburg.

Items to be sold covers "anything under the sun" including farm machinery, household items, furniture, tools, equipment, hay, grain and straw.

All items may be sold on the usual commission basis. All or part of the proceeds may be

donated to the Farm and Home Foundation. All contributions are deductible for income tax purposes.

Auctioneers, who will donate their services, are: J. Everett Kreider, Quarryville RD1, Carl Diller, Lancaster; Clyde Wolgemuth, Manheim RD2.

Besides the auctioneers, interested persons can make consignments with the following: Paul Cope, New Providence; Forney Longenecker, Lititz RD3, and Abe Root, Root's Country Market and Auction, Manheim RD1.

Facilities for the sale are being contributed by Root's Country Market and Auction.

Mrs. Dohner of Rapho Township Likes to Make Things

By Mrs. Charles McSparran
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Talented, generous, industrious and hospitable are a few terms we might use to describe Mrs. Walter Dohner, better known to her friends as Mame, who lives on Cider Press Road in Rapho Township.

Mrs. Dohner spends every spare moment sewing and making articles to sell and gives every penny to her church missionary budget. It amounts to around \$400 a year and her articles are very reasonably priced.

She burns plenty of midnight oil doing this work. She gets all the materials given to her because she gives all the proceeds to missions.

What does she make? Children's dresses, skirts and blouses, womens and children's robes, gowns and bed jackets, crib blankets, covers for electric toasters, mixers, can openers and for tissue boxes, pot holders, aprons, pin cushions, neck rests, hassocks, padded garment hangers, bags for clothes pins and for nylons that look like dresses or undergarments, stuffed snakes and hobby horses.

These garments and articles are not just thrown together, but are well made and are made of real nice materials such as perma-pressed materials, quilted nylon, brushed nylon, nylon tricote, acetate, batiste etc. They are most attractive.

The also makes her own clothes. She says she has stacks

of material but can hardly find time to sew for herself.

Mrs. Dohner makes her own patterns and in order to use small pieces of material she usually has to piece the garments. She is quite a genius at camouflaging the seams with braids, laces, ribbons, bindings and insertions.

She has one room upstairs in her house that no one gets to see because it has so much material and odds and ends of various kinds. Anyone who does even a small amount of sewing knows how necessary it is to have a place that can be shut off from the rest of the house to store supplies.

Mrs. Dohner sets up a table and sells the things she makes at their church picnics and many people go to her home to buy them. Mr. and Mrs. Dohner are members of Ruhl's United Methodist Church, formerly Ruhl's EUB Church, which has around 500 members.

Mrs. Dohner belongs to their Missionary Society and is serving as vice president. The Missionary Society gives \$1,500 a year to help support a man and his wife who are missionaries. In their monthly meetings they tear sheets and roll them into bandages. The society entertains spring and fall the Campbelltown, "Rest Awhile Home" and the Lititz United Methodist Home. They also put programs on at the Old Dunkard Home near Mastersonville.

Mrs. Dohner taught a class



Mrs. Dohner shows a few hassocks, pin cushions and pot holders she made. The small pin cushions are nice for favors.



Mrs. Mamie Dohner dries apple snitz on her coal range and sells them.

of young women in the Sunday School for 16 years.

Mamie, the daughter of the late Henry and Anna Shearer, was born and raised on a 65 acre farm in Rapho Township. There were 11 children in the family but all except she and three brothers died as young children. She was the only girl and the youngest of the family.

They kept cows, chickens and pigs. She took care of the pigs and recalls how she loved to crawl into the pens with the little pigs. They raised their own shoats and fattened about 20 hogs a year.

Mr. Shearer was also a stone mason. He cut and laid stones, mostly for barn forebays. He also carved red sandstone and made stone fence and gate posts. He carved a tombstone for his children's graves with eight

angels on it but he never erected it as it burned in their barn fire.

When he retired from the farm, he bought the property where Dohners now live. The fence and gate posts are still in front of their house, as is a very unusual and intricate hand carved red sandstone archway leading from the highway to their house. It has an angel face at the top, flowers and birds on the sides and an urn of flowers in the center. The posts beneath it are also hand carved. He said he had a dream in which he saw the tombstone and the archway and that's where he got the idea.

Mr. and Mrs. Dohner lived with her parents after they were married but her parents didn't live very long. Afterward, they bought the place and have lived

there ever since. They have sold off a lot to their son where he built his home.

Mr. Shearer was a waterfinder of renown.

After his death it became necessary to dig another well on their property as a blast of dynamite ruined their well. So Mrs. Dohner decided to try her luck at waterfinding.

Evidently, she inherited her father's ability to do this and has located underground water streams for many people. She can even tell how far underground the stream is flowing by suspending a button over a half glass of water, first letting the button dip into the water. The button swings back and forth from one side of the glass to the other and by counting the strokes (Continued on Page 30)