Farm Women Group Makes a Cookbook

Herr Family Has Lots of Easter Chicks

Farm Feature Writer

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"Which came first, the chicken or the eggs?

this question Next to the cross, to contract with Weavers, and the egg has become probably have been in the business seven the most widely used symbol of years These chickens are used Easter

No child's Easter basket 1° ped chicken complete without a few chocolate and blightly colored candy day-old sexed chicks Cockiels eggs

Is there anyone, even diet restricted, who doesn't eat an egg on Easter?

It's such fun to color and decorate eggs the day before Easter

Eggs bring a nutritious, colorful, spring approach to Easter menus, too.

bol used for Easter The color- motor to make electricity in case ful little marshmallow ones of power failure brighten the child's Easter Herrs' 110 acre farm has been basket Many children, too, are reduced to 55 acres by selling delighted with the colored live some ground for housing dechicks

A family which starts 390,000 plots and to neighboring farmchicks a year is the Lloyd H. ers They grow mostly corn and Herrs of Marticville Road in some hay. Pequea Township. Six times a They have 25 Angus steers

By Mrs. Charles G. McSparran Mountain chicks in their two large broiler houses

They contract with Victor Weaver of New Holland, in fact, We often hear people ponder they were the seventh family mainly for Weaver's batter dip-

Herrs' chicks come to them as are put in one house and pullets in the other By keeping them separate, they develop faster and are more nearly the same size, 3½ pounds, when they sell them. Cockrels are kept six weeks and four days and pullets seven weeks and four days

Herrs use gas brooders and have all automatic feeding and Baby chicks are another sym- watering They have a diesel

velopments, for individual home

year they put 65,000 White Also, 38 Cornedale-Hampshire

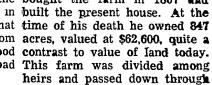


Mrs. Lloyd H. Herr. Lancaster RD6. with some of the Easter decorations she made. The large egg, with Easter nest inside, is made from light green string wound about an inflated balloon. The

string is starched. A hole cut in front after the egg is dried is trimmed with white lace She also decorated the chicken and goose eggs.

Closs ewes and 50 spring lambs a vivid description of all the bought the farm in 1807 and which are being sold mostly for buildings and changes made in built the present house. At the the Easter market. This is a them from time to time. At that time of his death he owned 847 large white breed of sheep that time the farm stretched from acres, valued at \$62,600, quite a comes from out west and the New Danville Pike to Millwood contrast to value of land today. lambs are larger than other Road and from Sprecker Road This farm was divided among breeds. to Penn Grant Road.

Heris are the third generation Philip Baker was the first about six generations of the to own this farm. They have owner and built a log house and Harnish family. the history of the farm which a double decker barn which goes back beyond 1800 and gives stood until 1970. - David Harnish



In 1891 Noah Z Hess, Lloyd's grandfather, bought the farm, In 1909 Ira Herr, one of the Harnish family, married Mamie Hess, one of Noah's daughters.

They bought the farm in 1916. Three years later a quarry was opened on the farm

In 1922 Ira Heir bought a retail milk route and was the first milkman in that area to sell milk in bottles This milk route was discontinued in 1954.

Mr and Mrs Herr still live in part of the stone farmhouse.

Lloyd H Heir, Ira's son, bought the farm in 1960 and changed from Ayrshire cows to Holsteins He built the two large chicken houses in 1964 and the damy held was sold in 1968 The old barn was torn down in 1970 and another one built to meet the need of their present enterplises

Lloyd has been a farmer all





Firemen finish bringing fire near Manheim under control Monday.

An estimated \$45,000 to \$50,000 damage occurred in this barn fire on the farm tenanted by Harlan Groff, Holly Tree Road, Manheim RD1, and owned by Grant G. Simmons, 216 Landis Valley Road, Lancaster.

Some early reports had indicated arson, but the fire started from "some bad wires" and the possibility of arson is "definitely out," Paul Z. Knier, Lancaster County fire marshall, said Wednesday afternoon.

The fire early Monday afternoon, completely des-

troved the barn and its contents, including many valu- ond year as president. She is able pieces of farm equipment including a tractor, the on the Farm Women Society charred remains of which are shown in the foreground, farm wagons and cultivators.

The house, shown, in the photo, was only about 20 also served on their program feet from the barn and received extensive damage from both flames and water used to bring the fire under control.

Five puppies were killed and several pieces of furniture were removed from the house at one point because of concern that the house might also be lost.

his life, having worked for his father before he bought the farm

Mis Herr, the former Darlene Miller, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs Claude Miller who now live at Lampeter As a girl, she grew up on her parents' 90 acre farm at Refton and attended Lampeter High School. Before mairiage she worked at Tidy Products Company and at Hamilton Watch Company

Darlene 1s a charter member of Faim Women Society 22 which was organized 20 years ago She has served on many committees of the Society and as secretary, treasurer, vice president and is serving the seccounty board and is chairman of their scrapbook committee. She committee for the annual convention last November.

Farm Women Society 22, centered in the Willow Street area, has many charitable projects They contribute to the (Continued on Page 15)