

Virulent Newcastle Disease Reported

Entry permits are no longer being issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture for poultry or eggs for hatching from countries where outbreaks of Newcastle disease have reached high levels.

Newcastle, a viral disease of poultry and other birds, is widespread in Europe, South America, Central America, Asia, and Africa.

USDA has asked Federal agencies responsible for imported birds other than those regulated by USDA to help stop entry of birds that might carry the disease.

Countries for which entry permits are no longer being issued include: France, Greece,

Hong Kong, India, Iran, Israel, Korea, Lebanon, Mexico, the Netherlands, Poland, Russia, the United Kingdom, Venezuela, West Germany and Yugoslavia.

Animal health officials of USDA's Agricultural Research Service say that the disease is not widespread in the United States. If the disease should reach epidemic status, the result could be as disastrous to the multibillion dollar U.S. poultry industry as it is proving to be in the countries now confronted with this disease problem, they say.

However, during the past few months the disease has been diagnosed in New York, Texas, New Mexico, and Florida. In August 1970, all birds of South American origin in a New York City pet shop died of a virulent strain of Newcastle disease not previously seen in the United States.

Early in 1971 there were known outbreaks in Texas and New Mexico in layer flocks. Two flocks of diseased chickens in New Mexico are now under State quarantine and a Federal quarantine is under consideration.

Several small flocks in Texas and New Mexico have had dis-

ease outbreaks with high mortality during the past several months; whether Newcastle has been the cause has not been determined.

In Florida, all ornamental birds used for breeding studies by one scientist either died or were destroyed because of the disease. Officials say that the same virus was found in all outbreaks.

ARS officials remind poultrymen that it is important to re-evaluate their vaccination programs. Officials point out the licensed vaccines are effective when properly used.

Poultrymen also are advised that additional steps can be taken to prevent Newcastle disease from infecting their flocks. These are: 1) excluding visitors; 2) changing clothes and disinfecting footwear of all individuals moving from premise to premise; 3) obtaining replacement stock from reliable sources; 4) cleaning and disinfecting trucks or crates used to transport birds; 5) proper disposal of dead birds; 6) cleaning and disinfecting feed sacks before reuse; 7) cleaning and sanitizing egg cases and liners before reuse; and 8) replacement of contaminated litter.

45 Attend Poultry Tour

Forty five persons participated in the Lancaster County Poultry Association's annual tour to a Tangier Island, Va., Tuesday.

The group left Lancaster at 6:15 a.m. on a new air conditioned tour bus and went by way of the following towns: Baltimore, across the Bay Bridge at Annapolis, Easton, Cambridge, Salisbury, Princess Anne, and Crisfield, where the group boarded a passenger boat for an hour and 15 minutes ride to Tangier Island.

On the island, the group had dinner with Mrs. Hilda Crockett, a native of the island.

About 1,000 people live on the small island. There are only about two streets and a little post office. The streets are about six to eight feet wide and the main transportation is bicycle and walking.

Claude Hess, tour chairman, said the group had a very enjoyable trip and excellent weather. While it was raining in Lancaster County, the group experienced beautiful sunny weather in Virginia.

After crossing the Bay, the group returned home by way of Wilmington.

Farm Women Calendar

Saturday, August 7

12:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 1 entertain Society 9, home of Mrs. Noah Kreider, Manheim RD3

6:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 6 entertain County Officers, Milton Grove Sportsmen Club

Tuesday, August 10

7:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 22, home of Mrs. Donald Zerphy, 322 S. Market Ave., Mount Joy

Wednesday, August 11

1:30 p.m. — Farm Women Society 14, home of Mrs. John Hershey, Paradise RD1

Friday, August 13

County Officers and Local Presidents, picnic for children attending emotionally disturbed camp.

Saturday, August 14

6 p.m. — Farm Women Society 25 family picnic, Safe Harbor Park Community Grounds.

Farm Women Society 2 family picnic, Kauffman's Park, Manheim.

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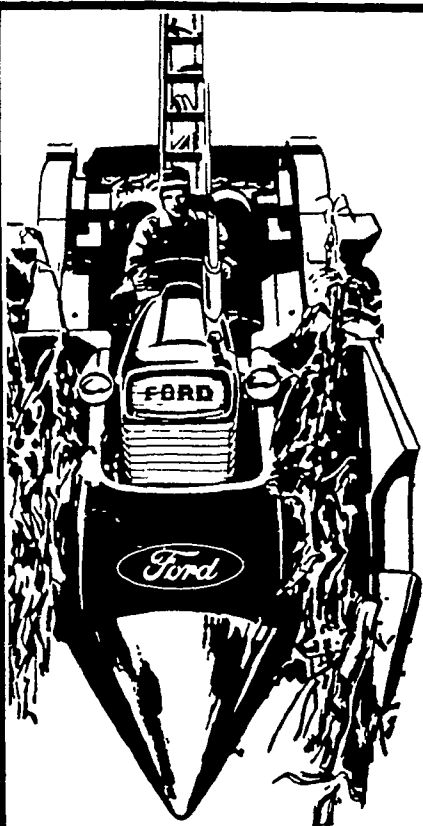
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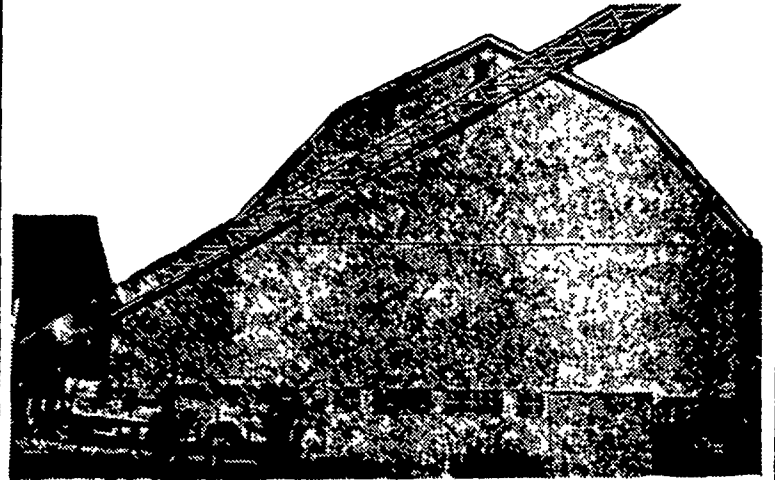
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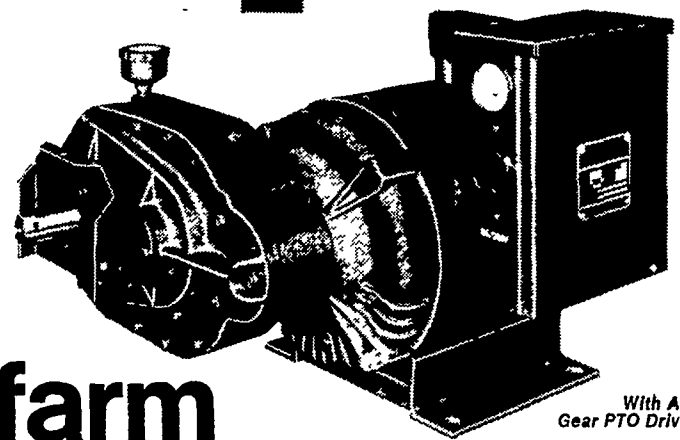
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