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**Lancaster Co. Girls
To Compete At State**

Three Lancaster County 4-H'ers will represent the Capital Region at the State 4-H Dress Revue August 21, at The PA State University, University Park Campus.

Gold medal winners selected from over sixty participants at the Regional Dress Revue held August 2 in Harrisburg are: Maureen Doyle, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Doyle, RD4, Elizabethtown; Sally Garber, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Lester Garber, 737 Groff Avenue, Elizabethtown; Sarah Roth, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harry Roth, 165 School Lane, Landisville.

The fourth gold medal winner is Karen Weaver, Adams County. These 4-H'ers will compete with the top winners from each of the other eight regions at the State Revue. The state winner will get an expense paid trip to National 4-H Congress in Chicago, December 1-5.

In addition to capturing three of the top four placings, Lancaster had three blue ribbon finalists: Kathy Farlow, Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Farlow, 402 N. Academy Drive, Ephrata; Patsy Mengle, Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Mengle, 1561 New

Holland Pike, Lancaster; Carol Myers, Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Myers, Walnut Run Road, Willow Street.

Selected as semi-finalists were: Julie Hartranft, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Hartranft, 35 Lincoln Avenue, Ephrata; Kim Martin, Mr. and Mrs. Ray Martin, 34 Diller Avenue, New Holland.

Elaine Good, Ephrata; Suzy Howell, New Holland; Susan Martin, Ephrata; were Junior Dress Revue winners who participated in the afternoon fashion show, "The Way We Were".

Dress Revue is part of the Penn State Cooperative Extension Service 4-H Clothing program. Sponsors for State and National Contests are the PA Retailers' Assoc. and Simplicity Pattern Company.

Pockets In Pork

It's easy to make pockets in pork chops for stuffing. Select rib chops at least 1 inch thick. Using a small sharp knife, cut into the center of each chop from the rib side, parallel to the rib bone and the surface of the chop. Be careful not to cut all the way through to the edge of the fat on the other side. Pockets made in this way will close during cooking and seal in the stuffing.

**Packaged Meats to
Have Precise Codes**

American consumers will soon be finding more precise "open dating" information on packaged meat and poultry to better assist them in determining the freshness of these products on food market shelves.

Mrs. Nancy H. Steorts, special assistant to the secretary of agriculture for consumer affairs, announced today that in a move designed to eliminate the present confusion over product dating, meat and poultry processors who voluntarily elect to put a calendar date—rather than a coded date—on their products, must let consumers know what that date means.

Under the U. S. Department of Agriculture's (USDA) newly amended federal meat and poultry regulations, the calendar date will have to be identified as a "packing date," "sell by date," or "use before date." These dates may be qualified by such terms as "for maximum freshness," or similar terms.

Some processors are already using open dating in response to consumer

demand, but there has been some confusion as to the specific meaning of such dates. Today's action should resolve that problem.

"The new regulations will provide consumers with significantly more information on the freshness of meat and poultry products," Mrs. Steorts said. "However, the public is reminded that the ultimate quality and safety of such products also depends on how carefully they are handled between the processing plant and the consumer's dinner table."

USDA's Animal and Plant Health Inspection Service (APHIS) proposed the "open dating" amendment March 21, 1973 (press release USDA 889-73). An overwhelming majority of the more than 400 comments received strongly supported the amendment.

The new regulations will become effective 30 days after publication in the Federal Register. Publication will be Aug. 8.

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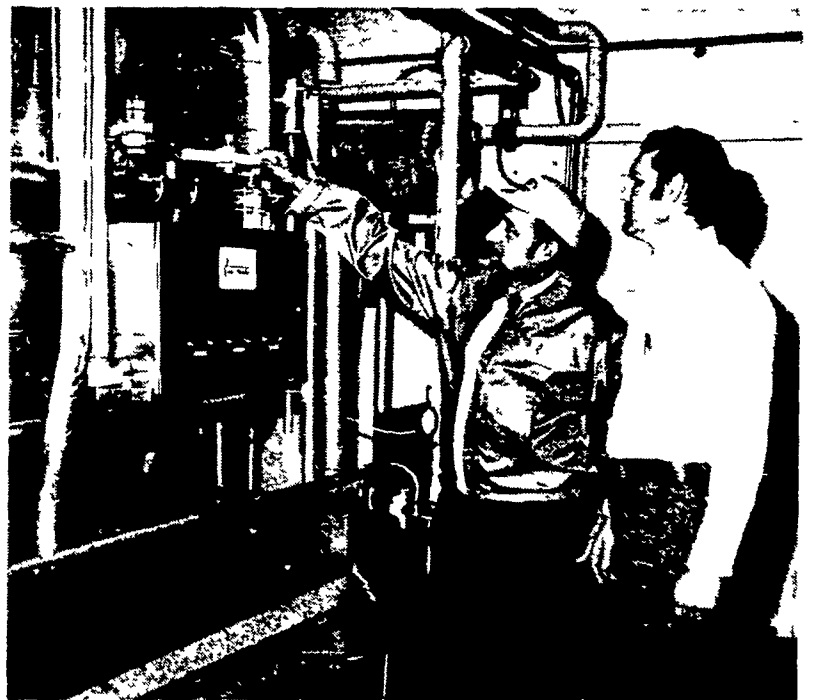
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