

130 Growers At SE Grape Meet

A crowd of about 130 people turned up last Sunday afternoon at the Lancaster Farm and Home Center for a Southeast Grape Industry Association meeting on viticulture.

The budding vintners got a chance to meet some top grape experts and listen to presentations by Robert Gloor, a Fredonia, N.Y., nurseryman and Carl W. Haesler, associate professor of pomology and director of the viticultural research station at Penn State. Haesler's office is in

Erie County, where he works mainly with grapes.

Gloor talked about the proper techniques for propagating young vines to insure good survival. He recommended proper pruning techniques, fertilizing according to soil tests, and the erection of trellises at the time of planting.

"A grapevine can last for a hundred years," Gloor told the group, "but that's not going to do you any good if you don't get the vines planted properly. The very

best way to plant is with a grapevine planter. These don't have to be expensive, and they can be made right on the farm."

Gloor said he didn't like to plant vines in auger holes, especially in a clay soil. "An auger will compact the soil at the sides of the hole, and this can very well restrict the spread of the roots in a clay soil. For that reason, I don't recommend augers."

Dr. Haesler presented some statistics on wine grape production that showed yields for a number of varieties comparing very favorably with Erie County, the biggest producer of grapes in Pennsylvania. Red wine grapes tested here yielded twice as well as the Erie County vines. Chancellor produced 6.3 tons to the acre in the southeast, compared to 2.6 tons in Erie. Chelois had 10.5 tons here, 4.7 in Erie, De Chaunac had 2.8 as opposed to 1.4 in Erie and Southeastern Foch had 5.3 tons to the acre as op-

Kiwanis Holds Capon Contest

Members of the Lancaster Kiwanis Club held their annual 4-H capon round-up on Tuesday afternoon with 16 4-Hers vying for the grand prize.

After the judging of the capon pairs by Kermit Birth, Penn State Poultry Specialist, it was Doris Hershey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. Richard Hershey Newport Road, Lititz, who walked away with the grand champion honors.

Reserve champion honors went to a Capon pair

exhibited by Jerry Myer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Herbert N. Myer, 1150 Village Road, Lancaster.

Third place honors went to Craig Harnish, RD6, Lancaster with Linda Hershey's capons placing fourth.

Doris Hershey's prize capon sold to a Kiwanis member for \$1.20 per pound. Ribbons and cash awards were given by the

Kiwanians.


Other 4-Hers competing in the contest included:

Grace DeLong, Quarryville, fifth; J. Robert Musser, 200 Donnerville Road, sixth; Mary Ellen DeLong, 200 Donnerville Road, seventh; Mike Grube, Elm, eighth; Wayne Huber, Conestoga, ninth; Tim Grube, Elm, 10th; Tom Aument, Quarryville R1, 11th; Joyce Aument, Peach Bottom, 12th; Paul Aument, Quarryville R1, 13th; Glenn Shenk, Lititz, 14th; Ed Ribbons and cash awards were given by the Ed Manning, Lititz, 16th.




Doris Hershey, Newport Rd, Lititz, exhibited the Grand Champion Capon at the Lancaster Kiwanis Club's annual capon round-up held on Tuesday afternoon.

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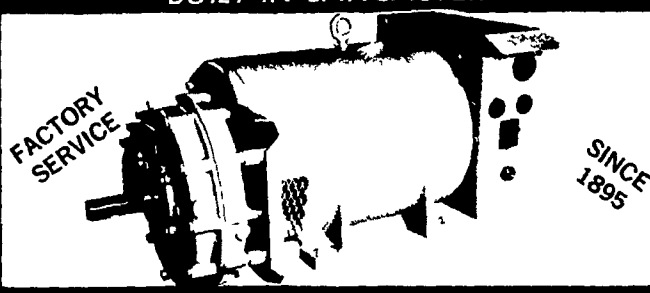
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