# Birth certificate guide published

HARRISBURG - State one of the Vital Statistic Health Secretary Dr. Leonard Bachman recently released a new consumer guide, "Applying for a Birth Certificate," an easy-to-understand set of instructions on how to apply for a Pennsylvania birth certificate.

"This handy free guide contains Vital Statistics addresses and telephone Pennnumbers for sylvanians," Bachman said.

"I urge citizens to keep this card with their personal papers so they have the appropriate information when they need it."

The Pennsylvania Department of Health, the guide notes, issues approximately 600,000 birth certificates a year. If you want to get one, here is what to do:

1. Furnish your names, your father's name and your mother's maiden name, and where and when you were born.

2. Mail this information along with two dollars for each copy you want to any

offices:

Central Office: Division of Vital Statistics, 101 S. Mercer St., P.O. Box 1528, New Castle, Pennsylvania, 16103, Telephone: (412) 658-

Erie Branch Office: 521-522 G. Baldwin Building, 1005 State St., Erie, Penn-sylvania, 16501, Telephone (814) 453-5661.

Harrisburg Public Office: Room 610, Health & Welfare Building, P.O. Box 90, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17120. Telephone: (717) 787-

Philadelphia Branch Office: 402 City Hall Annex, Philadelphia, Pénnsylvania, 19107. Telephone: (215) 686-

Pittsburgh Branch Office: Room 512, State Office Building, 300 Liberty Ave., Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania, 15222, Telephone: (412) 565-5113.

Scranton Branch Office: 804 Scranton National Bank Building, Scranton Pennsylvania, 18503, Telephone: (717) 961-4595.

By mail, the guide notes, it will take about two weeks to receive a certificate. Remember, a return address is necessary. If you're in a hurry, though, you can go in person to any of the offices for over-the-counter service and get your certificate in a day or so.

If you are a veteran or veteran's dependent, there is no charge for certificates, as long as you supply the veteran's name, rank, serial number, and what branch of the service along with your request.

If you were born in Pennsylvania before 1906, it gets a little more complicated, since the Department's records only go back to 1906. But you might get a copy of your birth certificate by writing to the Register of Wills, Orphan's Court, in the county seat of the county where you were born. Also, some cities in Pennsylvania

maintain records back before 1906.

If a record of your birth was not filed, you can file a delayed certificate of birth by supplying some sort of recorded evidence to support your name, date of birth, and place of birth. You should know, though, that some Federal agencies will not accept a certified copy of a delayed birth certificate unless it had been filed shortly after you were born.

Bachman said "Applying for a Birth Certificate" is the third in a series of consumer guides issued by the Pennsylvania Department of Health. This new guide, and "What To Ask Your Doctor" and "Scabies" are available free by writing the Pennsylvania Department of Health, Bureau of Health Communications, P.O. Box 90. Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, 17120.

# Egg board elects officers; adopts bylaws

recently appointed Egg Agriculture as proposed Board, which will administer the Egg Research and Promotion Order, held its first meeting here March 16 and 17.

After opening remarks by Assistant Secretary of Agriculture Richard L. Feltner and Agricultural Marketing Service (AMS) Administrator Donald E. Wilkinson, John P. Wallace of St. Petersburg, Fla. was elected temporary chairman and presided over the group while the bylaws were adopted. Following this, officers were elected as follows: John P. Wallace, chairman; Gerald C. Bookey, San Leandro, Calif.. vice chairman; Norman J. Hecht, Walden, NY, recording secretary; and Clyde I. Springer, Lansing, Mich treasurer

An executive committee, composed of the board's officers and an additional two members, was elected to represent the six geographic areas under the order. The other committee members are Fred R. Adams, Jr., Jackson, Miss. and Herbert L. Steinbrueck, Troy, Mo.

Five standing committees were established as follows: promotion and advertising -Donald J. Long, Burbank, Calif., chairman; research -Ernest E. Brown, Forest, Ill., chairman; finance -Roland H. Coles, Bent Mountain, VA, chairman; producer relations - Edward L. Houston, Lumber City, GA, chairman; and planning - Maurice J. Pickler, New London, NC, chairman.

The board reviewed rules and regulations which establish the procedure for collecting checkoff funds and which define responsibilities of producers and handlers. The board recommended that the rules be published

WASHINGTON - The by the Secretary of rulemaking so that interested persons can submit comments. After receipt and review of comments, the regulations will be published in final form and the program implemented. Target date for implementation is midsummer or early fall.

The board authorized its executive committee to begin an immediate search for a general manager and approved a resolution accepting a loan of up to \$100,000 from United Egg defrav Producers to organizational expenses until the nationwide checkoff begins. Applications for general manager may be mailed directly to John Wallace, P.O. Box 7690, St. Petersburg, Fla. 33734.

The board directed that a office temporary established in the Chicago area, and that Doug O'Banion of Sacramento, Calif. and James Fleming of Atlanta Ga. be retained as special consultants to the board to aid in operations until a permanent manager is hired.

The egg research and promotion program is designed to expand and improve markets for eggs. egg products, spent fowl (nonproductive laying hens) and products of spent fowl. Operational funds will come from an assessment of five cents per case (30-dozen) eggs marketed and will be paid by every producer who owns more than 3,000 laying hens. Rules proposed by the board will establish a uniform system of remitting assessments to the board. Produers who do not wish to support the nationwide checkoff program may receive a refund by applying directly to the board.

# Potato stocks way down

in Pennsylvania storages on 1976, 4.9 million cwt. or five March 1, 1976, totaled 1,035,000 hundredweight previous record of 104.1 (cwt.), down 533,000 cwt. or 34 percent from a year ago, according to the Penn-sylvania Crop Reporting Service.

low March 1 stocks of March year ago; eight central 1, 1972 on the records beginning February 1, 1950. in the eight western states.

Disappearance since harvest of 1975 crop potatoes totals 5,780,000 cwt., and in Oregon and Washington, compared with 5,792,000 cwt. National disappearance of for that period a year ago.

uses held in storage by seven percent from the 181.4 growers, local dealers and million cwt. moved during processors in the nation's the same period a year fall production areas totaled earlier.

HARRISBURG - Potatoes 99.1 million cwt. on March 1, percent less than the million on hand March 1. 1975. This is 22 percent above the March 1 stocks of 1974.

By regions, March 1 stocks in the eight eastern states This is next to the record were down 29 percent from a states, down 23 percent; and stocks were up eight percent, largely due to greater stocks

the fall 1975 crop totaled Stocks of potatoes for all 168.7 million cwt., down

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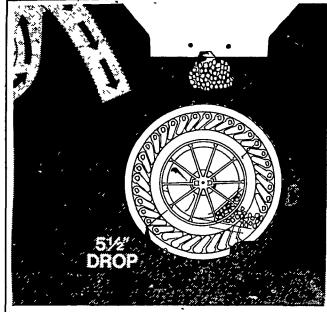
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