

# Garden Spot delights 109 foreigners

By DIETER KRIEG

**BIRD-IN-HAND, Pa.** - Three busloads of foreigners from 32 different countries had a pleasant visit to Lancaster County recently, according to comments heard here at the Plain and Fancy Farm Dining Room. The visitors were highly impressed with the neatness of the area's farms and fertile farmland. Also high

on the list of interests were the Amish people and their farming methods.

"They're very enthused about being in this area, in comparison to other areas they've visited," said Doug Rundle, area market manager for Shaver Poultry Farms. Speaking on behalf of the group, as well as himself, Rundle announced that Lancaster County has

the best in the United States. He was referring to outstanding farms, particularly poultry farms, which he and his guests were most interested in.

The 109 foreigners found themselves in Lancaster County as an offshoot of a world-wide poultry conference held earlier in Toronto, Canada. The meeting, as well as the tour, was sponsored by the Shaver

Company, which distributes egg and broiler type poultry chicks to 87 countries around the world. Deliveries anywhere are made within 24 hours from the closest of any of their six hatcheries.

Among the farms visited by the group in Lancaster County were Pennfield Farms and Glenn Esben-shade's. Rundle described these operations and others as "quality type operations . . . the better ones around in the U.S." Pennfield's widely known Hendrik Wentik, who serves on national poultry organizations, escorted the party for a part of their visit to the area. All of the visitors were directly affiliated with the Shaver Company, which is headquartered in Cambridge, Ontario. Its representative in the eastern United States, Jay Greider, Mount Joy, was in charge of "local programming."

While in the area the visitors left behind some information regarding the poultry industry in their home countries.

The cholesterol issue came to mind and it was pointed out that nowhere is it of as much concern as in the United States. One gentleman at this reporter's table commented: "Other countries haven't reached the degree of over-eating and laziness as I guess we have in North America." Cholesterol is emerging as an issue in the more advanced European nations, but it's practically a dead subject in other portions of the globe.

Basic feeding and handling of poultry doesn't differ much throughout the world, especially among the more advanced states, it was learned. There are some differences in housing, marketing, and preparation, depending on climatic regions, cultural differences, and economic circumstances.

Almost every chicken sold in the United States for eating is government inspected. Many foreign countries do not have such rigid control, but some, like The Netherlands, have even more thorough inspections.

The Dutch poultry industry is reportedly very advanced, although not necessarily very large in every instance. The biggest broiler operation, for example, has 500,000 birds, with 12,000 being pegged as an average figure.



## A & C hires Lardner

**NEW HOLLAND, Pa.** - Mr. Adams S. Horst, Jr., president of A & C Equipment Company, here has announced the appointment of Michael J. Lardner as general manager of the company.

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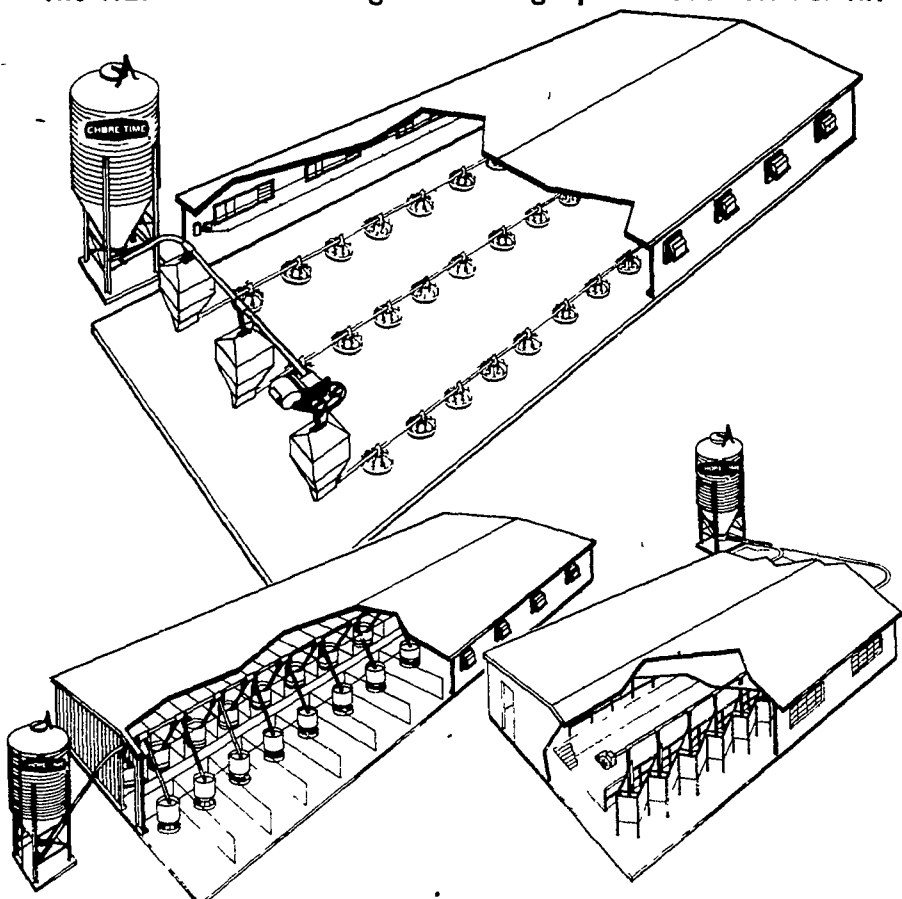
Lardner was most recently the regional sales manager for the DeWalt Division of the Black and Decker Manufacturing Company in Lancaster. He has held other marketing and sales positions with Black and Decker in Milwaukee, Wisconsin, Denver, Colorado, and Kansas City, Missouri.

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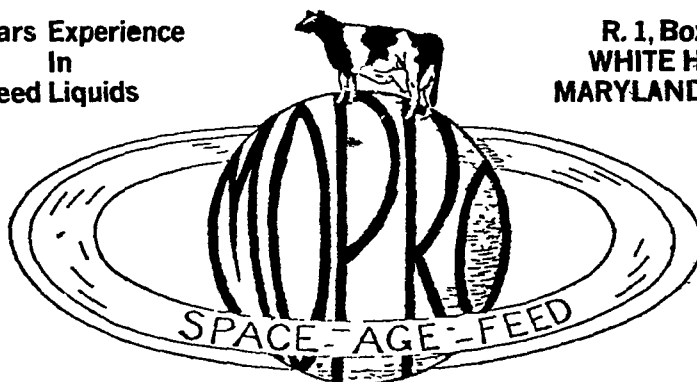
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