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Lancaster County's poultry industry is highly significant both statewide and nationally. Layers in the Garden Spot account for one per cent of all the eggs produced in the United States and the County consistently ranks first in the state. In 1975, the more than 3½ million layers in Lancaster County accounted for agricultural income valued at \$37,564,000.

## Sec. Kerstetter resigns

By JOANNE SPAHR  
HARRISBURG, Pa. - Pennsylvania Secretary of Agriculture Raymond J. Kerstetter handed in his resignation last Wednesday to become effective January 14 - nearly a year to the day

from when he first assumed the post during last year's Farm Show week.

Supposedly, Kerstetter's resignation is running right on schedule with an arrangement made at his appointment last January.

At that time, former agriculture secretary, James McHale, was denied another term of office by the State Senate, and a replacement was needed for the post. According to reports of a year ago, there

were two outstanding candidates for the position - Kerstetter and Kent Shelhamer, chairman of the house Agriculture Committee and a member of the House since 1964.

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## Incredible egg story to be told

By DIETER KRIEG

LITITZ, Pa. - Although he's been in the poultry business for just five years, Lancaster County poultryman Ed Moshier believes he may well have encountered the majority of conceivable problems a person can have with a hen operation. One morning, for example, he found a section of cages resting in the pits below. A former radio station employee, Moshier is quick to admit he went into the business a

bit on the green side. But he was determined to learn and prepared to scrape to make his investment pay for itself. With advice from other poultrymen and related agribusinesses, he transformed a "losing situation" into one which today shows a profit.

Moshier's interest in his own operation quickly grew to

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## Conservation practices praised

By DIETER KRIEG

LANCASTER - Farmers are for the most part doing a good job in conserving their natural resources, but many people who aren't directly in agriculture aren't aware of this. Realizing this, Tom Kelso of the Lancaster County Planning Commission recently organized a tour specifically for representatives of planning agencies and environmental concerns. He wanted to give urban planners - many of whom

are directly involved in making decisions which affect the farmer - a chance to see what's already being done to conserve water, soil, manure, etc. Manure management was the key topic.

Three farms in Lancaster County were chosen as sites for the tour. Gathering at the Farm and Home Center on a recent

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## Penna. 4-H'ers win nat'l. scholarships

CHICAGO, Ill. - Seven 4-H members from Pennsylvania claimed \$6,000 in scholarships at the 55th National 4-H Congress here this week. Each was named a winner in programs arranged by the National 4-H Service Committee and supervised by the Cooperative Extension Service.

Selected for their accomplishments in 4-H projects and activities, leadership development and growth in personal, community and civic responsibilities, 276 winners nationwide shared \$215,000 in educational grants. Pennsylvania's national

winners, the amounts of their grants, the program in which they won honors, and the donors of awards were: Kathryn Hartle, 18, of Bellefonte, \$1,000,

agricultural, International Harvester Company; Susan Camp, 17, of Catawissa, \$800, consumer education, Montgomery Ward & Co.; Janet Hutchison, 19, of West

Grove, \$800, entomology, Hercules Incorporated.

Karen Rittle, 18, of Lebanon, \$800, home en-

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## Record price paid for capon

GETTYSBURG, Pa. - The highest price paid for a 4-H capon in Pennsylvania this year was set at the annual Adams County 4-H Capon Round-up. The record price of \$9.00 per pound was paid

by Adams County Sheriff Bernard Miller for this year's grand champion capon. The 10¾ pound capon was owned and exhibited by Joann Deatruck, Littlestown. The first reserve grand

champion capon was exhibited by William Shetter, Gettysburg. It was purchased by Clark Spence for \$3.50 per pound. Roger

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## Farm Show to be renovated

HARRISBURG, Pa. - Raymond J. Kerstetter, Pennsylvania secretary of agriculture, has announced that renovation of the State Farm Show Building will begin immediately following the 1977 Farm Show, January 10-14, 1977.

The renovations will bring the building into full compliance with the provisions of state and city laws. The key to keeping the Farm Show open during the past two years was the promise to state and city officials that significant structural improvements would be made as soon as possible.

The award of contracts totalling \$5,798,920 for the renovations of the building on North Cameron Street in Harrisburg was announced during the second week in

November by the Department of General Services.

"The only new construction under contract," Kerstetter said, "is the replacement of the Butler Barn which traditionally

houses beef cattle and horses during the Farm Show. The present metal barn will be demolished and replaced with a new structure

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LANCASTER FARMING'S annual Farm Show Issue will be distributed on January 8, two days before the Pennsylvania Farm Show gets underway in Harrisburg. We're getting ready to prepare material for that issue and are printing this reminder to readers and advertisers alike to send in material of interest. The Farm Show Issue will have advance publicity on the big event, special features on some of the folks who'll be there, short biographies on Keystone FFA degree winners, a list of Farm Show exhibitors, new product releases and pictures, and much more. Please contact us if you have something to contribute.