

Picnic pointers offered

YORK - York County home economist Joan Lamberson makes the following suggestions to make picnics more enjoyable and safer.

Be meticulously clean in preparing the food. Use plenty of soap and water on hands as well as utensils. Do the same when washing the dishes at picnic grounds before using again.

Keep all perishables in the refrigerator until needed. Freeze foods such as sandwiches, meats, fish and poultry products, and let them thaw on the way to the picnic. Water frozen in half-gallon milk cartons will help keep the picnic basket cool and supply ice for refreshing drinks at the picnic.

Hot foods should be kept at least 140 degrees F. Large insulated jugs, preheated with hot water, will usually maintain temperature while transporting foods to picnic.

Take along as many non-perishable foods as possible - potato chips, fresh or canned fruits and unopened canned meat for fish.

Avoid using foods which are particularly susceptible to food poisoning such as - creamed dishes, cream sauces, gravies, custard and cream pies, eclairs and cream puffs.

Use acid ingredients to discourage growth of bacteria. Vinegar, lemon juice, tart salad dressings, pickles and relishes can help safeguard the very vulnerable sandwiches and potato salad.

Check on drinking water supply and if necessary, take drinking water along. Remember that clean running water is not always pure.

Do not let left-over food sit in hot sun after the meal is over.

Line picnic basket or box with newspapers for extra insulation. They also come in

handy for covering picnic table.

Place heavy foods on bottom of basket or box, crushable foods such as potato chips and desserts on top.

Disposable plates, forks, drinking straws and spoons save time and energy.

Don't forget paper napkins and a roll of paper towels always come in handy.

Fill vacuum bottles or jugs just before leaving.

Chilled melons are a quick and easy dessert and also help keep the picnic basket cold.

Keep picnic seasonings in a particular place - individual salt and pepper shakers, catsup, mustard, sugar in a glass jar or shaker. Having them all together will save time when packing the basket - and you won't forget the essentials.

Chilled individual 6-ounce cans of juice are a convenient and popular beverage. A Vacuum bottle of cold milk always goes well with sandwiches.

Keep picnic food simple and easy to carry and prepare. Quality is more important than great variety of food.

Interest boosted

WASHINGTON, D. C. - The U. S. Department of Agriculture has announced that the Commodity Credit Corporation (CCC) has increased interest rates for financing sales of U. S. agricultural commodities eligible under the CCC Export Credit Sales Program.

CCC increased six and 12 month financing by one per cent. The new interest rate is seven per cent if the loan is guaranteed by a U. S. bank,

or eight per cent if guaranteed by a foreign bank. Twenty-four month financing was increased by 1/2 per cent to 7-1/2 per cent for U. S. bank, and by 1/2 per cent to 8-1/2 per cent for foreign bank guarantees. Three-year loan rates will remain at eight per cent for U. S. banks and nine per cent for foreign banks.

New officers elected at Solanco



The Solanco FFA Chapter recently elected new officers. They are, bottom row, left to right: Brent Hess, president; Les Hershey, vice president; Dan Hershberger, vice president; and Sam Long, vice president. Second row, left to right: Margo Armstrong, photographer; Tom Kirk, secretary;

Dwayne Peiffer, treasurer; John Groff, student advisor; Joyce Aument, Chapter sweetheart; Margo Bitler, photographer. Top row, left to right: John DeLong, reporter; Ron Clark, sentinel; Tim Haney, parliamentarian; and Scott Frantz, chaplain.

Hubbard manual offered

WALPOLE, N.H. - A new 1977 edition of the popular

Hubbard Breeder Pullet Management Guide was recently released by the Research and Development Division of Hubbard Farms, Walpole, N.H.

Several changes have been made from the editions of previous years, reports Dr. J. H. Smith, division head, particularly in feeding and weight control recommendations.

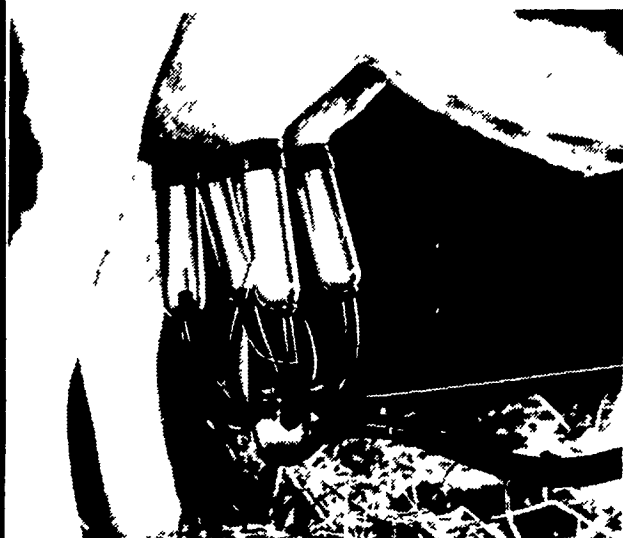
The new 1977 edition contains a completely revamped center fold chart to reflect new feeding recommendations and performance goals. This 16-

page booklet, covers in detail such topics as lighting programs for optimum laying performance, body weight control, feeding recommendations, nutrient

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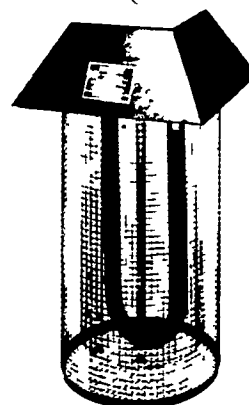
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