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4-H egg-cooking champion to be chosen at poultry congress

LOUISVILLE, Ky.—The 1977 National 4-H Poultry Congress this November in Louisville, Ky., will begin a year of egg-cooking contests that will end with the naming of a national 4-H egg-cooking champion at the 1978 congress.

American Egg Board will sponsor the national contest in cooperation with state egg promotion organizations. Howard Helmer will kick off the contest program by

demonstrating his prize-winning techniques at the 1978 4-H poultry congress.

Last year, 20 states participated in the poultry congress. Poultry congress officials expect additional involvement this year.

AEB and 4-H staff are working on the details of the competition and further information will be provided to the state egg organizations in the near future.

Summer classes

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"I'm learning quite a bit from this Summer's tutoring, and I definitely have plans to run the camp next year, but probably in a modified fashion," she explains.

At present, she tutors the four children once a week on Tuesdays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the farm and then visits each child individually on Thursdays.

Along with her tutoring and teaching occupations, Mrs. Fry also sells herb breads and vinegar as a sideline. She makes all of her products from her herb garden and dries and packages her produce at the end of the Summer, as well. One other project she

creates with her herbs are wreathes which she sells in the Fall.

Along with her herb garden, she also has an old-fashioned German kitchen garden from which she does her own canning and freezing.

"I never buy vegetables," she says. She also makes all her own bread.

So, her four students, and hopefully more next Summer, will be getting a really new and exciting "lesson" from this teacher-naturalist.

For further information on next year's Summer camp, contact Mrs. Fry by calling 665-6458 or by writing her at Box 430, Manheim R3, Pa. 17545.

Rug hooking

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with pieces of antique furniture and dishes which she has collected at sales. Her favorite dish is of the Moon and Star design.

"I used to go the sales a lot," she says, "but I don't go that much anymore. But, when I do, I don't go without money, I can tell you that!" she says with a laugh.

And, while she aspires to making hand woven curtains for her home, so far she has only gotten around to wearing place mats on her loom.

"I took a course with the Extension Service, but it takes more than one little course on weaving to be able to make drapes," she chuckles.

Gardening is also a hobby of Mrs. Bixler's. She particularly enjoys Cannas, Dahlias, and Calla Lillies, the majority of which have to be taken out of the ground in

the Fall and transplanted in the Spring.

"I love flowers," she exclaims, but she admits to not knowing the prices of several of her plants such as her boxwoods, because she has always started them from her own plants, and not purchased them in a store.

She has also been a leader of 4-H for about 24 years, and is presently teaching the Mt. Joy sewing 4-H club. This club has over 100 members and is held every Tuesday from 9 to 11 a.m.

And, one other chore she has to do which she doesn't consider a hobby, is collecting eggs. Her husband Lewis and her son Jay are in partnership together on a 168-acre dairy and poultry farm. On that farm, Mrs. Bixler's job is to gather the eggs from their 12000 layers.

So, combining her hobbies and talents, Mrs. Bixler is a busy woman who likes to keep busy with "something new to do" at all times.

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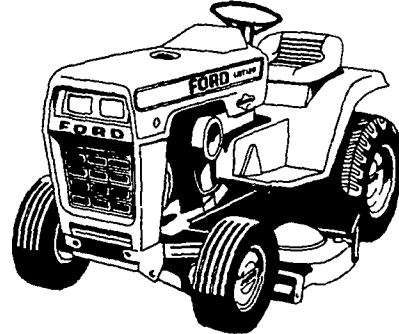
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