

Murrens

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that "the quality of cattle has improved tremendously compared to 30 years ago. Herds have improved, and therefore 4-H'ers have the opportunity to pick better quality animals." But, he said, "Fitting and showing contests haven't changed much over the years. We always had the spirit of doing the best job possible. Methods may have changed but the work is as tough and keen as ever."

Tom said he has mixed emotions about children starting in 4-H at age 8. "I like to see them start early; but often a dairy animal grows faster than the kids grow. No matter what age they begin, they can't show a mature animal to its best advantage for several years. But the experience of participating is always there."

Theresa said, "Children are maturing faster so most eight-year-olds can handle the project work in the home economics club." She said her club faces a dropout problem when 4-H'ers reach 14; Tom said in the dairy club the problem is not so acute because projects continue and hold the youngster's interest.

"What you put into it is what you get out of it. The opportunity is there if they want to take the time to pursue it," Theresa says. She was especially full of praise for countywide events saying, "If you can carpool and go to the events, you get a chance to meet other people."

Theresa is currently a member of the County Extension Board and has served in various other 4-H related posts. She is also in the Little Rock Square Dance club and is an active member of the Annunciation Roman Catholic Church in McSherrystown, as are the other Murren families.

Tom and his wife Marian have nine children who have

been active in 4-H. Five have completed their 10 years of club work. Tom said, "It was valuable for them because they participated in experiences they would never have been able to have otherwise, like exchange trips and statewide events."

As a 4-H'er Tom attended Leadership School and went to Washington D.C. to National 4-H Camp. The Murrens are milking about 20 Guernseys, and while Tom has previously served on many 4-H related committees, he has given up most activities since he has an off-the-farm job. Their 120 acre farm is at Hanover, R4.

Tom said, "One of the satisfactions as a leader is to see boys and girls grow up and take their place as part of the community, not only as farmers but also as businessmen and homemakers." Both Theresa and Tom said they have had 4-H'ers who have become 4-H leaders.

There is no doubt that the Murren family has had an impact on the 4-H community in Adams County. Even without the continuing leadership provided by her immediate family, the late Rose Murren's name has a place there. An award has been established by her family in her memory, and each year an outstanding girl receives the Rose Murren Memorial Award, which consists of a book related to the winner's project area. Tom and Theresa explained that the award, voted by leaders, goes to someone who remains "unsung," and who may not be recognized in other areas.

And so, through the award and through many hours of selfless service, the Murrens are contributing to 4-H work in Adams County. The benefit has been spread over many years and will continue to touch the lives of many in the future.

Broiler seminar scheduled

NEWARK, Del. - The 1977 Delmarva Broiler Housing Seminar has been scheduled for Wednesday, October 5, at the University of Delaware Substation in Georgetown. The program starts at 8:30 a.m. and will adjourn at 3:15 p.m.

Included in this year's seminar will be talks on "Factors Affecting Structural Design of Broiler Housing" by Thomas Kent, a vice president of the BARCO Steel Corporation; "Future Electric Rates and Their Effect on Broiler Industry", by Walter Andrews, supervisor of Agricultural Services for the Delmarva

Power and Light Company; and "Investment Tax Credit - Where Do We Stand?", by Edward H. Ralph, executive secretary of the Delmarva Poultry Industry, Inc. (DPI).

There will also be presentations on the economic levels of broiler house insulation, alternate energy sources for broiler brooding, the principles of fan operation in broiler houses and multi-stage broiler growout operations. A panel from the Universities of Delaware and Maryland and the Virginia Polytechnic Institute will also give an up-

date on current broiler housing research.

The seminar is open to all interested individuals. There is a registration fee of \$8 per person. The fee includes

lunch, a copy of the proceedings, coffee and donuts.

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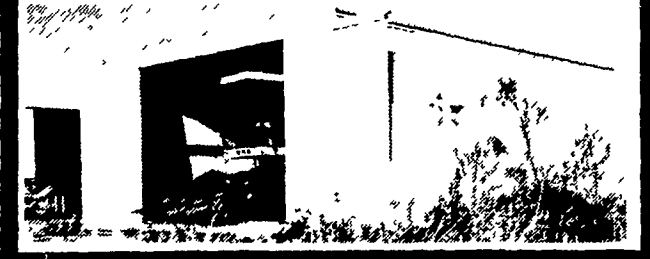
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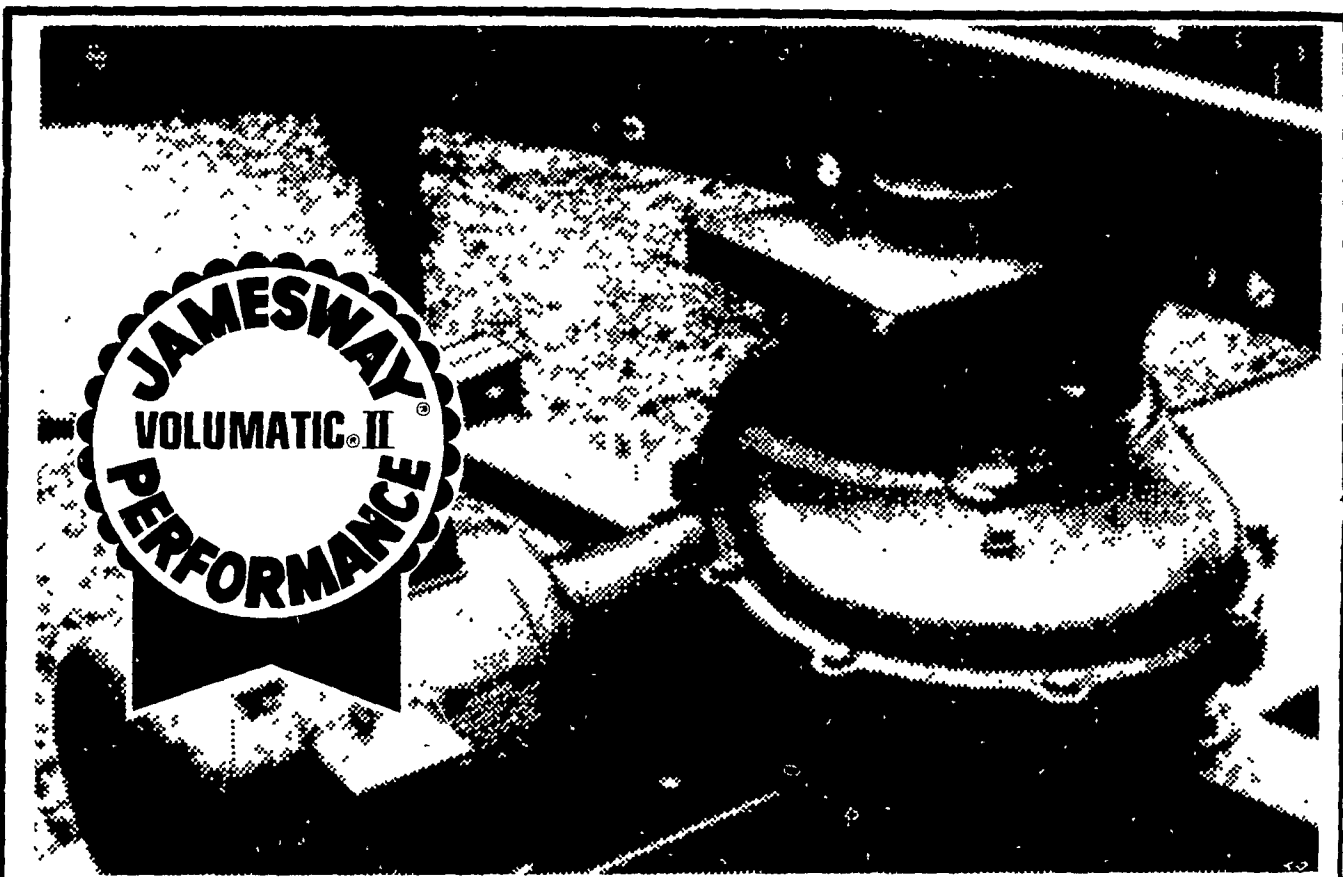
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