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head. The affected birds may also be detected by their open mouths and gasping. A significant drop in production will also be noticeable.

Mallinson says that if a poultryman observes any of these symptoms, he should notify the diagnostic laboratory. He emphasizes that detection and quarantining are highly important in controlling the disease.

should not be taken as an embarrassing matter, Mallinson notes. He points out that the disease could turn up in any flock and that avian health authorities have no intentions of putting an economic squeeze on anyone. Rather, he hopes that poultrymen will think of their actions as a sound responsible procedure to protect themselves and their neighbors.

The disease, which is caused by a virus, has affected

all phases of the poultry industry in Lancaster County. Although the illness can take a substantial toll, it is usually over with in several weeks, at which time production will resume at its normal rate. In the meantime, however, a fifth of the flock may have died. This is one reason the Lancaster County Poultry Association is alarmed. The other is that without precautionary measures, the dreaded disease can become even more serious next Fall and Winter. It is with these reasons in mind that the Lancaster County Poultry Association urges all

Reporting the disease.

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