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Mentone Has Something to Crow About As It Lays Plans for Ninth Egg Show

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MENTONE, Ind., Oct. 15.—The question of which comes first, the hen or the egg, is settled. They have erected a monument to the egg in the center of Mentone.

Kosciusko county with Mentone as the hub could produce the greatest omelet in history if an earthquake were centered here. An average of 264,000 dozen eggs are shipped to New York city from this area each week.

Nine years ago they started having egg shows here because of the importance of the egg to the community. The ninth annual show will be held next Thursday and Friday. Del Nelson, Burket, is president of this year's show.

It is natural that Mentone would be "egg minded," Mr. Nelson says, for everyone is interested from Elmore Fenstermaker, cashier of the Mentone bank, and H. V.

POULTRY GROUP ELECTS.

By Associated Press.

LAFAYETTE, Ind., Oct. 15.

—Ellis Learner, of Kokomo, was elected president of the Indiana State Poultry association Thursday. Charles Manwaring, of Mentone, was named second vice-president.

Johns, undertaker, who have flocks of chickens as a sideline, to pretty Miss Donna Lee Lynn, 17-year-old Mentone High school senior, who is competing for the crown of egg queen of 1948.

Heavy Producers.

At the turn of the century Arthur Manwaring, of Mentone, decided the topography of the ground provided good drainage and sufficient grains to feed chickens. He increased his flock and improved the quality by breeding and then found a market for his eggs.

Now in the third generation, the Manwaring farm is one of the largest producers in the area, carrying on the scientific work of the originator.

One of the grandsons of Arthur Manwaring, Richard Manwaring is secretary-treasurer of the 1948



Donna Lee Lynn, a 17-year-old senior in Mentone Ind., High school, is a candidate for queen of the forthcoming annual Mentone egg show.



DEATH SKIPS BY TRUCKER IN TRIPLE CRASH

Driver Slightly Hurt In Fog-Shrouded Collision.

A South Bend truck driver miraculously escaped death in a fog-shrouded three-truck collision near the western city limits early this morning. Two other persons suffered minor injuries in traffic accidents Thursday afternoon and evening.

William H. Reynolds, 28, of rural route No. 2, South Bend, was treated in Memorial hospital for cuts and bruises of the hands and knees following the truck crash on Western avenue at Edison street about 3:45 o'clock. Police said Reynolds' \$4,000 semi-trailer truck was a complete loss after it piled into the rear end of two other eastbound trucks in a strip of heavy fog. A 15-ton load of steel castings in the trailer virtually collapsed the cab, police said.

Hit as They Slow Down.

The Reynolds vehicle crashed into trucks driven by Ron E. Kring, 34, of rural route No. 5 Niles, Mich., and Edward H. Davies, 32, of Chicago, when they slowed down suddenly upon driving into a patch of fog.

Investigating Patrolmen Robert Pasalich and Joseph Caenepeel reported that one of the trucks ahead of Reynolds started to pull over to the right in the foggy stretch and the other truck veered left to go around. At this point the Reynolds rig bore down on the two. He caught only glimpses of the two vehicles ahead and attempted to steer between them unsuccessfully.

Officer Pasalich quoted Reynolds as saying, "It won't happen again. I'm quitting." Each of the other trucks was damaged \$200 worth. The wreckage blocked traffic and more than 100 trucks lined up be-

Wanted for the egg producer, but for the housewife who uses them, has been broadened this year to include a discussion and study of financing, Ed Ward, finance chairman, said. Exhibits of the newest devices in egg producing as well as prize showings will be held in the Mentone community building and the high school building.

Diseases Carried Away.

What was it the elder Mr. Manwaring found about the topography of the land in Kosciusko county? He discovered that drainage of the soil carried away disease factors prevalent in many areas. He found that fewer laying hens died or failed to produce eggs in the Mentone area than any other place within miles. Out of this beginning in 1909, has grown this business that draws hundreds of trucks each week to the area to transport eggs to the New York market.

Mr. Nelson pointed out that while many egg producing areas are now experiencing a slack season, the Kosciusko county producers are at 75 per cent of peak production. This is due, Mr. Nelson said, to the unselfish attitude of the producers who immediately pass on any scientific idea they have discovered. Praise was given Joe Clark, Kosciusko county agriculture agent, for his diligent efforts in the community. He believes the peak consumer price for eggs has been reached or will be reached in the near future.

Mr. Nelson said that rising production together with consumer resistance will bring about the price decline shortly.

Old Methods Gone.

The old farm method, if it may be called a method, of searching the loft or barn yard for nests and then "collecting" the eggs has long since given away to a scientific one. From the time the hen is physically able to leave artificial heat it is permitted to run at large in acres of ground. When she is five months old, a Leghorn is put into a trap house.

The egg show schedule calls for a 9:30 a. m. session on Thursday with County Agent Clark presiding. A report and discussion on egg quality, producing and maintaining producers in flocks of 500 birds, is scheduled.

At 1:30 p. m. a trip will be made to the egg holding rooms for discussion and then at 7:30 p. m. Dr. Dean Marble, vice-president of the Creighton Brothers Farms, as chairman, will discuss geneology. Following this the show queen will be selected.

A Friday morning session will be a continuation of the Thursday session but discussions will be on flocks over 500. At 1:30 p. m. Dr. Holmes Martin, of Purdue university, West Lafayette, Ind., will conduct a forum on financing.

A banquet will be held at 7:30 p. m. when the queen will be crowned and the assemblage will hear Dr. E. L. Butz, head of the department of agriculture and economics at Purdue.



Show officials look over some eggs. Left to right, they are Ed Ward, finance chairman; Del Nelson, president, and Richard Manwaring, secretary-treasurer. —Photos by Tribune Staff Photographer.

NILES PASSES RAT ORDINANCE

NILES, Mich., Oct. 15.—A rat control ordinance, which provides for the rat proofing of buildings, was passed Thursday night at a special meeting of the Niles city council. It was also decided to send Anthony Grabner Niles assistant health officer, to a pest control school.

R. F. Groby, district traffic engineer of the state highway department, met with the council and heard complaints that the speed limits on certain portions of

state highways within the city limits are too great. Mr. Groby agreed to review the complaints.

A meeting of the city recreation board was held following the council session. The board agreed to accept an offer from Russ Thomas that the Thomas stadium be used for baseball or any other use the board desired. Mr. Thomas, who has the property leased from the city, will reserve the concession rights under the terms of the agreement. The recreation board approved converting the softball field into a baseball diamond.

parked car owned by Ray Van Heyden, 1733 Prairie avenue, and then hit another being operated by Paul J. Vertesich, 36, of 1833 South Nash street. Rice was released after treatment in Memorial hospital and booked on a charge of driving while under the influence of intoxicating liquor.

Mrs. Lena Ganger, 75, of Elkhart, Ind., suffered chest and arm bruises in a collision at Sample and Michigan streets Thursday afternoon. She was a passenger in a car driven by Vernon L. Dygert, 45, of Elkhart, when, according to police, it was struck by one driven by Jack Honer, 20, of 2044 Parkview place. Honer was arrested on a charge of failure to yield the right of way. Mrs. Ganger was treated in Memorial hospital.

HURT FATALLY IN MISHAP.

By Associated Press.

LOGANSPORT, Ind., Oct. 15.—Robert Burns, 28, of Flora, was injured fatally Thursday night in an automobile-truck collision south of here. Richard Ayres, 23, of Flora, suffered minor injuries. George R. Benedict, 26, Twelve Mile, was not hurt.

Polio Nurses Arrive in City.



Two and a half-year-old Glen Scott, of Michigan City, Ind., and other polio patients in Memorial hospital are happy today over the arrival of Nancy Hight, left, and Agnes Poole, special polio nurses from Lynchburg, Va. They were sent here through cooperation of the American Red Cross and the National Infantile Paralysis Foundation. A polio case load of two adults in isolation and one adult and nine children out of isolation will be cared for by the nurses. Salaries and maintenance of the two visitors will be paid by the local chapter of the foundation. Richard L. Hocking, hospital administrator, said nurses and aids are still needed for other phases of hospital care. —Photo by Tribune Staff Photographer.