Poultry Notes

Items That Will Interest Our Readers From Here And There

No one variety of fowls has yet appeared that combines all the good qualities possessed by all other varieties, and it is not probable that there ever will. Great improvements are possible, but the happy combination of all that is good in a single variety of fowls is not to be looked for. Better practical fowls, better general purpose fowls, better laying fowls, better table fowls, better ornamental fowls—these are among the possibilities of the future. But we doubt if any one is brave enough to expect a fowl which shall be the best layer, the best table fowl, the hardiest, the largest and the most beautiful in symmetry and plumage, all combined, making it the one fowl that is equally desired by the practical poultryman and the thoroughgoing fancier, the advocate of utility and the devotee of beauty. We believe in improvemtnt, in progress in poultry and poultrybreeding. We believe that as much has been accomplished in the past, so much will be done in the future. But we believe, and desire to impress this belief upon others, that every variety of thoroughbred foyls which we now possess has merits peculiar to itself. It would be well if fanciers would recognize this fact.

Efficient feeding means feeding a good quality of commercial feed intelligently. In other words, one should know the amount of feed that a flock will consume and see that they get plenty of real feed that is manufactured for best results.

The goose is profitable for many reasons. Unlike most farm products, you have three ways of getting cash out of him, namely, you can sell eggs, feathers and fowls, and have the old goose left. Feathers are very high and the demand is increasing. From ten ordinary sized geese you should be able to sell $50.00 worth of eggs, raise from fifty to sixty-five young ones and sell about $35.00 worth of feathers in one year.

An investment in a setting of good eggs from reliable people has always continue to be, for you actually get what you pay for and a lot more. Persons who have been disappointed in securing stock this spring should see the wisdom of buying eggs for hatching.

The care of the breeding pen should be such as to enable the fowls to best perform the functions of reproduction, in other words the fowls should be so cared for that they will hatch strong, vigorous, healthy chickens—chickens that will live, thrive, grow and develop into valuable stock. There are no duties which can be safely neglected by the poultryman who desires to obtain success, but if there be any one duty which can be considered the most important and the neglect of which entails the swiftest, widest and most certain disaster, it is the care of the breeding pen.

There can be no question but that the epidemic scares have injured the sale of breeding birds during the past few years. Coming just at the time when many men were about to buy cockerels to tone up and improve their flocks or were contemplating the purchase of a better pen of birds with which to continue their operations, the fear that was spread abroad by the mention of the words Fowl Plague deterred most of these men from venturing to bring into their yards something that might cause untold havoc.

There is no use in trying to fool ourselves that poultry is immune from contagious diseases. We might as well admit that there is trouble, and get after it and wipe it out as soon as we possibly can.

If every poultry breeder will at once get busy and clean up the poultry houses and yards; burn all old litter and stuff laying around; get rid of any sick birds he may have; thoroughly disinfect and fumigate his poultry houses and then keep them clean, we can soon wipe it out and put the poultry business back on the map with a clean slate.

Turkeys are only reared successfully where they can have free range. The breeding stock should be two-year-old hens mated with an early hatched and fully developed tom. The laying qualities of the hen are more affected by feed than in any other domestic fowl. If fed a little extra with table scrappings she will lay earlier and sit sooner. To tame the hen is not difficult, a sly morsel from the hand will cause her to linger near the house and lay in the nests of the common hens, thus saving many a weary tramp to find her eggs. These should be gathered each night and wrapped in cloths and stood on end, turning twice per week. She should not be allowed to sit until she laid her third litter. The eggs should be put under common hens nine or ten under each. When hatched the hen should have a large airy coop that is rain proof, as dampness is fatal.

Every year we hear in many different ways from uncounted numbers that: "They would like to keep a small flock of chickens, if it weren't for this or that cause or reason," which simmered down results generally in the one fact that they don't get right down to make the start they hope for. The wish to keep poultry is a natural inclination, the same as is the desire for a horse, dog or cat. We all wish to see life around, something to own, to pet and care for, and Standard-bred poultry supplies this human desire in the most approved way by making its keeping a source of profit instead of one of expense to the owner.

Some wise poultrymen have roadside stands where they sell all of eggs produced on their farms. This is a great place to retail broilers, "garden sass" and fruit. A good stand is a big advertiserent. One can work into a gas station and lots of things that the traveler always finds that he left at home. A good stand will make your eggs and fowls bring one hundred cents on the dollar.

Capper's Farmer reports a shortage of hogs. Let ham go up and eggs are not far behind. Eggs and ham will trot in double harness just so long as the average housewife can not discover anything that will cook quicker. The old time three hour boiled dinner is a thing of the past. With the radio and movie picture, our best halves are two busy to get up an old fashioned boiled dinner.

Improvement Association Against Imported Seeds

The International Crop Improvement association, which is composed of 17 state crop improvement associations, went on record at its fifth annual meeting held in Chicago as being in favor of national legislation against imported alfalfa and clover seeds.

All Right This Time

Said a hunter to a farmer who rode beside him: "I wouldn't ride over those seedlings if I were you. They belong to a disagreeable fellow, who might make a fuss."

"Well," said the farmer, "as him's me, he won't say nothin' about it today."

WREATHS PLACED ON GRAVES OF FORMER PHONE EMPLOYEES

Decoration day, so widely observed by the Nation in honor of its heroic dead, nowhere received more attention than in the Bell System organization.

The graves of men from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company who died in the service of their country were decorated by fellow-employees. Wherever lay the body of a soldier who left the Telephone Company's service to go to war, a friendly hand placed a wreath, contributed by the Bell System.

Robert S. Martin, formerly of Richmond plant, buried at Richmond; Harry S. Lane, also a Virginia plant man, buried at Bremo Bluff, Va., and Lloyd E. Lively, Charleston, W. Va., buried at Wayside, W. Va., were those sent from the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company, whose graves were decorated by the local committee. In addition the graves of employees of other Bell Companies, who are buried at Arlington had wreaths placed on them. They included: Miss Frances Poole, Illinois Bell Company; S. C. Sorenson, Northwestern Bell Company; Jerome B. Kemmerer and Peter Ruby, New York Telephone Company; Howard A. Spears and Fred B. Fluke, Mountain States Telephone Company; Carl S. and Paul R. Lund, New England Telephone Company.

The New York Telephone Company arranged for the decoration of the grave of Charles W. Howell, a former Wheeling Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone man, who is buried at Lancaster, N. Y., while Ohio Bell Company employees placed a wreath on the grave of Glenn Phillips, another Wheeling employee who died in the World War and who is buried at Girard, Ohio.

In France lie four Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone men who gave up their lives during the war, and they were not forgotten by the System to which they were as loyal in peace as they were to their country in war. Through the co-operation of Western Electric representatives in Europe, the graves of the following were decorated with flowers and the national colors: James T. Parks, formerly of Charleston plant, buried in Suresnes American Cemetery; James S. Wilson, formerly in Baltimore plant, at St. Mihiel; C. B. Meadows, formerly of Talcott, W. Va., at Meuse-Argonne American Cemetery, and Roy Lavender, formerly St. Albans plant, W. Va., buried at St. Mihiel.

The World War Service Committee of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company consists of John L. Vandegrift, formerly captain Battery C, 341 field artillery; H. L. Huber, lieutenant 403d telegraph battalion; John N. Bradley, top sergeant, company D, 403d telegraph battalion, and Henry C. Ransom, corporal, chemical warfare service, research division, all of Washington.

The committee announces that it is ever ready to assist the relatives and friends of deceased Bell System men in the handling of matters in regard to their graves or their affairs, whether it involves visits to the cemeteries or taking up matters with government officials in Washington.

CORPORATIONS MAKE PROGRESS, SAYS HOWE

"Don't growl at the corporations; try to be as useful, polite and efficient as they are. The corporation men are the best we have. They actually make the progress we are so proud of; we in the herd really have little to do with it," says E. W. Howe, in "E. W. Howe's Monthly."

My telephone rang just now. When I took down the receiver the following conversation ensued:

"Hello."

"Number, please."

"Our telephone rang."

"Will you excuse us, please."

"Yes, with pleasure."

I didn't mind going to the telephone because of that "Will you excuse us, please?"

How the big corporations try to give satisfaction, and how we abuse them! How we lie about them!

How we grumble at the telephone companies! Yet their service is the most wonderful, the cheapest thing we have.

Same way with the water companies, the railroad companies, the electric lighting companies, the street railway companies, the gas companies.

We'll finally boycott all these, as we have the Japanese, because they are so polite, well managed and work so cheap.

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Western Electric Reports Sales—Demand For Telephone Equipment More Normal.

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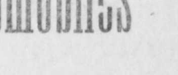
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