POULTRY NOTES

Items That Will Interest Our Readers From Many Sources

Every beginner who starts out to make his poultry and pleasure at a profit, in interested first of all, in having good birds. He wants standard-bred birds. He wants birds, which as near as possible are true in color pattern and type for the breed and for his variety. Along with this, he wants good production for after all, it is the egg production which determines the income for the average poultryman. It is only within recent years, that the art and practice of culling has become generally understood. The knowledge which we have is due in large part to the efforts of the Agriculture College workers, some of whom have devoted years of study of the birds, taking measurements of their respective sections, and to study the changes which take place in them as they go in and out of production. It is these observations which make it possible for us to tell so much about a hen.

If one will take ashes from the kitchen stove and sprinkle them on the drop boards, they will find that the ashes will absorb the moisture in the dropping and they will not stick to the boards.

Sugar beets carry lots of proteins. This protein is vegetable and when fed along with animal protein (beef scraps and fish meals) they are bound to bring lots of eggs. Do not feed the pullets high proteins before they reach maturity. Let them come into their lay without being forced and you will not have so many small eggs in the fall.

The renter in America is the "man" that causes a lot of heart aches in this world. If they would get a small plot of land and go in for themselves, they would soon be able to control lots of acreage. The town dweller can have a cheap lot for a home if he will only move out of the congested district. Get out where your children can have plenty of sunshine along with lots of real dirt from Mother Earth. The soil is good for "kids" as well as chickens. Get your youngsters out on the grass and you will save doctor bills.

Strawberries are a mighty good crop to have on the farm. Some farmers are satisfied to raise one crop and loaf the rest of the time. It is the man who diversifies who is not asking congress for aid.

If you want to kill off a grassy plot, run a flock of geese over the ground and these great consumers of green stuff will make short work of everything that is green. Geese not only go after the grass but they will dig out the roots when the grass gets short.

A man down in Ohio after summing up his year's expense found that each hen had cost him $3.44 for their feed, where the neighbors only paid $1.86 for their feed per hen. This farmer got busy and found that more than half of his feed had gone to rats. His rat crop was very large but they brought forth no profit. Moral look after the rats.

Alfalfa proved a good substitute for green food this winter. That great forage crop is high in protein and if properly fed will bring lots of winter eggs. Try and have lots of mangels for the hens this winter. Mangels, fed along with alfalfa leaves and blossoms, make a very good feed.

It is a good business practice for the poultryman to always send another setting of eggs when a customer complains of a poor hatch. The writer would far rather have a satisfied customer than a setting of eggs and he has always made it a practice to meet each complaint with a setting of eggs.

Capper's Farmer says that every American family is $1,500 in debt. Every man, woman and child owes $283.70 and that only represents the national debt. Most of this money went for war. That should teach a big lesson to our people. Our navy, army and other sources for war, cost a mighty penny each year but it is money well spent when we consider what might happen if we had no army or navy.

It is the side lines around the poultry farm that helps to make ends meet. A few turkeys raised each year will save a big sum at Thanksgiving and Christmas. A good kitchen garden will help to consume the droppings and make that end of the poultry business profitable. Small fruits pay well in shade for the fowls along with the sales of the fruit.

We do not believe in too much method on a poultry ranch. There are lots of people who make keeping fowls a hardship by having too many rules, I once heard a railroad man say. "He is one of the rule book railroaders." I asked him if rules were not good. He said, "The rules made by each railroad are mostly used for those who get in trouble on the road and when that time happens the old railroad man looks up he rules to be able to prove an alibi."

Down in Indiana they have a farmers' organization that has employed a detective to catch chicken thieves. They often make a haul of the gentry that would rather steal than work. There may be mean thieves but about the meanest that lives is the chicken thief. He robs those who can least afford to lose. There is no Robin Hood in being a chicken thief.

PROGRAM FOR ANNUAL BAR MEETING ANNOUNCED

A printed program of the thirtieth annual meeting of the Maryland State Bar Association at Atlantic City this week has been prepared by James W. Chapman, Jr., the secretary. The Hotel Chelsea will be the headquarters of the association during the meeting, which will be held Thursday, Friday and Saturday night.

Two sessions daily have been arranged. At the morning session Thursday Judge F. Neal Parke, president, will deliver an address, which will be followed by the election of new members and the reports of the officers and committees. There will be addresses Thursday night by Omar F. Hershey, of the Baltimore bar, and by Edward S. Delaplaine, of the Frederick bar.

W. Irvine Cross and Joseph C. France will speak Friday. Dr. Alfred P. Dennis, of the United States Tarifffff Commission, will make an address Saturday morning, his subject being "The Intangibles of Foreign Trade."

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County Agent's Notes

Wheat

The wheat crop in Kent looks generally good over the entire county. Farmers have had about ideal weather for harvest, and feel more confident to have their wheat in shocks than standing in the field.

The Improved Mammoth Red variety, introduced in Kent about four years ago from the Maryland Experiment Station, is, according to past records and present observations, the best producing wheat in the county. Especially good fields of this wheat have been observed in the farms of Joseph Edwards and Harry Holt, of Massey; B. F. Rash, of Worton; Josiah Massey, Thomas H. Bryan, and Walter Walbert, of Chestertown.

Two demonstrations in top-dressing wheat with 100 lbs. of nitrate of soda per acre were held this year. One on the farm of Julian Jones, Chestertown, and the other on the farm of Walter Hill, Kennedyville. Both showed up to good advantage. Comparative samples from the top-dressed and check plots were taken and sent to the Experiment Station, where respective yields will be ascertained and the information on the results will be available in about one month's time.

Certification of wheat for seed purposes was made, by request, on the farms of Josiah Massey, Thomas H. Bryan, and Walter Walbert. Kent farmers were advised to try Improved Mammoth Red wheat for the coming year.

Hay

If your hay crop is short, don't forget that soybean hay contains 11.7% protein. Soybeans can be sown in Kent county as late as July 1st, and produce a fair hay crop with average weather conditions. Favorable weather would mean a very good hay crop.

Cow Testing Association

The Kent County Farm Bureau and County Agent are at present working on the organization of a Kent County Dairy Improvement Association. The primary object of such an association will be to improve the quality and increase the profits of dairy herds in Kent. This will be done principally through the Cow Testing Association system.

The Cow Testing Association system gives every member a very close approximate record of the number of pounds of milk each cow in his herd produces each month, the test or per cent. of butter fat, and the value of the milk for each cow for each month. Also the amount and value of feed consumed by each cow for each month, and thus by subtraction, the value of the milk above the cost of feed, or below the cost of feed for each cow, each County Farm Bureau Dairy Committhe end of each year and gives the member of the Cow Testing Association a fairly complete record of each cow in his herd for the year.

Dairymen desiring to join the Kent Dairy Improvement Association can get further information from Edgar R. Pennington, Chairman of the Kent County Farm Bhreah Dairy Committee, local Farm Bureaus or County Agent H. B. Derrick.

1,500 Pound Litter Contest

The Maryland Swine Growers' Association is conducting a 1,500 Pound (4½) feet from the ground, the heiSuitable prizes have been provided. The contest closes July 1st. Anyone interested may get further information from the County Agent.

Tree Contest

The Maryland Forestry Association is conducting a Tree Contest in an effort to locate the largest trees relative to the normal size of the respective kinds of trees. The circumference one (1) foot from the ground, the circumference four and one-half (4½) feet from the grohnd, the height, the spread of branches, and the historical association counting 20% each. Prizes of 25, 20, 15, 10, and 5 dollars will be awarded.

Harford 4 H Clubs

The Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Harford county have purchased a 184 acre tract at Rocks, Maryland, for 4 H Club Camp Ground, and will dedicate the Camp Ground and celebrate the occasion on July 4th, in the form of a Tournament and Bazaar. The program includes swimming, baseball, luncheon by 4 H Club, address, including Governor Albert Ritchie, sale of purebred dairy calves, county supper, Camp Vespar, and Camp Fire by 4 H Club Members, Band Concert, and other attractions.

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In the Circuit Court for Kent County
In equity No. 2269.

In the matter of the Trust Estate of Elizabeth F. S. Jarrell.

ORDERED this 8th day of June, 1925, by the Circuit Court for Kent County in Equity, that the sale of the Real Estate mentioned in these proceedings made and reported by William S. Collins, Trustee under and by virtue of Order of the Circuit Court for Kent County, dated May 5th, 1925. be Ratified and confirmed, unless cause to be contrary thereof be shown on or before the 15th, day of August next; Provided, a copy of this Order be inserted in some newspaper printed and published in Kent county, once in each of four successive weeks before the 13th, day of July, next.

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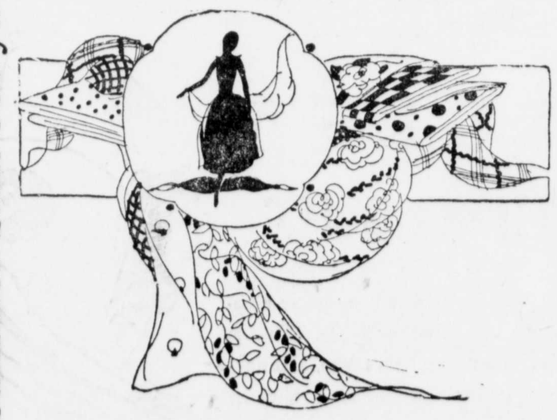
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