POULTRY NOTES

Items That Will Interest Our Poultry Readers From Many Sources

Some are recommending concrete yards as large as the floor of the brooder houses as a run for baby chicks or growing stock to be laid sloping away from the brooder houses and fenced in with small mesh wire netting. We know at least one plant in Massachusetts where that is being tried right now.

Frequently it happens, in winter poultrymen are concerned about their birds' comfort, they make no attempt to provide them protection against extreme heat. Take a trip into almost any suburban or rural district and that it's the rule rather than the exception to find the chickens confined to small bare yards with neither tree or bush to offer shade. To get away from the direct rays of the sun, the birds must either remain in their stuff, smelly, poorly ventilated houses or where the houses are raised off the ground, resort to the space under the floor where they secure shade but little air.

Probably none of our domesticated animals suffer from the heat as do our chickens. Is it any wonder that some of them are summer molters? Their coat of feathers represent Nature's most finished product in the way of a protective covering against cold. Again a hen does not perspire. She can only expel the heat charged moisture of her body thru exhalations from her lungs. It is said that at our laying contest plants more birds die from heat exhaustion and sun-stroke during the heated term than from disease and all other causes thruout the entire year.

In planning and laying out a back yard poultry plant, as many trees of low growing habit as the space will permit should be set out. In the Vineland district the peach tree is favored and offers not only shade during the day and favored by the birds as roosts at night but also offering the added virtue of income producers from the sale of the fruit.

But if one cannot give his flock the comfort and protection of trees, a hedge of sunflowers, or castor bean plants is possible and will be appreciated by the biddies and their consorts.

Farm hens steal their nests They It is not well to encourage them in this habit. It causes inconvenience and financial loss. It takes time to hunt their nests and break them up. The result is disorganization all along the line. Keep them well rounded up. They wander widely these days, and it does not take long for them to return to a semi-wild set of habits. Give them comfortable roosting and nesting quarters and keep them interested in the "home fires." No roosting in trees. Otherwise other wild habits will be rapidly taken on.

In midsummer we must guard the birds against food that is spoiling or completely spoiled. The change from good to bad and from bad to worse these hot days will come very rapidly. Food for the chickens should be in a good enough condition for you yourself to eat. You may not want to eat it, but it must be clean enough for you to eat and "pure" enough. Play the "Golden Rule" on your chickens as well as on your customers. It's the best policy every time and everywhere. If the trays are full of feed that has gone bad, bury that poison stuff. You wouldn't eat it for fear it would poison you. Burn it up. Do anything with it to annihilate it so that your birds can't eat it. Summer has its perils as well as its millions of blessings.

July must be considered an egg month. Hens that quit laying at this time of the year ought to be sent to the market. They will "eat their heads off" in a few weeks. If you handle them as shrewdly and faithfully as you did last February they will keep laying eggs enough to pay their board and give you a good profit besides. But if you lie down on your job they will lie down on theirs. If a poultryman wants eggs he must go after them and keep after them. This is true in July as well as in January.

We must remind you of this danger again for July is the month when the rapid growth of the youngsters will take you by surprise and some morning you will find one or more of your best young birds smothered. Better look them over in their beds after they retire for the night. Conditions may not be just as you would have them.

That "biggest business" is to keep the young stock growing day by day, giving them exercise till they are "hard as nails," balancing the ration beautifully that every part of the body may have its proper supply of nourishment, guarding them from extreme heat and from destructive storms, in other words going forward straight to the goal of the largest possible sumber of 100 per cent birds for the fall and winter.

BETTERTON

The mid summer guests have arrived in Bettertown and the cottages and hotels have their usual number. The Port Deposit and Havre de Grace excursions are still popular and come every Monday evening, with a good crowd. The Wednesday evening germans at the dance hall have been revived and they with the prize dances are being enjoyed. Several new booths have been added to the attractions.

The third annual shoot of the Betterton Gun Club was held last week was a success in every way. There were seventy shooters who entered, some coming as far as North Carolina. The The church society of the Methodist church served dinner on the grounds for three days.

Mr. John N. Bennetts Sunday school class held their annual outing last Tuesday, with supper at Price Cottage.

Dr. S. S. Hepbron an Rev. E. M. Shockley were both absent from their pulpits last Sunday Dr. Hepbron was attending a conference of rural ministers at Cornell University and Mr. Shockley was taking a two weeks course at Dickenson College.

Miss Hallie Crew, of Philadelphia is spending sometime with her sister Mrs. Ernest Horsey.

Miss Elizabeth Crew it attending a camp for Girl Scouts in Maine during July.

Miss Virginia Owens has purchased a Chevrolet coupe from Mr. Clarence Newsome. Mr. Newsome has received a car load of new Chevrolets.

Miss Price, of Sudlersville, who has been at the Hotel Rigbie during the summer was carried to Easton Hospital Sunday and operated on for appendecitis.

Miss Sara Roe, of Philadelphia is spending the week with Miss Anna Crew.

Misses Katherine and Marie Hurlock of Church Hill are visiting Mrs. Bayard Crew.

Mrs. Edith Anderson, who is in training at the Southern Hospital is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Clare Turner.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Remington and children of Baltimore are visiting Mrs. Remington's sister at the Fernsliffe.

Mrssrs. William Owens, Bayard Crew, William Bowman and Miss Maggie Clark have all improved their property by having cement steps and walks laid

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