POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS THAT WILL HELP PROMOTE THE POULTRY INDUS. TRY IN KENT

Shipments of anthracite coal are now arriving in the towns, of Kent and in all probability will be available to practicaly all poultry raisers by the time the brooding season reaches its height. As a substitute, nut size coke mixed with pea size anthracite, and banked with the pea anthracite at night has been giving good results.

Failure to maintain sufficient fire in the brooder stoves, especially when balmy days followed by frosty nights are on the weather menu, is often a failing of poultry raisers with only a few years, or no previous experience. Often the fire cannot be brought up fast enough to furnish sufficient heat for the brood, and sometimes goes out completely if allowed to get too low. It is usually better to keep more heat, and to open the windows slightly for proper ventilation and the escape of the excess heat, during the warmer hours of the day.

It is during these warmer sunshiny hours of the day that the chicks should be allowed outside in the open air. Proper condition of the brooder house floor is of great importance. Watering and other utensils be kept clean and arranged so that no wet spots are made, nor uneaten food lies around, especially if moist food is used as a starting food. The floor should be kept in good condition and cleaned as often as may seem necessary. Once or twice a week will not be too often when chicks are confined much of the time. The floor should be covered with clean straw or sand and grit or sand may be provided. Do not use hay chaff on the floor, as dust from it often causes sore eyes; or as pergillosis, a mould disease which affects the lungs of the chicks may result if the chaff is infected. This disease is extremely fatal to young chicks.

Weak and unthrifty chicks in a flock are a constant menace to the entire lot, and seldom develop into worthwhile birds when the trouble of "doctoring" is considered. Serious losses in a brood often result from the failure of the attendant to kill the few weaklings in a brood of chicks. These weaklings are the most susceptible to infection, and their unthrify and weak condition is usually circumstantial evidence that they are already diseased. The removal and killing of such weaklings is a low price to pay for the elimination of the menace they are to the entire brood.

The cleanliness of the soil in the outdoor runs is of great importance to the welfare of a young brood. It is the safest plan to locate the brooder house or coops on a site which has not been run to poultry for at least a year, and has had no poultry manure spread upon it for that length of time. This will tend to eliminate the chances of infestations of intestinal worms, and infection of the flock with organisms of coccidiosis, blackhead, cholera, and many other diseases to which poultry are susceptible. Most of the common diseases of poultry may be spread through infected manure, and is an especially prevalent source of worms and coccidiosis with a brood of young chicks.

Other poultry should be fenced, or the brooding site fenced so that others do not have access to the run given the young chicks. This is important as the mature birds often have worms or coccidiosis infection, though seldom showing marked symptoms or effects. Infected manure voided by other poultry exposes the chicks to this infection.

The brooding site should be sown to some green food crop, such as oats, wheat, rye, rape, etc., as soon as possible, if a natural growth of green food is not already present. This provides a valuable part of a growing fowl's ration, and will pay well for a reasonable amount of trouble necessary to provide it.

The chicks should be allowed outside as soon as they are strong enough to be thoroughly active, and weather conditions are favorable. By using a roll of fine mesh wire about 1 foot, high, a small area just outside the small door of the house or coop may be allowed at first. As the chicks become more active and learn to find their way back into the house or coop the wire roll should be gradually extended, allowing more outside run. By such management the chicks can be better supervised, and receive proper attention. Care should always be exercised so that neither the house nor runs are overcrowded. By the time the brood is three or four weeks old, they should be allowed the entire run set apart for them, or free range, weather conditions permitting. Sunshine is a great help to the health and growth of young chicks, and they should be allowed outside to enjoy it whenever possible.

Chicks may be obtained from well-bred stock, but it is not sufficient to assume that because of this, good adult stock or laying pullets will result. Cull, and inferior adult stock or laying pullets may result from chicks of good quality unless they are properly grown. Improper nourishment, because of insufficient or improperly balanced rations, ravages of disease and parasities, because of over-crowded house and runs, or failure of the attendant to practice the necessary sanitary precautions and other management necessary to the welfare of the flock, may serve to retard the proper growth and development of a grood. These conditions often cause losses through mortality and retarded development, which result in mature birds are inferior individuals as compared to their quality as chicks.

The saying that "A chain is no stronger than its weakest link," may be applied to the cycle of poultry production with appropriateness. The links designated as "Brooding" and "Rearing" are as essential as any in the chain.

Close personal supervisions is the price of success in brooding and rearing young stock.

PROJECTS FOR APRIL

Cultivate and sow green crop on chick range.

Clean Brooder Houses and coops often.

Keep chicks dry and clean.

Maintain proper heat in stove.

Provide ample range which is clean.

MILLINGTON

Among those on the sick list this week are Mrs. Jane Wilson, Mrs. Anor Wooleyhand and Miss Clara Bryan.

Mrs. B. W. Duling visited relatives in Sudiersville last Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens and son, Taylor, of near town, and Mr. E. T Stevens, were guests last Sunday of Mr. and Mrs. Harvy Poore, near Clayton, Del.

Miss Bernice Horsey, of Galena, spent the week end with Miss Florence Gale.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor and Mrs. H. H. Stanffer spent Wednesday of last week in Wilington.

Mr. W. A. Felton returned home last Saturday after spending the winter in Florida.

Mr. and Mrs. William Garton, of Golt's, visited his mother, Mrs. Kate Garon, last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frand Gale and son, Frank, Jr., of Washington, D. C. were guests on Thursday of last week of Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gale.

Mr. Walter Truitt, of Homosassa, Fla., spen tthe past week-end with his sister, Mrs. Howard King.

Mrs. J. P. Ahern visited relatives in Baltimore and Wilmington last week.

Mrs. Charles Dixon and two little daughters, of near Newark, Del., were guests last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Everett, near town.

Among those who attended the M. E. Conference in Dover, Del., last week from here were: Rev. J. I. Barrett, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Wallen, Mrs. W. T. Jones, Mrs. John L. Smith, Mrs. L. A. Hurtt, Misses Belle and Carrie Wiest, Mr. John Wiest, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. Wiest and Mr. J. E. Higman.

Miss Anna Jones, of Salisbury Normal School, is spending the Easter holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. P. Jones.

Mr. Frank Slez, Jr., of Wilmington, and Mrs. Clarence Garland, of Morgantown, W. Va., are visiting their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Slez, near town.

Mrs. Hurlock Gale, of near Blacks was the guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore on Tuesday of last week.

Miss Mary Numbers, of Norhampton, Mass., is spending a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Numbers.

Services to-morrow, April 4, at Asbury M. E. Church, will be as follows 10 a. m., Sunday School; 7.30 p. m. Epworth League. Special music will be rendered by the choir at the League service. The public is invited to attend Mr. and Mrs. William Vansant and little son visited the former's parents, Mr. and Mr. George Jones last Monday.

Miss Evelyn Cockran has returned home, after spending several weeks with relatives in Washington, D. C.

Francis Fitch, Jr., of Wilmington, is the guest of his grand-parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mrs. J. W. Higman and Miss Susie Jones spent last Monday in Milford, Del.

Mrs. Enoch King, of Chesterville, is quite ill at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Noland Robinson. Mrs. Maria Bamberger, who has been quite sick at her home near town since Christmas is very much improved we are glad to state.

Miss Dorothy Taylor, of Hood College, Frederick, Md., is spending ten days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor.

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FRANCES M. CLEMENTS

late of said county, deceased. All persons having claims against said deceased's estate are hereby warned to exhibit the same, with the proper vouchers thereof, to the undersigned 1926, otherwise they may by law be excluded from all benefit of said deceased's personal estate.

All persons indebted to his estate must settle at one.

Given under my hand this 23rd day of March 1926.

JAMES MERRICK, JR.,
Administrator

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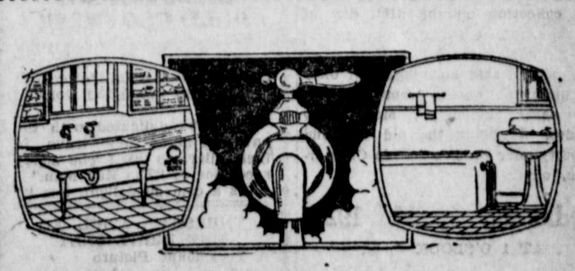

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