POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS THAT WILL HELP OUR READERS WITH THEIR POULTRY PROBLEMS

The inspection of breeding flocks for certification, covering the 1927 breeding season, has been completed in Maryland. Increased interest in this work has resulted in a larger membership in the Certification Department of the Maryland State Poultry Association.

Circular No. 54 University of Maryland in revised form is now available to those interested in management of laying flocks for winter egg production. Copies may be secured from any county agent, or from this office.

Winter Housing Problems

Poultrymen are sometimes confronted during the winter with problems in housing that are quite vexing. A little study will often reveal the causes of these troubles and point to a remedy.

A matter which causes concern to many and apparently little concern to others, is the presence of dampness in the house, especially damp litter. Those who are little concerned over dampness do not realize its significance and dangers, but become much concerned with medicinal remedies when colds and roup appear in the flock. This, of course, comes after egg production has dropped off considerably and birds are dying.

Dampness in the house is the warning signal to all poultrymen who realizes that it is very apt to be the progenitor of disease or some other trouble.

Dampness is much more apt to occur in a crowded house than in one which has about the correct number of birds in it. Under winter conditions four square feet of house space should be allowed for the heavier breeds and three and one-half square feet for the lighter breeds.

Where the floor of the house is high enough above ground and rain or snow has not leaked nor driven in, excessive moisture is apt to be caused by insufficient ventilation. Many poultry raisers get into trouble this way by closing up the house too tightly with curtains. Moisture condenses from the warm breath of the birds striking the cold air in cold weather, and settles in the house if there is not sufficient ventilation to allow it to escape.

This accounts for much dampness in houses and puzzles some as to its cause and source.

The house should be made light on all sides with the open front left open. If this is done there will be little chance of drafts, and the house will remain fairly dry, the open space allowing excess moisture from the birds to escape. Cold air which is moisture laden, is much more harmful to birds than dry air at an even lower temperature.

Curtains may be used when rain or snow is driving inside the house, but should be raised as soon as the storm ceases. This is decidedly important to prevent the accumulation of moisture inside the house.

Occasional colds will result in a flock if birds are allowed to roost in nests or on framing or curtains near the front of the house.

The houses should not be so crowded as to provide insufficient roosting space, and birds, especially pullets, should be placed on the roosts when they try to roost elsewhere, until they become accustomed to new quarters.

Clean dropping boards are a great help in keeping housing conditions proper throughout the winter. Frozen droppings may be cleaned off easily, if the dropping boards are covered lightly with rock phosphate, sand, or other material to prevent the droppings from sticking to the boards.

Breeding Males

Many poultry raisers have regretted too late the use of male birds which impared undesirable characteristics to their off spring.

The males are far more important than the females, in so far as their influence on the offspring is concerned. Therefore, the progressive poultryman is more critical in selecting breeding males than in selecting the females.

When males are purchased to bring new blood into the flock, the qualities of the flock from which they come should be closely schutinized. The flock from which males are purchased should be managed by a progressive breeder. Males from such flocks will be more likey to impart desirable characteristics to their offspring.

The males should be fully developed of good size for the breed and strain, and of strong constitution. The head should be clean cut, with prominent bright eyes, and thoroughly masculine in every respect. Good breeding males are usually very active, good crowers, show marked attention to the females, and are not slow to fight.

Quarantine purchased birds for a few weeks, before allowing them to run with the flock. Precaution prevents trouble.

Time used in exercising care when selecting male birds for breeding is usually time well spent.

—Mr. William Clayton, formerly of Chestertown, and father of Mrs. W. O. Bringman, was painfully injured last week when he was hit by an automobile in Wilmington, Del.

STILL POND

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Thompson spent several days this week in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mr. and Mrs. Penn Toulson and daughter, of Vineland, N. J., and Mr. and Mrs. Julian Toulson, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent last week end with their mother, Mrs. Susie Toulson.

The Ladies Aid Society meets next Wednesday after-noon with Mrs. Anderson. As this is the meeting for the Election of Officers a good attendance is desired.

Among those that spent Christmas Hollidays at their homes here were: Misses. Clara Medders, Bert Cooper, Jennie Bowers, and Messers, Wm. Medders, Gale Rasin and James Watson.

We are glad to know that Mr. Wm. Parr who has been quite sick is improving.

Rev. and Mrs. Robinson, of Baltimore, Md., spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Medders.

Mrs. W. Tomb, of Wyoming, Pa., and Miss Lydia Hague, of Philadelphia, Pa., spent the hollidays with Mr. Charles Hague and Miss Laura Hague.

Mr. and Mrs. Claude Hackett, of Baltimore, Md., spent the week end with Mr. W. K. Hackett and Mr. and Mrs. E. K. Jones.

The Devotional service of The Epworth League will be lead on Sunday evening by Mr. A. J. Hackett.

WORTON

Mrs. Kate Harris entertained her children, Misses Anna Belle, Mary, Louise and James, of Philadelphia, and Richard, of Baltimore, over the Xmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Plummer entertained a few friends at a turkey dinner on Tuesday.

Mr. Wm. Baugh, of Wilmington, spent the week end with Mr. Sam'l Wallis and family.

Miss Muriel Wells, of New York is visiting at the home of her aunt, Mrs. Wm. Joiner.

Mr. and Mrs. Preston Crowding and little daughter spent Xmas day with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Hickman, of Betterton.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hurd and children, Clarence and Hilda and Mr. and Mrs. Goldey Jones and little daughter spent Xmas day with their mother, Mrs. Ida Jones, of Chestertown.

Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Loller entertained on Xmas day Miss Catherine Loller, of Chestertown, Mrs. Harold Crew, of North East, Mr. and Mrs. John Duyer and daughter, Clara and Mrs. Margaret Duyer.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rasin entertained a number of friends at a turkey dinner on Monday evening.

Miss Neva and Marvin Nichols are spending sometime with their grandmother, Mrs. J. B. Colgain, of Denton.

Mr. Gale Willis, of N. J., and Mr. Wm. Willis, of Philadelphia, are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Willis.

Mr. H. E. Cooper spent the week end with his daughter, Mrs. Walter Moffett.

Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews, Mrs. Herbert Matthews and Mrs. Katie Harris attended a turkey dinner given by Miss Sophie Miller, of Still Pond Tuesday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and sons George and Marvin spent Xmas day with Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Van Dyke, of Kennedyville.

Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Rash entertained their children, Mr. and Mrs. Barney Cooper and son, Reginald, Mr. and Mrs. Howard Carter and children, of Wilmington, over the holidays.

BETTERTON

Mr. Owen Meershan, of Philadelphia, is spending Christmas week with Mr. Howard Beauchamp Owens.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard F. Owens are entertaining Mrs. Beauchamp, of Queen Anne, and Mrs. Owens, mother this week.

The boys and girls have been enjoying the fine skating this week on the bay between the two wharves.

The Christmas entertainment and treat of the Methodist Sunday School was held on Monday evening. The children each received a well filled box and an orange and Rev. Mr. Clark the pastor received gifts from the Sunday School the Bible Class and the Ladies Aid Society, Mr. Archie Crew the superintendent received a gift from the Sunday School, Dr. Walter Stone a gift from the Epworth League and little Miss Miriam Clark, a doll from the Ladies Aid Society.

The children of the Episcopal Sunday school were given a party at the home of their teacher, Mrs. Floyd Crownhart on Monday afternoon from two to four. Gifts of gold were presented, Rev. and Mrs. White, Dr. Hepbron and Billy White.

At this writing, Mrs. Mattie Tull, who was operated on last Wednesday for appendecitis is not as well, as her friends had hoped.

Miss Ruth Brice entertained the Boy and Girl Scouts at her home on Tuesday evening.

" Christmas pie" filled with "goodies" was sent to all of the sick and shut in folks on Christmas eve, with greetings from the Epworth League

Mrs. Emma Hughes and daughter, of Wilmington, were Christmas guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Emerson.

Mr. Howard Turner spent Christmas day with his daughter in New York.

Mr. Clifton Myres and his bride were the guests of His mother, Mrs. Mamie Myres for Christmas.

Capt. Harvey Brice and Miss Elizabeth Brice, his grand-daughter are spending the week in Baltimore.

GALENA

Miss Lucy Ford, of Philadelphia, is spending some time with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ford.

Mrs. Frank Johnson, of Wilmington, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Wood.

Mr. Jack and Earnest Fowler are visiting Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Fowler.

Mr. William Pinder, of Clayton, spent Friday and Saturday with Miss Fannie Boyd

Mr. and Mrs. Virgile D. Smith spent a few days with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer S. Jarman.

Mr. John Boyd and Miss Evelyn Spencer, of Kennedyville, were quietly married on Friday evening at the M. E. parsonage by Rev. Ivenhoe Willis.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Reed, of Wilmington, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George C. Johnston near Kennedyville.

Miss Anna and Price Stradley are spending the week with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Victor Stradley, in Easton.

Miss Mattie Whitaker, of Wilmington spent the week end with Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hicks.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Cannon, of Camden, N. J., spent Saturday with his mother, Mrs. Josephine Cannon.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Burrney, of Baltimore, spent the holidays with relatives in town.

Mr. Harry Smith, of Salisbury, spent the week end with Miss Mary Scotten.

Mr. Curtis Ford and family, of Marshallton, spent Sunday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Merritt Ford.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kent, of Wilmington, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bolton.

Miss Mary Scott, of Baltimore, is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. E. A. Scott.

Miss Margaret Griffith, of Atlantic City, is spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Alice Woodall.

Mrs. Linda Walls and son are spending the week with relatives in Washington.

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Vansant and family spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. Vansant.

ROCK HALL

Capt. and Mrs. Charles Thomas are spending severel days with relatives in Baltimore.

Capt. and Mrs. Franklin Akers and daughter, Miss Louise, are visiting Mrs. Akers' mother, Mrs. Louise Rodenhi, in Baltimore.

Capt. and Mrs. Frank Satterfield are spending some time in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Snowden Maslin had as holiday guests their son, Mr. Wallace Maslin, and wife, and a daughter, Mrs. Edwin Stewart, of Chester, Pa., Mrs. Stewart remaining for a longer visit.

Mr. and Mrs. William Wagner have as guest their daughter, Mrs. Leon Hurst and little Billy, of Wilmington, Del., Mr. Hurst came also for Christmas.

Capt. Frank Davis and wife are entertaining for a few days their son-in-law daughter, Prof. and Mrs. Irving Smith and children, of Denton, and son, Mr. Franklin Davis, of Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Turner and daughter, Margaret Ann, of Chestertown, were Christmas guests of Mrs. Turner's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Judefind.

Miss Elizabeth Weaver, of Baltimore, spent several days with her mother, Mrs. Anna Weaver, and was accompanied home by her brother, Walter Weaver, for the remainder of the holidays.

Mr. Edmond Wheat has been guest of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Wallis Wheat, for several days coming from Chester, Pa.

Capt. B. F. Jewell went to Baltimore Friday to spent Christmas with his wife and daughters, Mrs. Frank Joiner and Mrs. Frank Dowling.

Mrs. Roland Warner and daughter, Lorraine, were guests' yesterday of her sister-in-law, Mrs. Reuben Rodney and Mr. Rodney.

Miss Thelma Moffett, student at State Normal School is spending Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Simon Moffett.

Capt. and Mrs. Charles R. Kerr had as Christmas guests their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ruthwin Strong and daughter, Helen of Broad Neck. Representative Charles N. Spence spent several days with Capt. Kerr.

Mrs. Samuel Burgess, of Edesville, was guest Sunday of her son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Tucker.

Capt. and Mrs. Daniel Ashley entertained at Christmas their daughters, the Misses Bernice, Doris and Katherine Ashley and Mrs. Ashley's brother and sister, Mr. Charles Baldwin and Miss Mattie Baldwin, all of Baltimore.

Rev. and Mrs. C. L. Dawson are spending the week in Bridgeton, N. J., with the former's parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Chase, of Washington, D. C., were guests over Christmas of the latter's parents.

KENNEDYVILLE

Miss Daisy Ford and Della Spry spent the Christmas holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Ford.

Mr. John Johnston, of Chester, spent the week end with his grandmother, Mrs. Annie Johnston.

Miss Grace Greenwood visited her father the past week.

Mrs. Harry Redmile is quite sick with Pleurisy at her home near town.

Miss Palmer Redmile, of Wilmington, visited her parents over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Young spent Christmas with their children in Baltimore.

Mrs. John Hessner entertained her sister a part of last week.

Mrs. Maggie Weer and son, Baldwin of Chester, were week end visitors of relatives.

Miss Mary Robinson returned to Philadelphia, after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Robinson.

Miss Maggie Clark, of Betterton visited her sister, Mrs. Howard Clendaniel the past week.

Prof. Byron, of Lewis, visited friends here this week.

Mrs. Harry Scotten entertained Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Irving, Miss Hanna and Miss Lizzie Scotten on Christmas Day.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hill spent Christmas Day with their son Raymon on the farm.

Mr. and Mrs. George Williams and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Van Dyke and children, Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Van Dyke and daughter, Francis, of Galena, spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Van Dyke.

Mr. and Mrs. Green, of Church Hill, spent Christmas Day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Archibald.

Mr. and Mrs. Mair visited Harrisburg the past week.

Miss Ella Scotten, of Philadelphia, is spending some time with relatives here.

Mr. and Mrs. Hitch and son, Bobby, of Queenstown, and Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock spent Christmas Day with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Hill near town.

Mr. Roger Kennedy and Mrs. Marguerite Carter visited their mother, Mrs. Kennedy in Baltimore a part of last week.

Old Kris made his usual visit on Christmas Eve.

Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Hurlock and Mrs. Rachiel Hill will leave the first of January for Florida where they expect to spend the winter.

Mrs. Cleve Tucker, of Washington, D. C., is visiting relatives here.

MILLINGTON

May 1927 be a very happy year for the editors of this paper.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Higman entertained Rev. Frank A. Baker and family. Mrs. Sallie W. Mallalieu, Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Taylor and Mr. and Mrs. John W. Higman at dinner on Christmas Day.

Miss Dorothy Taylor spent this week with friends in Boston, Mass.

Mr. Richard Feddeman and sister, Mary, of Baltimore, and Mr. William Feddeman, of Georgetown, D. C., visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Feddeman, last week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Loper were guests last week of their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Ernest H. Radnor, of Newport, Del.

Miss Cynthia Nelson aged 64 years died at her home on South Sassafras street last Sunday at noon, of heart trouble. Her remains were taken to Snow Hill on Tuesday by undertaker, J. A. Tobin, where the burial service was held and interment made at 2 p. m. She leaves one sister, Mrs. Ella White, of Millington and one brother, Mr. Sidney Nelson, of Pitman, N. J.

Mr. Julian C. Numbers, of Parlin, N. J., spent the week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Numbers.

Mr. and Mrs. James D. Moore visited her brother and sister-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Walter King, near Massey last Saturday.

Mrs. Louisa A. Hurtt was the guest last week of relatives in Wilmington.

The Christmas entertainment which was given on Tuesday evening of last week by our High School was much enjoyed by a large audience.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Stevens, Jr., of Arlington, N. J., spent a few days last week with his father, Mr. Howard Stevens.

Mrs. John L. Smith visited her brother, Mr. Lewis S. Price, near Lynch's last week.

Miss Marie Vansant was the guest on Christmas Day of her brother, Mr. Price Vansant, of Wilmington, Del.

Miss Elizabeth Stevens, of Philadelphia, spent a couple of days last week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Stevens near town.

Mr. Sudler Wiest who recently sold his bungalow on North Sassafras St., to his father, Mr. John H. Wiest, has moved into his store building having made an apartment out of a portion of it.

Mrs. Frank Shahan and daughter, Miss Doris, of near town, and Mrs. W. H. Minner, were guests last week of relatives near Pittsville, Md.

Mr. James Pennington, of Baltimore, and Lieut. Victor Pennington, of New York, visited their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Liston Pennington last week.

Miss Marie Poore, of Wilmington, Del., spent the week end with her mother, Mrs. Maggie Poore.

Mr. and Mrs. James Coverdale, of Centerville, Md., visited her niece Miss Helen Stevens on Christmas Day.

Mr. D. B. Ford and family, of Chestertown, Miss Ruby K. Ahern, of Pittsburg, Pa., Mr. and Mrs. John Brice and Mr. Noah Walker and family, of Baltimore, Mr. P. H. Wood, Jr., and family, of Wilmington, and Miss Kathryn Vansant, of Galena, were guests last week of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mrs. W. E. Stevens returned home last Tuesday after spending sometime with her brother, Mr. Walters Painter, of Sudlersville.

Mr. F. C. Miller, of Wilmington, visited friends in town last week.

The Sunday School, of Trinity M. E. Church South held its Christmas entertainment last Wednesday evening.

Mrs. J. W. Burge, of Greensboro, Md., was the guest last Sunday of her sister, Mrs. John A. Tobin.

Miss Cora Everett and Mr. Merritt Gordon, of New York, spent the past ten days with the latter's mother, Mrs. Mabel Gordon, at Unicorn.

Mr. and Mrs. Howard Baker are receiving congratulations on the arrival of a fine daughter.

Misses Marie and Alice Higman, of Philadelphia, spent the week end with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Norman Higman near town.

Mr. and Mrs. John E. Woodall were guests last week of their daughter, Mrs. Frank Lambert, Jr., of Wilmington, Del.

Mr. Harry Wallace moved last Monday from the Taylor farm near Unicorn to Mr. Leonard Wilson's, near town.

Miss Beulah King, of Wilmington, was the guest last week of her aunt, Mrs. James D. Moore.

Mrs. James Skinner, of Galena, visited her son-in-law, and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gale last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sloane, of Elkton, Md., spent last Saturday with her mother, Mrs. Mary E. Bailey.

Services tomorrow, January 2, at Asbury M. E. Church, will be as follows: 10 a. m., Sunday School, Mr. Harry L. Higman, Supt.; 11 a. m., preaching by the pastor, Rev. Frank A. Baker; 7.30 p. m., Epworth League followed by Evangelistic Services, which will be continued through the coming week. The public is cordially invited to attend all these services. Visiting pastors will be present to assist with these extra services. Let's all try to attend as regularly as possible and do all we can to make them a success.

Mr. and Mrs. John H. Tobin spent this week in Middletown, Del.

Miss Clara Bollinger visited relatives in Elkton, Md. last week.

Mr. Baynard Wooleyhand, of Dover, Del., was guest last week of Mr. Carlton Wallen.

Mr. and Mrs. James F. Stack spent the past ten days with relatives at Oxford, Pa.

Mr. Franklin Stevens, of Darby, Pa., spent the past week end with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. James B. Stevens.

Mr. Gove Everett, of Wilmington, visited friends in town last Monday.

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Table Oil Cloth, White or Fancy	25c	Extra Blankets, $7.50 quality wool mixed	$4.75	Enamel Sauce Pans, Best 25c quality	15c
Hemmed Sheets, $1.65 Seamless, 81x90	$1.25	Cotton Bed Blankets, Extra value	$1.98	Enamel Cook Pots, 5-quart size	39c
Pillow Cases, Nicely hemmed	25c	Congoleum Rugs, "Gold seal" 9x12	$10.00	Large Drip Pans, Black Iron Pans	19c
Turkish Towels, Extra value	15c	Brussell Rugs, Size 9x12, sale	$17.50	Lisks Wash Boilers, Large $2.50 boilers	$1.65
Outing Flannel, Good quality sale	15c	Grass Rugs, New patterns, 9x12	$5.00	Lisks Galv. Tubs, $1.50 heavy tubs	98c
Long Cloth, Soft finish	19c	Hot Air Wood Stoves, Good sheet iron lined	$3.50	Enamel Dish Pans, Extra 17-quart size	45c
Fine Nainsook, French finish, only	25c	The Best Ranges, Home Ideal Ranges	$32.50	Big Pie Pans, 10c tin pie pans	5c
India Linen, Nice sheen cloth	25c	Good Couches, $25 value, sale	$19.00	Good Clothes Baskets, Extra heavy reed	$1.50
Ladies Silk Hose, Best $1.50 value	98c	Oak Dining Chairs, Best $2.50 chairs, sale	$1.85	Cocoa Door Mats, Good foot mats	75c
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We take this means of thanking our many friends and patrons for their help in making the year of 1926 a prosperous one and we wish them a prosperous and happy New Year.

J. S. KREEGER

Chestertown, Maryland

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