AGRICULTURIAL NOTES

BULL ASSOCIATIONS AID HERD IMPROVEMENT

There are opportunities for the expansion of bull associations in Maryland and many possibilities for herd improvement among dairymen who are willing to cooperate in the purchase of outstanding purebred dairy sires, say dairy specialists at the University of Maryland.

The idea of the bull association, it is explained, is to breed better producing dairy cows through the cooperative ownership, use and systematic exchange of prepotent purebred dairy bulls of high-producing ancestry.

A bull association usually consists of a number of blocks or units, each composed of a number of dairymen. The members of each bleck or unit cooperate in the purchase of a purebred bull whose ancestry indicates ability to transmit high milk production to his offspring. The bull is used in all the herds of the unit for a period of years and is then transferred to one of the units of the association.

The advantages of the association over individual ownership are apparent. In the first place, dairymen with herds too small to permit the ownership of outstanding sires are able to participate in the joint ownership of an association bull. In the second place, several farmers pooling their funds should be able to secure a sire of better quality than one indiviual could afford to purchase alone. And in the third place a sire of good quality may be maintained in a bull association for a sufficient number of years to permit a just estimate of his worth.

The last factor is particularly important, it is asserted. The only sure way to judge the merits of a dairy sire is to know the records of his daughters. Frequently such records are not available after the sire has been sold when it is too late to profit by the discovery of outstanding merit.

Culling Laying Flock in Summer Desirable

While proper feeding and management are essential in maintaining summer egg production, culling the flock to get rid of the poorer hens that cease laying or start to molt will prove desirable at this period of the year, say poultry speciallists at the University of Maryland.

Measuring the capacity of the abdomen, observing the color of the shanks and paying attention to the time of molt is one system that can be followed in determining the laying hens. A more satisfactory way, however, is recommended by the University of Maryland Experiment Station and consists of feeling the egg in the body of the hen before it is laid.

The egg is suspended near the back and well towards the rear of the body. Learn its position with reference to the pelvic bones, for one of these serves as a guide to the figures when testing. There is only the skin, a thin layer of mesentery and the wall of the oviduct between the fingers and the egg when the test is made.

Hold the bird to be tested with its right side down; its shanks or legs in your right hand and its back resting in the palm of and on the fingers of the left hand. Slip the fingers of the left hand under the bird's body until the tips pass the pelvic bone. Then, gently yet firmly, press the tips of the fingers into the side of the fowl's body and up under the pelvic bone toward the back. If an egg is present it will be felt as a hard lump.

In order to be sure of getting all the layers, the test should be repeated for three days in succession as some hens do not lay every day and may skip one or two days. It is best to make the test in the early morning before the hens have begun to lay. Some method of markting the layers should be used and legbanding is suggested. Difficulty in catching the hens will be lessened if the quarters are darkened somewhat.

WORTON

Miss Clara Duyer who has been visiting Miss Louise Morris has returned home.

Mrs. Sewell, of Rock Hall, is spending some time with her brother, Mr. John Thomas and family.

Mr. McCall Rasin and Mr. Alfred Hoge, of Cambridge, visited the ormers parents, Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Rasin over the week end.

Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Armstrong and Mr. Rasin Gears, of Philadelphia, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Duyer.

Miss Nan Matthews is visiting her brother,, Mr. H. M. Matthews and family.

Mr. C. G. Hadaway is entertaining his brother, Mr. Thomas Hadaway, of Baltimore.

Mrs. Elizabeth Hosfelt, of Cecilton, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. James Matthews.

Mr. James Harris, of Philadelphia, is spending his vacation with his mother, Mrs. K. P. Harris.

SPORTS OF WEEK

ITEMS OF INTEREST GATHERED FROM A GREAT MANY SOURCES

BY POLK T. BRAMBLE

It is now the season of the year when swimming the Chesapeake is the chief sporting event. It looks easy, but a 12-mile swim is quite a feat at any season.

The Chautauqua will be the biggest sporting event in this section for the next week. A good program is in prospect, with Supt. Ramsay in charge. A liberal attendance is hoped for.

Dempsey will train in private or Tunney. Wonder what the ex-champion will "pull over" on the champ. We saw pictures of the champ training recently. Looks like he will work the same old "retreat" game.

The players of the big leagues say:

That Bob Reeves of the Senators is the spark plug of the infield and a valuable player despite his low-batting average.

That Buddy Myer will fail as an infielder at Boston just as he failed in Washington, even though he is a better than ordinary hitter.

That Johnny Nenm of the Tigers is the best base-runner in the league these days.

That Eddie Collins made a good manager or the White Sox and would make a good manager for the Athletics if Mack steps out. And a good Manager for any team whether Mack steps out or not.

That Earl Sheely of the White Sox is a great first baseman who is having a bad year. They expect to see him pick up next season.

That the Red Sox have a rising young infielder in Rothrock and a fine pitcher in Ruffing.

That Manager Joe McCarthy of the Cubs will trade the Wrigley Building for a third baseman.

That Paul Waner is the best ball player—bar none—in the National League.

That Jigger Statz can catch flies with any one who ever wore cleats.

An insurance agent swam the English Channel a few days ago. Detectives are trying to discover whether he was pursuing a prospective policy purchaser or fleeing from an over-irritated victim.

Last Winter some jovial golfer drove a golf ball all the way from New Orleans to the Coast. Unless horse or rider has foundered enroute, there is a gentleman on horseback headed this way who started from Buenos Aires some time last year. It's a sporting venture to prove the endurance of the Argentine breed of horse and perhaps rider.

Two or three days ago a student from the University of Stockholm rode into New York on a bicycle. He was two years and four months on his way, which is partly explained by the fact that he came through Morocco, Turkey, India, China and Japan. He was arrested six times on his trip, but he was always released when he explained that he was not a six-day bike rider.

The real sporting traveler is Alan Gerbault, the former star of French tennis and the man who sailed a 30-foot cutter across the Atlantic just for the fun of it. Nobody seems to know just where he is at the moment. He started around the world in his little boat and was last heard of somewhere in the South Seas.

Mr. C. C. Pyle says he expects his coast-to-coast foot race to be run in something between sixty and seventy days. That won't startle the world. Edward Payson Weston once walked across the continent in 76 days and 23 hours in 1910. The veteran walker was 72 years old at the time and nobody was holding a $25,000 prize under his nose to make him hurry, either.

Poor Jim has been sent to an asylum," said the barber, flourishing a shining razor over his customer.

"Who's Jom?" asked the man in the chair.

"Jim is my twin brother, sir. Jim kept brooding over the hard times, an' I suppose he finally got crazy."

"Is that so?"

"Yes; he and me worked side by side for years and we are so alike we couldn't tell each other apart. We both brooded a great deal, too. No money in this business now."

"What's the reason?"

"Prices too low. Unless a customer takes a shampoo it does not pay to shave or cut hair. Poor Jim, I caught him trying to cut a customer's throat because he reused a shampoo; so I had to have the poor fellow locked up. Makes me sad. Sometimes I feel sorry I didn't let him slash all he wanted to. It might have saved his reason. Shampoo, sir?"

"Yes."

I just didn't know

I REMEMBER now how my friends used to tell me about Prince Albert; how they would make what sounded like the most extravagant claims for it; and how I would say "Uh-huh," and proceed to fill my pipe from the same old package. I just didn't know!

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