POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT WILL HELP OUR READERS WITH THEIR POULTRY PROBLEMS

BY POLK T. BRAMBLE
(Proprietor Bramble Poultry Farm)

Our poultrymen should keep a careful watch over their pullets, and growing cockerels, and eliminate the ones that do not appear likely to come up to expectations. You can feed poor stock indefinitely with no results.

Pullets should be put in winter quarters as soon as possible, now that fall is coming on fast, and given range and plenty of feed. Give them open-front houses anl keep the windows open unless the snow or cold rains are beating in the houses.

Proper housing is one of the most fundamental factors in profitable poultry production. At the same time, it is one of the greatest present needs on the average Kent farm. Proper housing not only means adequate room and comfortable protection for the birds, but also the reduction of labor in caring for the flock and the necessary equipment and arrangement of it to minimize losses from disease and parasites. It is in these latter provisions that most poultry houses built in accordance with local ideas fail miserably.

It is ordinarily unwise for most poultry men and farmers to experiment, because of the expense involved and the lack of training and experience in interpreting experimental results.

The Poultry Department of the University of Maryland has made available to the farmers and poultrymen of the State plans and specifications for a poultry house that experiments and experience have shown is economical and well adapted to Maryland conditions and climate. These plans and specifications are available to all without charge.

The location of the house with reference to natural protection and to other buildings is of vital importance. The house should face south or southeast, preferably on a gentle southward slope and be protected on the north and northwest by hills, woods or buildings. The house should be placed far enough from all other buildings to permit yards both in front and rear. These can be used to provide green food and their cultivation will help control disease and parasites. All mature birds should be fenced rather than allowed free range, in order that ground uncontaminated by mature fowls will be available each season for brooding young chicks.

House Construction Demonstrations

To assist Maryland farmers and poultrymen to build the most economical houses and arrange them for minimizing labor and losses by diseases and parasites, demonstrations in house raising have been planned.

Recommended Essential Practices

1. Secure and use only approved type Maryland poultry house plans.
2. Secure and use recommended materials.
3. Select proper site, preferably southern slope or exposure. Avoid hill tops, exposed and low spots.
4. Put in foundations, arrange materials in orderly piles, cut rafters, then assemble house at demonstration meeting.
5. Complete house equipment, provide yards and house birds.
6. Furnish cost records of house and egg records the following winter to March 1 to county agent.

1. Secure and Use Only Approved Type Maryland Poultry House Plans.

Plans, specifications and list of material needed for the construction of the Maryland type poultry house are available in circular form. This house is used to be a satisfactoy house for Maryland conditions.

2. Secure and Use Recommended Materials.

One of the essentials of a satisfactory house is economy. The materials required are all of standard dimensions and grade. The materials required are reduced to a minimum, though there are sufficient for substantial construction, without undue waste.

The hardware and roofing may be secured from most any hardware or builder's supply store. The necessary lumber may be secured from most any mill or builder's supply company, or may be cut on the farm.

Most all lumber in modern times, whether purchased or not, is not thoroughly seasoned. For this reason it may be wise to secure the lumber well in advance of construction and ple it properly to obtain thorough seasoning before it is used. It should be stored under roof, if possible, to revent warping and heavy shrinkage.

Dressed lumber is preferable to ough lumber, since it may be painted more satisfactorily, make a better appearance, works up more easily, besides making the control of mites and ther parasites much easier.

3. Use Proper Site. Select Southrn Slope or Exposure. Avoid Hilltops, Exposed and Low Spots.

Many Maryland poultry houses are ocated improperly to secure the best results. A southern slope with hills, woods or buildings on the north and northwest sides affords protection against the coldest winds and storms, and gets the most benefit from the sun's rays. Such a location is therefore the most favorable to secure good winter egg production at the lowest cost.

A void low spots as these tend to remain damp. Air as well as land drainage is essential in order the moisture from fog, rain, or snow will drain as quickly as possible away from the house. Dampness is a boon companion to filth, disease and parasites and the wise poultryman will see to it that he does not have to continually fight it.

4. Put in Foundation, Arrange Materials in Orderly Piles, Cut Rafters, Then Assemble House at Demonstration Meeting.

In order that the house may be built rapidly and with as few delays as possible at the demonstration meeting, it is necessary that everything be put in readiness so that the maximum progress from the help available can be made.

The concrete or block foundations for the house should be put in place and allowed to set, in order to be ready for completion of the house at he demonstration meeting. The sills hould also be cut, placed and bolted o the concrete foundation. All materials should be piled in an orderly fashion around the house at the spot where each pile will be most convenient. The rafters should be cut as a demonstration and piled at the rear of the house until needed. Then with sufficient tools on hand and the cooperation of the neighbors present at the meeting, the house can be assembled in a comparatively short time.

At a convenient time when the building is practically complete, an explanation of the features of the house may be brought out by the specialist or agent.

If the floor of the house is completed, an added feature of publicity and social interest may be added, if desired, by holding a chicken house dance the following evening, carrying out the spirit of the old time barn raising and dance. Radio or local talent may furnish the music, which together with the setting would make a novelty of interest in most any locality.

At an opportune intermission, the specialist or extension agent might call attention to the house and briefly point out the essentials of proper poultry housing.

5. Complete House Equipment, Provide Double Yards and House Birds.

After the demonstration day, the necessary equipment such as nests, dropping boards, roosts, hoppers, broody coop, etc. ,should be made and installed.

Two yards, preferably one to the front and one to the rear of the house hould be provided. The alternate use of these two yards will permit cultivation to keep contamination of disease and parasites in check, as well as provide a means of growing green fed, thereby making green feed available most of the year. To effectively control contamination of disease or parasites, the birds should not be alternated on the yards oftener than every thee o fou monhs. Best results can be secured to use only one yard throughout a full year.

Treat the roosts can be secured to use only one yard throughout a full year.

Treat the roosts well with carbolineum or crank case oil befoe the birds ae housed. This is " a stitch in time" against mites. Afte the house has stood for a few days or weeks and is thoroughly dried out, the birds may be house. Do not house birds in a house which is damp.

6. Furnish Cost Records of House, and Egg Records the Following Winter to March 1 to County Agent.

The cost of the house is important to everyone concerned. A careful record of expenditures should be kept so that the cost may be made available to inteested inquiries. The costs should cover the entire house, equipment and fencing , exclusive of labor, unless the labor is hired.

The combination of the house, the birds and the management in securing good production the following winter is on eof the most vital factors and of interest to everyone concerned.

Egg record forms will be furnished for the convenience of the demonstrators in order that the records to March 1st may be available.

This demonstration in housing may be more far-reaching in getting results than one may anticipate.

If you are interested in the benefits of this demonstration work, communicate with your county extension agent at once.

According to an announcement made this week by Mr. John N. Mackall, Chairman of the State Roads Commission, the Havre de Grace—Perryville Bridge will be toll free on September 29 instead of September 15 as previously announced.

A SUCCESSFUL SIX NOW WINNING EVEN GREATER SUCCESS

SPECTACULAR SUCCESS

is proving it "Chief of the Sixes"

In the tremendous success which Pontiac Six is enjoying is ample reason for designating this great General Motors car "Chief of the Sixes." Never has any new car risen so rapidly in the estimation of motor car buyers for during the first six months of 1928, over 136,000 Pontiacs were sold—the largest volume ever achieved by any car during the first half of its third year in production! This great public acceptance tells more of what Pontiac offers at $745 than even the most complete listing of such features as Fisher bodies, 186 cu. in. engine, the G-M-R cylinder head, cross-flow radiator, foot-controlled headlights, coincidental lock, etc., etc.! Come in for a ride today and learn why its sales sweep ever upward.

2-Door Sedan, $745; Coupe, $745; Sport Roadster, $745; Phaeton, $775; Cabriolet, $795; 4 Door Sedan, $825; Sport Landau Sedan, $875. Oakland All-American Six, $1045 to $1265. All prices at factory. Check Oakland-Pontiac delivered prices—they include lowest delivery charges. General Motors Time Payment Plan available at minimum rate.

Strong & Cooper
Chestertown, Maryland

PONTIAC SIX
PRODUCT OF GENERAL MOTORS

...off the bar the wind is whipping from the south

and the channel bass are on the feed .... time to up-anchor and catch the tide just right ... slowly you nose your cruiser in and there's old George smiling at you from the wharf ... and before you know it your tank's full of *D.S.G. and the old engine sings its sweet smooth song ... proper fuel and proper oil ... and as you turn the further bend beyond the cove you wave back at Friend Wife, sitting in the car, and you only hope and pray she'll put some air in the right hind tire and let George fill the tank with "Standard" Gasoline ... because then you know she'll get home safe and sound ... just like yourself when the day's catch is over ...

*... wherever you see the "Standard" sign or the "Standard" pump you may be sure that D.S.G. stands for that "Dependable 'Standard' Gasoline" ... or then again D.S.G. stands for "Dependable Service Given"... but you can always buy "Standard" Gasoline with the knowledge that whatever the sea or the road may ask of boat or motor, you'll come safely through with this dependable power ... no failing with "Standard" products ... anywhere ...

... back in the city when the heat and the hot winds come, then is the time to go down to the sea where cool breezes blow straight off the blue and flashing water ... but wherever you go ... along the Coast, down the Jersey shore, along the Delaware beaches, past the Virginia capes, by the many miles of Carolina's islands ... you'll find the familiar red "Standard" pumps with the "Standard" globe to service you by land or by sea ... day and night ... always dependable.

"STANDARD" GASOLINE
STANDARD

ANNOUNCING
R. C. A.
Loudspeaker
103

Product of General Electric, Wostinghouse and R. C. A.

Makers of

Electric Radiolas

Phone for a demonstration.

SHORE RADIO SERVICE, INC.
Chestertown, Md.

It's Time To Preserve!

Prepare for Winter—A few hours labor now will mean many rapturous smackings of the lips next winter.

Canning Specials For The Week
BEGINNING SATURDAY, SEPT. 15th

Glass Jars

Mason Pints	69c Doz.
Mason Quarts	79c Doz.
Mason Half Gals.,	$1.09 Doz.
[illegible]	84c Doz.
[illegible]	99c Doz.

Alum. Jar Fillers	9c
Mason Jar Caps	22c Doz.
16 Qt. Alum. Preserve Kettle	$1.09
20 Qt. Wear-Ever Kettle	$3.69
Alum. Collander, large	89c

HEAVY RED DOUBLE LIP 5c Dozen

Refrigerator Prices Slashed

We need room for Fall Goods now arriving daily and have t prices on these boxes that will move them quickly. Now your chance to share in these reductions. Don't let some e else beat you to it.

60 LBS. Door--Front Icer	75 LBS. 3 Door--Front Icer	90 LBS. 3 Door--Front Icer
$14.98	$16.98	$21.98
Worth $24.00	Worth $28.00	Worth $30.00

OLAND
Maryla 1 1

nstrong's Quaker-Felt
RUGS

you want
choice of
these new RUGS?

With The
"Accolac Finish"

Guaranteed Rugs that bring new beauty to any home at prices temptingly low.

You are invited to come and see this brand new line of Rugs made by the makers of Armstrong Linoleums.

A slight misprint in design classes a Rug as a "Second." Some of these "Seconds" are in stock at a very market reduction.

Armstrong piece Linoleum with Burlap Back, Inlaid and Felt Base are being displayed. An expert will lay these for you in the most approved method.

HARRY F. JEFFERSON
"The Woman's Shop"
CHESTERTOWN, MARYLAND.

©Maryland State Archives msa_sc3326_scm8225-0320