POULTRY NOTES

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The annual meeting of the Maryland State Poultry Association was held at the Court House, Denton, on December 12th and 13th with a good gathering of poultrymen present. A number of poultrymen from counties west of the Chesapeake Bay journeyed to Denton to mingle with the Eastern Shore's progressive poultrymen.

The annual business meeting of the Caroline County Poultry Association was held at 1.30 p. m. on Wednesday the 12th. The business meeting of the Maryland State Poultry Association convened at 4.30 p. m. of the same day. At seven o'clock on the evening of Wednesday the 12th the poultrymen with their wives and sweethearts gathered in the Denton community Club House for the annual banquet.

After satisfying their gastronomic demand in full measure early in the evening the remainder of the time was devoted to enjoyments which seemed to be extremly contagious. Mr. F. M. Payn, of Frederick, acted as Toastmaster. The singing was led by William R. McKnight, of Cambridge. Music interspersed the speaking and added much to the occasion.

On Thursday morning an educational program was presented prominent speakers discussing many important poultry problems. Simultaneously with the education program, a directors meeting of the Maryland State Poultry Association was held. Important provisions for more county organization and activities during the coming year were made.

Poultry certfication was an order of business and provision was made for the certification of turkey breeding flocks. Complete details for this phase of certification work will be worked oot during the summer meeting of Association which will be held at the U. S. Experimental farm at Beltsville, Maryland.

Again for the 1928-1929 season poultry certification has undergone a healthy growth. The number of breeding birds bearing official bands will probably be twice as great as last year. The major field work is now practically complete, Caroline and Washington counties leading in the work. Particuar growth in Caroline county is noted, largely due to the activity of the Caroline County Poultry Association which was organized last spring.

Maryland poultry and hatcherymen are becoming more interested in good breeding stock. Mr. P. A. Raper, of North Carolina, who is selecting and banding the certified birds this season says, "It s very easy to tell those flocks which were certified last year, because of the difference in the general quality of the birds as compared to flocks being certified for the first time."

Culling as an Aid to Disease Control

Sometime ago a man had a large flock of pullets which had been through an epidemic of coccidiosis and intestinal worms and which still had pullets in a poor and dying condition, was heard to say, "If I could get someone to help me with the farm work for a few days, I'd try to take all those sick pullets out of the flock."

Any poultry raiser who has a neighbor like that is not to be envied, as such a man is a menace to successful poultry raising in his community, because of the danger of contamination on his farm to others in the community.

The culling and destruction of the worse diseased birds in such a flock requires but a short time, and if necessary, could be done at night. It is pretty hard to appreciate what this man could have been doing that was precautions necessary to improve the conditions under which he still had a more important than taking the simple large flock of pullets, some of which yet appeared to be healthy and vigorous and might be worth saving. Under such conditions, perhaps the two most effective steps which can be taken are: first, to cull every sick, undersized, and unthrifty pullet from the flock, and kill and burn or bury them. Second, to give the house a thorough cleaning, by first removing all litter and manure, then scraping, sweeping, scrubbing and disiinfecting the house thoroughly. Scraping the ground near the house and removing the manure laden soil will also help conditions materially. Still better, if the pullets roost in a movable house, moving the house to fresh ground will involve less workand probably give better results. Moving the strong healthy pullets to a cleaner environment is especially important.

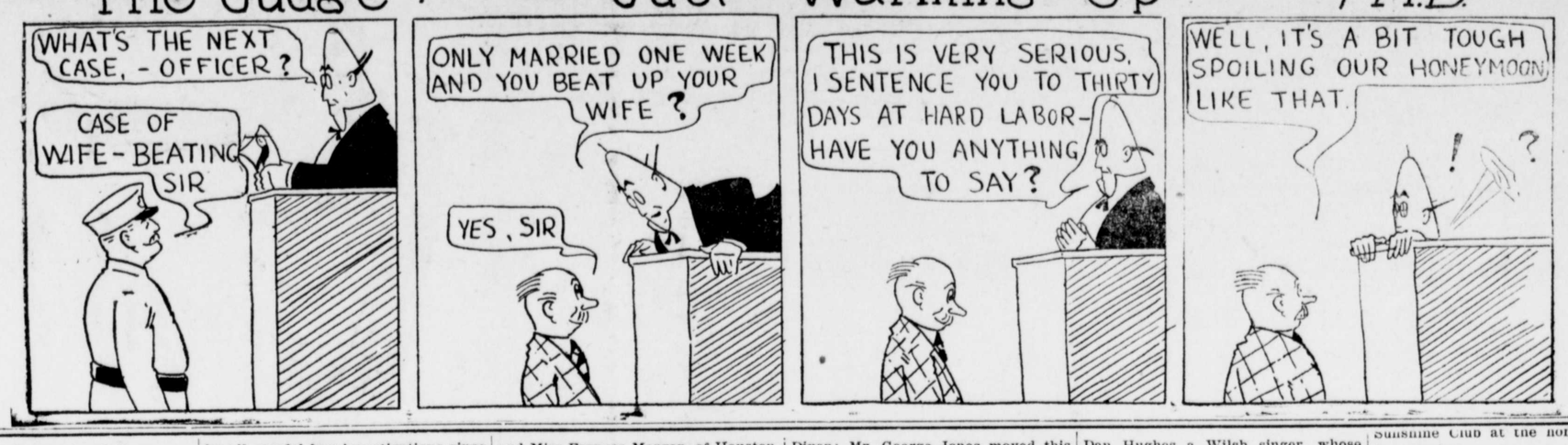
One just cannot afford to allow sick and dying birds to remain in his flock if he has much consideration for his investment.

Trying to save the ten per cent which may be sick by doctoring them often results in the loss of much more than that ten per cent in birds, to say nothing of the loss in egg production which is caused by the damage done to the health and vitality of the birds which live. Generally speaking, medical treatment of sick birds is not usually an economical practice. Proper management in housing, feeding, breeding, sanitation, etc., is the best health insurance for any flock of birds. When disease breaks out, proper management is the best remedy and insurance combined. This management involves culling, sanitation, etc., to aid the natural resistance of the birds in throwing off the attacks of disease.

Culling should be practiced at all seasons of the year and on all stock when its use is advisable. Any bird observed at any time which is sick or unthrifty should be removed from the flock at once. Delay in removing such birds often results in the spread of serious diseases throughout the flock. If such birds are in a serious condition they should be immediately disposed of by burying or burning. A serious outbreak necessitates heavy culling in a similar manner. This, of course, means a heavy loss, but usually less loss where prompt action is taken than if culling of the birds is delayed and remedies are the sole reliance. This is a strong argument in favor of taking good care of the flock at all times.

One who has more birds than he can take good care of is likely to be reminded of the fact by the outbreak of disease or parasites.

The Judge :- Just Warming Up - by M.B.



AGRICULTURAL NOTES

EXPERTS TO ADDRESS MARYLAND LIVESTOCK MEN

A number of nationally known livestock experts have been scheduled to speak to Maryland livestock growers at meetings to be held in Baltimore on January 9 to 10 in conjunction with the annual session of the Maryland Agricultural Society the Maryland Farm Bureau Federation.

There will be joint sessions of the Maryland Swine Growers' Association and the Maryland Sheep Growers' Association on Wednesday, January 9, it is announced by B. E. Carmichael, secretary of the former organization. At the morning session, DeWitt Wing, for many years on the editorial staff of the Breeders' Gazette and now with the Rural New Yorker, will be one of the speakers and will talk on the purebred livestock industry.

In the evening, members of the two organizations will visit the Union Stock Yards and will hold a meeting at the Claremont Hotel following a banquet. One of the prominent speakers at the evening session will be W. L. Robinson, of Wooster, Ohio, who is associate in charge of swine investigations at the Ohio Agricultural Experiment Station. Another speaker at the evening session will be Dr. I. K. Atherton, in charge of hog cholera control work in Maryland.

On Thursday morning there will be a conference of breeders and feeders of beef cattle with W. H. Pew, of Briarcliff Farms, Pine Plains, N. Y., scheduled as one of the leading speakers. Mr. Pew is now associated with one of the largest beef cattle breeding establishments in the east and his lecture illustrated with stereopitcon slides is expected to be particularly interesting to Maryland beef cattle producers.

Among other speakers who will be on the programs of the various livestock organizations are W. C. Davis, of the United States Bureau of Agricultural Economics; W. H. Wright, animal parasitologist of the United States Department of Agriculture; W. L. Henning, secretary of the American Southdown Sheep Breeders' Association; and J. P. Healy, Baltimore manager for Swift and Company.

Some of the daily problems that confront the Maryland farmer will figure prominently in the program that is being arranged for the annual Extension Service conference to be held at the University of Maryland, January 22 to 25.

Home-Grown Legume Hays Cut Milk Production Cost

If dairymen would grow and feed more protein in the form of legume hays their feed bills would be reduced materially, says J. R. Dawson, of the Bureau of Dairy Industry, United States Department of Agriculture. An abundance of home-grown legume hay, he says, is the basis for an economical ration for the dairy cow.

"The superior feening quality of legumes was recognized nearly 2,000 years ago," he says. "As early as the first century Golumelia, an early Roman agricultural writer, stated that the best forage plants 'are alfalfa, fenugreek, and the vetches. Alfalfa may be placed in the foremost rank of such plants; for when once sown it lasts 10 years, fattens lean cattle, and has an salutary action on sick cattle.'

"In spite of the fact that Columelia had the right idea centuries ago and that his recommendations have been uniformly confirmed and reconfirmed by all careful hay investigations since that time, only 41 per cent of the hay grown in the United States at present is legume hay. Furthermore in the North Central and North Atlantic States, which contain 66 per cent of all the dairy cows in the country, the farmers grow 2 tons of nonlegume hay to 1 of legume hay."

Legume hays are not only far superior to nonlegumes in palatability, but furnish more milk-making nutrients at cheaper cost. They are also far superior in the quality of their protein and in the content of lime, two essential nutrients for high-producing dairy cows. When there is a deficiency of protein in the ration, as is the case where farm-grown cereal grains and nonlegume roughages are fed exclusively, additional protein usually must be purchased in the form of high-protein concentrates such as inseed meal and cottonseed meal. In this case the cost of 100 pounds of digestable protein in usually higher than a like amount raised on the farm in the form of legume hay.

When linseed meal is worth $47.75 a ton, 100 pounds of crude digestible protein will cost $7.85, whereas in the form of alfalfa hay at $12 a ton the same amount of protein would cost but $5.65. Timothy hay is s olow in protein that at $11 a ton, 100 pounds of crude protein would cost $18.85.

MILLINGTON

Mrs. I. J. Booth, of Media, Pa., visited her daughter, Mrs. Harry Higman, last week.

Miss Rubzy Ahern, of Philadelphia, was the guest last week of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Ahern.

Mrs. George Jones spent a few days lasst week with her daughter, Miss Helen Vansant, who isimproving in Emergency Hospital, Easton.

Mr.and Mrs. Leonard Wilson entertained Mr. Edgar Stevens,Dr. Merritt Brice, Mr. Sidney Dixon and Mr. Newnam Stevens at aTurkey dinner last Friday evening.

Mrs. Maggie Burke, of near town, visited relatives in Wilmington last week.

Mr. Tilden Story and family, of near Chestertown, was the guest of his daughter, Mrs. Ben C. Hart, on Thursday of last week.

Mrs. Katherine Stouffer, Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Robinson, of near New Castle, Del., and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Lee, of Pomona, spent Tuesday of last week with the latter's brother in law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lee.

Mrs. Kate Garton returned home last Sunday, afterspending several weeks with relatives in Wilmington and Odessa, Del., and Ellkton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Rolph, of Marcus Hook, visited his mother, Mrs. Clara Rolph.

Mr. Roland King, of Wilmington, was the guest this week of Mr. Carlton Wallen.

Miss Evelyn Gale, of Crumpton, spent the week end with her cousin, Miss Florence Gale.

Mr. Israel Hankin died last Wednesday at 4 a. m. inEmergency Hospital, Easton, Md., where he was taken last Saturday for treatment for pneumonia. His remains were taken to Baltimore by undertaker John H. Tobin where thefuneral and burial were held on Thursday. Besides his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Max Hankin, he is survived by two sisters and two brothers. Mr. Hankin was well liked by the people of this community and the news of his death was a shock to all who knew him. His family has the sympathy of the entire community.

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

Mrs. L. A. Hurtt was the guest last week of relatves in Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Church spent last Monday in Easton, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Rasin and little daughter, Jane, returned home last Monday, after spending ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Rasin, of Kennedyville.

Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Sloane, of Elkton, visited her mother, Mrs. Mary Bailey, on Tuesday of last week.

Messrs. Leo and Hurlock Gale were guests last week of their brother, Mr. Frank Gale, of Washington, D. C.

Mr. and Mrs. John Woodall spent last Sunday with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Lambert, Jr., of Elkton.

Miss Margaret Bowers was confined to her home during the Christmas holidays with a bad cold.

Mr.and Mrs. Wiliam Hart and daughter, Margaret, of Frederica, Del., Mr. Marshall Hart, of Magnolia, and Miss Frances Morgan, of Houston, Del., visited the former's brother and sister in law,Mr. and Mrs. Ben Hart this week.

Mr. Richard Feddeman and sster, Miss Mary, of Baltimore, were guests last week of their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Feddeman.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Gale and Mr. and Mrs. James Skinner, of Galena, spent New Year's Day with their son and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Leo Gale.

Mr. Carlton Wallen returned last Tuesday to Wilmington, where he has been enrolled as a student in Thompson's Private Business School after spending ten days with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Wallen.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Brice, of Fairlee, are visiting his son, Dr. Merritt Brice.

Miss Mary Quinn, of Washington, D.C., was the guest last week of Mrs. John H. Tobin. . .

Mr. John Anthony is quite sick at the home of his brother, Mr. Howard Annthony on E. Cypress St. Oneita, the ten months old daughter of Rev. and Mrs. R. L. Tawes, is quite sick with pneumonia we are sorry to say. Among others on the sick list are Mr. Nat Baker and family, Mrs. Hanson Horsey and Hanson, Jr. Miss Susan Spear was taken to Emergency Hospital, Easton, last Saturday for treatment for an infected hand.

Mr. Percy Turner moved last week from the John C. Turner farm to the farm of his uncle, Mr. C. L. Turner, near town, and Mr. John Turner moved from the bungalow on his farm to the home of his daughter, Mrs. John E. Wiest, near Sudlersville, Mrs. Lizzie Dixon moved from the George farm to the farm vacated by Mr. Percy Turner, Mr. Earle Dixon moved from the South side of the Numbers house on N. Crane St. and Mr. Ben Hart moved into the house vacated by Mr. Dixon; Mr. George Jones moved this week to Mr. James Moore's house on W. Cypress St. from Central Hotel, which has been purchased by Mr. John H. Ahern.

BETTERTON

Announcements have been received to the marriage of Miss Grace Tull and Mr. Frank Whitehouse, of Baltimore, onNe Year's Day in Baltimore. Miss Tull is the daughter of Mrs. Mattie Tull, of Betterton.

Invitations are outfor the twenty-fifth wedding anniversary of Mr. and Mrs. James T. Crew, on Monday evening,January 7th at the Betterton Hotel.

The best wishes of Betterton are extended to both the newly wedded couple and of those of twenty five years.

Miss Sarah Harris and her brother, John Harris had a most unfortunate accident when theircar turned over on Monday afternoon. The car was demolished and also the radio that was in the car. Fortunately neither of the occupants were seriously hurt.

Miss Ruth Brice entertained a number of friends at her home, "Bayside Inn" last Friday evening.

Mr.and Mrs. Ernest Brice and son, of Philadelphia, were the guests of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Horace Brice for the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Carlton C. Moore entertained at a family dinner on New Year'sDay andMr. and Mrs. James Brice entertained at dinner on Sunday.

Jointevengelistic services of Betterton and Still Pond Churches, have been held in Betterton church this week with the church practically filledat each service. Rev. C. W. Clark, the pastor Nis being assisted by Mr. Dan Hughes a Wilsh singer, whose beautiful voice hasbeen an inspiration to those who hear him. On Monday evening the regular evangelistic service was held at seven thirty. Following this the audience assembled in the Sunday School room where an interesting program and social time was held,under the auspices of the Epworth League. At eleven thirty the folks again assembled in the church where a most impressive Watch Night service was held. As the congregation left the church they met by the Fife and Drum Corps of the Boy Scout Troupe, who were greeting the New Year wth music. On Wednesday evening, Rev. Ivanhoe Willis and a delegation from the Galena church were present and on Thursday eveningRev. G. W. Dawson and members of the Cecilton congregation were present. On Friday evening the Boy Scouts came in a body and were addressed by Mr. Hughes.

STILL POND

Mrs. J. W. Robinson and Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Robinson and children spent last week end with Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Davis and family.

Mrs. Walter Harris has moved in town for the winter.

Mrs. L. B. Harper left this week for Harrisburg, Va., where she will spent the winter with her sister.

Miss Florence Anthony spent several days this week with her sister in Philadelphia, Pa.

Mrs. S. W. Matthews spent Wednesdays of this week in Philadelphia, Pa.

The Ladies Aid Society met on Wednesday afternoon of this week with Earl Norris a good report of the years work was given by the Treasurer and officers for the year were elected.

Mrs. Harry Bidwell entertained the Sunshine Club at the home on Monday evening.

A number from here have been attending the Evangelister services at Betterton this week. The singing of Mr. Dan Hughes has been much enjoyed. He will be here next week to assist in the meetings so we urge everybody to come out.

Mrs. Wm. Anderson has gone to Philadelphia, Pa., where she expects to spend the winter.

Our Town seems to have its share of Colds and LaGrippe, among those housed this week are: Mrs. Harry Jones and children, Mrs. B. R. Fellows and children, Mrs. Thomas Mann, Messrs. G. S. Boulden and George Sutton.

MASSEY

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Baker spent Tuesday in Wilmington.

Mrs. Alfred Blyman and daughter, Elaine, of Wilmington, are spending some time with herparents, Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Ransom.

Mr. and Mrs. France Hare and littledaughter, Irene, have returned to their home in Philadelphia after spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Starkey.

Misses Mary Mullen, Virginia Roe, Anna Roe, and Katherine Palmatory spent last Saturday in Templeville.

Mrs. Mry Lucas is spending some time with reh daughter, Mrs. Edward Murphy, of Wilmington.

Mrs.Katherine Roe spent Thursday in Wilmington.

Thoseon the sick list are Mrs. Andrew Woodall,Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Starkey and Mrs. Wm. Paswater, of near town.

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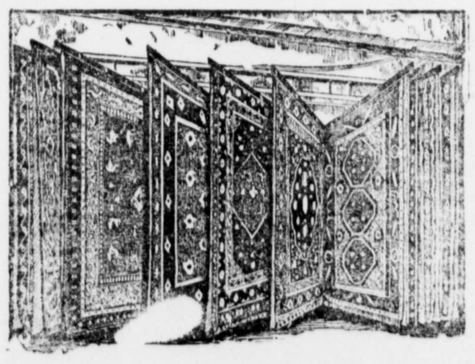

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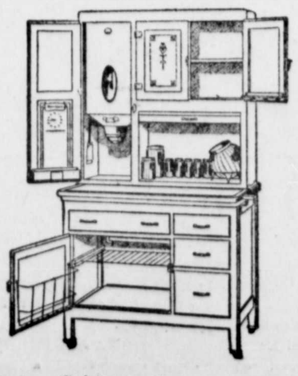

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