POULTRY NOTES

ITEMS OF INTEREST THAT WILL HELP OUR READERS SOLVE THEIR MANY PERPLEXING PROBLEMS

BY POLK T. BRAMBLE
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The business of poultry raising will always be profitable on Kent farms, providing, of course, we do not have continued drouths. In that event, this whole drought-affected area would become, in a very few years, a country somewhat similar to a desert. This will not, of course, be the case. The fact is, perhaps never in the history of local people will we see such a drought again, once it is really broken. A record of small farm flocks from Iowa is as follows:

"The poultry business was good—last year. At least it proved profitable on a majority of the 39 farms where complete cost accounts have been kept for the past two years by farmers of Webster County, working in cooperation with the Iowa Agricultural Experiment Station.

"Two of the 39 farmers received an income of over $1,000 each in 1929 after deducting the most of the feed and all other cash expense. The average gross income from poultry last year was $432 on the 39 farms and after deducting the cost of feed and cash expenditures, the amount left per farm was $203. On only four farms was the income not enough to cover the cost of feed and cash expenditures."

This same favorable money making ability of the farm hen has placed her in sixth position as a producer of agricultural wealth. Dairy products rank first, making up 17.82 per cent of the total value; corn, second, with 11.24 per cent; swine, third, with 10.03 per cent, hay and forage fourth with 8.99 per cent; cotton, fifth, with 7.84 per cent, and poultry sixth with 7.13 per cent, or a total value in 1926 of $1,181,000,000. This has increased until in 1929 it is estimatted that the poultry income reached nearly a billion and one-half dollars.

The 1930 census which is being computed at the present time, will show poultry in a more favorable position than did the 1925 census. During the last five year period, there has been a rapid increase in poultry production. Taking the 1925 figures, the ten leading states rank as follows in number of chickens on farms: Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Kansas, Ohio, Texas, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Minnesota, Nebraska. The value of chickens on farms found the states in the following order: Iowa, Missouri, Illinois, Ohio, Pennsylpania, New York, Kansas, Indiana, Texas, Minnesota.

Ranking the states for value of chickens raised, the roll call is as follows: Iowa, Illinois, Missouri, Ohio, Indiana, Pennsylvania, Kansas, New York, Texas Nebraska.

From the standpoint of egg production and the money it brings in, the states rank: Pennsylvania, Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, New York, Illinois, California, Indiana, Kansas, Minnesota,

Here is a good program which will lead to success in poultry raising:

1. Breed for vigor, egg production and breed characteristics.
2. Feed a well balanced ration throughout the year.
3. Control diseases by proper sanitation.
4. House with sufficient ventilation and without crowding.
5. Cull regularly throughout the year.
6. Keep records on the flock.
7. Control lice and mites through sanitation.
8. Follow adpoted practices.

Many people who now keep hens, regardless of whether they have a large or small fock or whether they keep them for profit or pleasure, would sell every hen tomorrow if they were required to keep a system of records on their flock. Record keeping is the hardest kind of a punishment that you could give some people. Few can say that they enjoy the work, but many recognize its value and override their dislikes in order to profit from the results obtained.

I believe that every serious minded owner of a flock of hens can well consider two questions, both of which are rather pertinent to this matter of record keeping. First ask yourself, "Is my flock helping to keep me or am I keeping it?"

It is not uncommon to receive reports in the spring of losses varying in number from 50 to 400 baby chicks due entirely to raids by rats in brooder houses. These losses alone affect the growth of the poultry industry to an appreciable extent, but in addition to the great number of baby chicks that are killed each year, an enormous quantity of grain, other food, and property are eaten or destroyed by the pests. It is also probable that rats assist in the spread of disease organisms among a flock or, in a like manner, act as mechanical carriers of poultry diseases in their migration from farm to farm.

The damage occurring annually on farms, however slight it may be, is severe enough to warrant the practice of an "ounce of prevention" by eliminating the caus of infestation, rather than later use the "pound of cure," which means the application of traps, poisons, and fumigants, in an effort to rid a premise of the pests.

Control measures applied on a farm during the early fall months greatly affect the numbers of rats during the winter and spring. In the summer, the animals live largely in the open, preferring fields, ditch banks, and fence rows in which to live rather than farm buildings. In the fall, about the time of frosts or when the corncrib is being filled, they migrate to farm buildings, burrow in and under piles of trash and other accumulations, and under wood and poorly constructed concrete floors.

SPORTS OF WEEK

FOOTBALL SEASON NOW IN FULL SWING, WITH UNBEATEN TEAMS NARROWING TO HALF DOZEN—OTHER EVENTS OF NOTE

BY POLK T. BRAMBLE

The football season, with less than a motnh of action, has produced about a half dozen outstanding elevens, half of which will be eliminated today, when Notre Dame clashes with Pitt, Vanderbilt meets Alabama, Yale attempts to defeat Army and New York University lines up again Fordham, while Stanford tries out its strength against University of Southern California. At the present time Washington State has the best record on the coast; Georgia in the South; Notre Dame in the middle west; and Army, New York University, Dartmouth or Fordham in the East. Today's games will likely change the championship outlook considerably.

Washington College was defeated by Swarthmore, at the latter's football field on Saturday, 33-6. Washington scored first and held its lead for the first half, when forward passes by Swarthmore, which they were unable to check, proved their undoing.

Regardless of whether or not Washington's football team scores a single victory this year on the football field, they certainly deserve a lot of commendation for daily practice on a hard field, practically void of grass, from which a cloud of dust rises each time players scrimmage. Conditions like these are enough to take the zip out of any bunch of players.

After watching the Western Maryland—Georgetown football game last Saturday in Baltimore, the writer is of the opinion that Western Maryland can give any team in the country a hard game. Western Maryland has a big, fast, smart football team, and after securing an early lead of 10 points they simply piled Georgetown up almost as soon as they crossed the center of the field, and they were never allowed to become dangerous. Western Maryland plays Loyola today in the Stadium in Baltimore, and the game should be another victory for them.

Washington College football team left Thursday for Brooklyn, where they played St. John's, of that City, last night.

Baseball has been abandoned at Washington, and a track has been laid around the field, which will be used in the spring for running, etc. The track is a good one, but it certainly does not add to the appearance of the athletic field, and track events will certainly never replace baseball, which we hope to see return to its own at the old college.

Heavyweight prize fighting has degenerated to its lowest point in years. With a third rate like Schmelling upon the throne, and demanding a half million to fight, it is more of a joke than a fact.

Cambridge golfers will meet local golfers at the Country Club on Sunday.

Washington and Johns Hopkins will meet again on the gridiron next season.

WM. KENLY RESISNS OFFICE

At the Executive meeting of the Maryland Turkey Growers Association Mr. W. M. Kenly resigned his post as president of the Association.

His resignation was accepted with regret, and Mrs. Harry T. William vice-president consented to preside for the remainder of the year which ends February 15, 1931.

Mrs. Williams herself a large turkey grower, is well equipped for the place.

—Fire threatened the colored house on the corner of Queen street and Railroad Ave. on Wednesday afternoon of this week. The fire started under the flooring of the second floor and the back of the house was in flames when the fire company arrived. The damage was estimated at $100.
your opinion.

LOCAL MATTERS

—Mr. W. K. Perrin is named manager of the Washington College Basket Ball team this year.

—The telephone company is laying a submarine cable across Chester River south of the old bridge. The cabel is being foated to position on iron drums.

—The tug of war between the Freshmen and Sophmore teams of Washington Collge is scheduled to take place next Monday at Brooks' Mill. It is the first of three contests this fall which will be supervised by the student council.

Mr. Lucian Thomas had on display at the service station last Saturday night an eight foot six inches shark, which had been caught by Glenwood Thomas and Weldon Thomas, of Rock Hall. It is the largest that has ever been caught in this vicinity in recent years.

—All members of Chestertown Council No. 177, Jr. O. U. A. M., are earnestly requested and urged to attend the meeting next Wednesday evening, October 29th, at 7.30, as there will be several changes in sick and death benefit laws to be voted on at that time. It is your duty to come and vote yes or no. Come and express

OCTOBER TERM OF CIRCUIT COURT

ONE OF THE SHORTEST TERMS IN HISTORY

The October term of the circuit court for this county convened on Monday with Judge Lewin W. Wickes on the bench. After the drawing of the grand jury and naming J. Raymond Simpers as foreman with the following as his associates, the dockets were called:

S. Herman McCauley, Harry J. Hill, George W. Watts, Jos. B. Metcalfe, John R. Dowling, Jr., Charles H. Skirven, A. Leon Brown, R. Bradford Johnson, Herbert S. Ford, Ernest W. Horsey, William F. Malin, Howard O. Donnelly, Archibald D. Ramage, J. Edgar Strong, Walter Clayton, Frank A. Roeder, George W. Owens, A. Carroll Willson Edward W. Wilkins, Emory H. Camp and James Archibald.

The following compose the petit jury:

Drawn for duty on the Petit Jury were: Thomas S. Silcox, M. Elwood Baker, Charles H. Hudson, W. Tilden Brice, Jr., S. Herbert Lusby, Carroll Clark, Howard Clendaniel, W. H. Coney, William Camella, John C. Willson, T. H. M. Bramble, W. E. Brown, Joseph C. Gibbs, George W. Sutton, Walter B. Harris A. L. Sparks, Joseph D. Hynson, James Alexander, Alwyn W. Stavely, Grover C. Hadaway, J. Robert Lewis, W. D. LeCates, W. D. Hendrickson, W. C. Francis and Thomas W. Eliason.

The grand jury made nine presentments and found true bills against the following:

Ralph Freeman, Mary Pryor, John F. Usilton, John, alias Jake, Pryor, Edward Hudson, Mrs. W. T. Downey, Louise Murray, Charles Morris and Willie Richmond.

Watson Wilmer was sentenced to the House of Correction for four months for an assault on Herman Crew.

TUESDAY

Samuel Tiller, charged with disorderly conduct, plead not guilty. He was tried by the Court, found guilty and sentenced to a fine of $25 or thirty days in the county jail.

Mrs. W. T. Downey plead guilty to forgery on two counts. She was tried by the Court, found guilty and sentenced suspended until January 19, 1931, upon restoration of money to owners.

Edward Hudson plead guilty to non-support of minor children. He was tried by the Court, found guilty and sentence suspended upon payment of $4 a week to Mrs. Hudson for support of children.

WEDNESDAY

Wilbur Groves plead not guilty to a charge of stealing chickens from Mrs. Laura Myers. He was tried before the Court, found guilty and sentenced to three months in the Maryland House of Correction.

Willie Richmond plead not guilty to a charge of forgery. He was tried before the Cour,t found guilty, and sentenced to eighteen months in the Maryland House of Correction.

Louise Murray plead guilty to receiving stolen goods. Tried before the Court she was found guilty and sentence suspended. She was paroled in the custody of Mr. W. W. Hupbard.

THURSDAY

State vs. Mary Pryor for selling liquor. Plead not guilty. Jury trial, verdict guilty and fined $500.00 or twelve months in the Maryland House of Correction.

In the second case of Mary Pryor for selling liquor she plead guilty and sentence was suspended.

State vs. Charles Morris for larceny of a watch from Mr. Rote. Jury trial, verdict not guilty.

FRIDAY

A case over a boundry line between a farm owned by Mr. George W. Clendaniel and Mr. Samuel C. Walters in the upper part of the county was tried before a jury. These two farms were formerly ownd by the Constables in Elkton, and sold by them to Mr. Clendaniel and Mr. Walters. The jury returned a verdict in favor of Mr. Walters.

In the case of Ralph Freeman, colored, for the murder of Azariah Butler. Verdict guilty with mercy of the Court. Sentense 5 yrs. Peniteitiary.

DEATHS

Mrs. Florence Hurtt Derringer, wife of Mr. Woodland Derringer, died at her late home in Spanglar, Pa., Thursday morning at 8 a. m.

Besides her husband, she is survived by four sons, Bronaugh, Douglas, Clifton and Sidney; also the following brothers and sisters, Mrs. Alice Derringer, of Chestertown; Mrs. S. E. Comegys, of Baltimore; Dr. Harry Hurtt, of Washington, D. C.; and Mr. Edmond Hurtt, of near Locust Grove.

Mrs. Derringer spent the early part of her life at Woodland Hall, near Locust Grove and was well known in Kent county.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon, Saturday at 2.30 o'clock at Shrewsbury Church, Rev. Mr. Baird to officiate. The bearers will be her four sons, and Mr. Duncan Derringer and Lieutenant Harry H. Derringer.

Mrs. Mary Alice Burchnal, widow of the late Jesse Burton Burchinal entered into rest on Sunday, October 19 at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Merrick Clements. She had returned home from the Easton hospital seemingly much better but died suddenly from an attack of the heart. Mrs. Burchinal had many friends and her bright cheery face was always pleasant to see.

The funeral took place from her late home Wednesday at 2 p. m. conducted by the Rev. Mr. Wright.

The pall bearers were: Messrs. Marion DeK. Smith, A. Leon Brown, William Henry Brown, W. B. Copper, Daniel McKee and Merrick Clements. Interment in Chester Cemtery.

Mrs. Murchinal is survived by her daughter, Mrs. Merrick Clements, two sisters, Mrs. William H. Brown, of Chestertown and Mrs. Seth G. Ellegood, of Ossining, N. Y., also a brother Edware Lambert, of Easton, Md

Charles L. Dodd had charge of funeral arrangements.

Mr. Charles M. Sutton died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Robert Newnam, near Massey, Thursday afternoon, aged 76 years. He is survived by a widow Mrs. Gertrude E. Sutton, and the following children: Mrs. Walter Vansant, Mrs. Etta Taylor, of Philadelphia; Mrs. Samuel Powell; Mrs. Robert Newnam, of this county; Mr. Clifton Sutton, of Delaware City; and Milburn Sutton, of Still Pond. Funeral services will be held Sunday at 1.30 p. m. at his late home, near Massey. Interment in Galena cemetery. Undertaker Coppage, of Cecilton.

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PERSONALS

Mr. H. T. Jewell, of Lynch, agent for the P. R. R. at Still Pond, Kennedyville, and Black's Stations, has just returned from a trip to Chicago, Ill., where he attended the Grain Dealers Association Convention held there last week. Mr. Jewell is a member of this association. He reports Chicago is quite some big town.

Mr. Raymond R. Wilkins, Chestertown, Maryland, sailed from Baltimore Friday, October 17th, on the S. S. Allegany of the Merchants & Miners Line to Boston, Mass.

Mrs. H. Donaldson, Rock Hall, Maryland, sailed from Baltimore Friday, October 17th on the S. S. Chatham of the Merchants & Miners Line to Savannah and Jacksonville.

Mr. Irving Kepler, of the Elkton Rotary Club addressed the local club last Monday evening. Mr. J. T. Pippin president of the club was also at the meeting.

Mary Emma Chaires, aged 8 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. Bates Chaires, of Chestertown, will broadcast over station W. C. A. O., Baltimore, from 11.30 to 12 P. M. at the Kiddie Carnival on Saturday, October 25th.

Mr. Harold M. Baker was called away suddenly to Poughkeepsie, N. Y., where his sister, Miss Grace Baker, of Moore's Mills is critically ill in Vassar Hospital. Miss Baker was a guest of the Baker,s for the greater part of last year and made many friends in Kent.

Mr. and Mrs. John C. Davis and daughter, Miss Cornelia, motored to Bloomsburg, Pa., the past week when they visited Mrs. Mark Creasy, who accompanied them on their return and is spending a couple of weeks with friends in the town and county.

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Mrs. Josiah Ringgold, of Salisbury, is spending two weeks with the Misses Welch on Maple Ave.

Mrs. John Toulson, of Salisbury has been visiting friends in town.

Mrs. Marcus Bullard, of West Springfield, Mass., is visiting her niece, Mrs. James D. McVean on Mount Vernon Avenue.

Mr. Charles Schrieber is still confined to his bed as a result of a recent automobile accident. An X-Ray showed a cracked bone in his leg.

Mr. Harry Schrieber of Washington, was the guest of his parents for the week end.

Mrs. Thomas W. Perkins is visiting her daughter, Mrs. Harrison Cooke in Elizabeth, N. J.

Mrs. W. W. Beck, Mrs. Katherine Jones and Mr. Horace Beck, of Baltimore, have been guest of Mr. Allan Harris this week.

Dr. and Mrs. Ross Woolsey, of St. Louis, have been visiting friends in Chestertown.

Mrs. Rudolf Tull was the guest of Mrs. James G. Beck for the week end.

Mr. Frank Beck, of Baltimore, was the week end guest of Mr. and Mrs. Wm. B. Usilton.

Miss Nancy Jean Usilton who is attending the Marjory Webster School in Washington spent the week end with her parents.

AGRICULTURAL NOTES

BY COUNTY AGENT McVEAN

MILK LOCALS TO HOLD MEETINGS

In preparation for the annual meeting of the Directors of The Interstate Milk Producers Association to be held in Philadelphia in November, the various Milk Locals are holding meetings to transact business and to instruct the delegates and to arrange for the proxies in order that the votes may be used in the manner desired. Maskey Local held its meeting on Thursday the 23rd. On Wednesday, October 29th meetings are to be held at Kennedyville and Worton at 9.30 a. m. and 2.30 p. m. respectively. Good speakers and interesting meetings are assured. Chestertown's meeting will be announced soon.

Poultry Disease Clinic, Friday, Novmber 21st

Dr. H. M. DeVolt, Specialist in Poultry Diseases will hold the monthly disease clinic in Chestertown on Friday, November 21st to serve those who are having trouble with their poultry. The clinic is free.

Any breeders or farmers interested in blood testing for Pullorum Disease should arrange to discuss the matter with Dr. DeVolt on this date. This is the season when much of this work is being done. Notify the County Agent if interested.

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Prof. Oldenburg of the University of Maryland Extension Service is much interested in the corn crop of Kent County. Seedsmen are seeking far and wide for supplies of good corn for seed. It is hoped that a number of carloads of both yellow and white dent corn will be available at a good bit better than the market price for feeding corn. The County Agent seeks to learn where corn suitable for seed is for sale. Prof. Oldenburg will spend some days in the county arranging for the listing of the available corn with the seedsmen. He will select a number of samples to exhibit at State and National Shows this winter.

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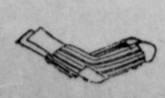


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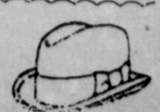
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