

HINTS TO POULTRY RAISERS

Agricultural Institute Big Stone Gap High School

Probably every farmer and poultry raiser knows or at least should know, that now is a good time to rid the home flock of drift wood and start the new year right by having a flock of hens that will lay as well as eat. To have a maximum production of eggs during the winter months there should be a careful grading of the fowls during the months of September and October.

Non-Layers
To those who have never culled out the non-layers the following questions and discussions should be of particular interest. While it is not meant to go into detailed discussions of the points in question, a few of the following suggestions will be of interest in a very practical way to the poultry raiser or housewife who wishes to give them any attention:

1. What relationship is there between the moult of the hen and the egg production?
2. What should I keep for layer or breeder?

3. What shall I cull out of my flock?
4. How can I tell whether a hen is laying or not?

Early and Late Moulters
Taking the questions up in order for brief discussion, it may be said that the moulting of the hen will increase or decrease her egg laying period as the case may be. The early moulting hen is unusually a very slow moulter and takes about all summer in getting her new feathers. In this manner it will be seen that her period for egg production will be shortened very considerably. The late moulter or the hen that moults during the months of September and October has had time to fill out a successful year if properly handled. This is not saying that the bird that moults early is not a good layer! There are several factors to be considered. The kind and amount of feed will effect the moulting period very considerably. The period of moulting may also vary with the different breeds.

Watch the Eyes

In a discussion of the second question, it may be pointed out that only those birds should be kept for layers or breeders that show good strong constitutions, able to stand the strain of heavy egg production. They should show nice depth of body, as well as length, and should present a good breadth of back. Another part that will come in for consideration is the eyes. The eyes should show full and clear in a clean cut head. It must be borne in mind that only those birds that are strong can produce eggs regularly under the strain of a severe winter.

Grade the Flock

It may be said for the third question that all birds that show any physical defects whatsoever should be graded from the flock. Sick chickens are not paying ones and the quicker we grade them out the better. Crooked backs, scaly legs, crooked beaks, abdomen laying low are some good examples of physical defects to look out for. It does not require an expert to see some of these things and that farmer will profit who gives some of his attention to the home flock on rainy days instead of going off to the store to discuss the fall elections.

Ask Powell

As to the last question it seems as though any one could tell whether a hen is laying or not! As a matter of fact it requires some experience to be able to decide this, and when we apply the test to our home flocks some astonishing results are obtained. It is not proposed to go into a technical discussion of the points involved in applying this test. Suffice to say at present that indications of a non-layer are found in the appearance of the feather, eyes, legs and finally the condition of the comb and pelvic arches. The writer of this article would be very glad to come into contact with any one who is desirous of raising better poultry and will give free culling demonstrations anywhere in the county upon proper notice.

BLACK DIAMOND ON TOBOGGAN AGAIN

The Week-Ending October 7th Witnessed Decline of 2,497 Tons in This Field—Southern and I. R. R. Show Gains

For the week-ending October 7th Black Diamond hit the toboggan after a climb upward during the two previous weeks. For the period mentioned the Virginia Coal Operators Association report a total of 168,538 tons for the week, or a decrease over the week before of 2,497 tons. Coke also fell. Only 6,942 tons are reported.

The Southern and Interstate show a substantial increase in tonnage over the previous week. During the past months the Southern has remained consistently at the foot of the list in tonnage hauled. For the week-ending October 7th they report 43,613 tons. The Interstate leads with 49,613 tons for the week. The N. & N. moved only 36.0 per cent. of their normal tonnage, or 2,162 tons. The N. & W. moved 30,382 tons and the C. C. & O. 42,715 tons.

Throughout the county a slow but sure feeling of optimism is apparent. Business is gaining confidence and merchants report a slight increase in business.

EPISCOPALIANS HOLD FALL MEETING AT NORTON PARISH

New River Convocation Holds Two Day Session This Week — Burnz Among Speakers

The Fall session of the New River Convocation of the Episcopal church, Lloyd Parish, came to a close in Norton Tuesday evening. Prominent churchmen from all over Southwest Virginia were in attendance. The sions was opened Monday evening when the Rev. Devall Gwathmey, of Wytheville, delivered the opening sermon.

Tuesday morning the business session opened at 8:30. At 10:30 Convocation Preacher Wm. J. Alfriend, Christ Church Pulaski, delivered a very powerful sermon. Holy Communion followed. In the afternoon the Rev. Karl M. Block, St. John's Church, Roanoke, was the leading speaker. He was followed by the Rev. E. A. Rich, Archdeacon of Southwest Virginia. The Rev. E. C. Burnz, of this city, was one of the speakers of the afternoon. The Parish supper was laid at 6:00 p. m.

The counties of the New River Convocation are: Bland, Buchanan, Carroll, Craig, Dickenson, Floyd, Franklin, Giles, Grayson, Pulaski, Roanoke, Russell, Scott, Smyth, Tazewell, Washington, Wise and Wythe. Nearly all of these counties were represented at the meeting.

THE DREAMER

The road lay straight before him,
but the by-paths smiled at him
And the scarlet poppies called him
to the forests cool and dim,
And the song birds' happy chorus
seemed to lure him further on,
'Twas a day of wondrous pleasure—
but the day was quickly gone.

He could not resist the laughter and
the purring of a brook
Any more than gray old sages can
resist some dusty book,
And though stern-faced duty bade
him march the highway straight
ahead,
"The trees are better company than
"busy men," he said.

We wondered at his dreaming and
his wanderings far astray,
But we were counting values by the
gold and silver way,
And sometimes as I saw him gazing
idly at the sky,
I fancied he had pleasures of a sort
I couldn't buy.

I fancy he saw something in the
clouds above the trees
Which the gold and glory seeker pas-
ses by and never sees,
And I think he gathered something
from the woods and running
streams
Which is just as good as money to
the man of many dreams.

—Edgar A. Guest.

Wife (Referring to a guest):
"He's a most attractive man; is he
married?"
Husband: "I dunno. He's a re-
served chap. Keeps all his troubles
to himself."—Exchange.

HARRY FAW GUEST OF NORTON KIWANIS CLUB YESTERDAY

Came from Johnson City In Interest of Asheville-Mocasin Gap Highway — Johnson City Boosters May Visit Us

At the meeting of the Chamber of Commerce this afternoon, Mr. William G. Mathes was appointed to attend the Tennessee Good Roads Convention to be held at Nashville October 17th.

Mr. John W. Chalkley, Good Roads man of Big Stone Gap, asked that the Chamber of Commerce send a Kiwanian to be their guest Tuesday, October 17th, in the interest of the proposed Asheville-Mocasin Gap Highway. Mr. Harry Faw was appointed as the delegate subject to the approval of the Kiwanis Club.

The Tourist camp signs have arrived and the Automobile dealers have agreed to set them up at once.

The Board of Directors adopted a resolution endorsing support of Mayor W. B. Ellison on the telephone charge. The resolution also commended the Mayor upon his efforts and agreed to support him in any reasonable way.

A big Trade Tour is being planned to Norton and Coeburn, by the Chamber of Commerce, following the completion of the Interstate Railroad. A special committee was appointed to take charge of the matter.

Mr. Harry Faw met with the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce, and gave an outline of last week's Trade Tour into Western North Carolina. He said the roads in North Carolina were superior to those in Tennessee, and the interest the North Carolinians displayed in the building of them insure roads of the very best. When going through the Mountains the Boosters discovered two big things the people of Western North Carolina demand of Johnson City before they will do their trading here. The first is better roads and the second is reduced freight rates from this city to their town. Last week the Chamber of Commerce helped to build a piece of road in Carter County. With the Completion of the Memphis-to-Brisol Highway to the Carter County line this will give us a Macadamized road to Erwin.—Johnson City Staff.

COEBURN TEACHER STRUCK BY AUTO

Ford Car Passes Over Miss Elizabeth Martin—Other News of Coeburn

As she was going home from church Sunday evening, Miss Elizabeth Martin, fourth grade teacher, was accidentally knocked down and run over by a Ford car. Fortunately Miss Martin sustains no visible injuries except a slight wound behind one ear, and a lame foot.

Lora Dingus, '22, who is also attending school at Emory and Henry College this year, spent the week-end with relatives here.

The teachers have been given certain territory over which to take a census of the school children, in order to ascertain if there are any children between the ages of 8 and 14 who are not in school. Not many violations of the compulsory school law have been found.

Dr. Cline and Miss Blockway are busy this week with the Dental Clinic. Owing to lack of time they will not be able to get around to all the children.

Coeburn High School is making a record for itself in the world of matrimony. During the first month of school, Vena Ketrion and Sue Henderson decided that they preferred teaching to going to school, and now they are somewhere teaching "one".

The teachers report a good time at the County Teachers' Meeting held in Norton last week.

Sidney Bowers, who studied Pharmacy last year, has returned to C. H. S. to finish his High School Course. His return makes the senior membership 31.

Miss Bonnie Wygal spent the week-end with homefolks at Jonesville.

A number of C. H. S. students took advantage of last week's holiday and went to High Knob on a short camping trip. Others joined the party on Sunday and all of them tell of the "wonderful" time they had.

Horace McCarty, '22, is attending school at Emory and Henry College, spent the week-end with his parents here, Mr. and Mrs. S. G. McCarty.

Harry Culbertson, who has had 4 years service in the navy, is giving the High School boys some drill in marching tactics. Although Harry is only a senior in High School, one might think him a captain or such from the way he manages his recruits.

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