

# Poultry Department

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## Preparing Fowls For The Show

As the fair season is here, many who have never heretofore placed birds on exhibition may desire to enter at the fairs. A deciding difference in scoring is often made by the manner in which the birds have been prepared for exhibition.

Those which have been on free range will need less preparation as they are usually cleaner than the ones which have been confined in yards. All white varieties should be washed about three days before the show and to do this properly three waters are needed—the first and second warm and the third cold.

Dissolve good white soap in the first water till a creamy lather is secured and with a sponge or soft rag wash the bird thoroughly, rubbing the feathers well to get them clean, but being careful to rub the way the feathers grow.

It is important that none of the wing and tail feathers be broken, as your bird will be cut severely in a score card show for broken or missing feathers in the wings or tail.

The bird should next be placed in clean warm water to remove the soap and last in the cold water, which, if the bird is white, should have a slight touch of bluing. Dark or black feathered birds will have the gloss of the feathers much improved if a little glycerine is added to the water.

After washing dry carefully with a clean towel or rag and keep the bird in a clean dry room where there is a good fire, but do not place them too near the fire.

The feet and legs should be greased with olive oil and rubbed with a soft rag.

See that the birds are shipped in a roomy coop with plenty of clean straw on the bottom.

## Roup In Poultry --It's Treatment

The first effect of the change of warm to cool weather in Autumn is appearance of roup in the poultry yards—

Most chicken diseases are difficult to cure and they cannot be prevented by the utmost care and in many cases the moping hen or cock might better be treated with the axe and burn than to remain in the flock spreading the dreaded disease.

As a preventative of roup the most important thing to do is to look after the roosting quarters of the fowls. Guard the hens and chicks from drafts for roup is nothing more than a severe cold.

During the hot weather it was necessary to keep every window and door open in the poultry house for the comfort of the fowls and often when a change of weather threatens we forget to close up the cracks and windows and a cold snap in October or a cool rain is usually followed by sickness in the poultry yard especially as some

of the birds are not yet through the moult.

Running at the eyes and nostrils red and swollen heads and a difficulty in breathing are symptoms. The first thing to do is to separate the affected birds from the flock and place them in clean dry quarters where they will have a chance to get plenty of exercise.

The next process is to thoroughly clean and disinfect the poultry houses, using kerosene on the roosts and dusting the walls with air-slacked lime and sulphur.

Watch the flock carefully and remove immediately any bird that shows symptoms of disease.

The chicken hospital should be cleaned every day. Two drops of Carbolic Acid in a table spoonful of water has proved a good internal remedy.

The external treatment consists of bathing the head and eyes with an equal mixture of sweet oil and kerosene, there are many other remedies in use for this ailment which if given in time will affect a cure.

**COMMON SENSE A FACTOR IN RAISING POULTRY.**

Common sense forms the basis for success in all branches of the mercantile business, and may also be applied with emphasis to the successful raising of poultry.

If common sense is employed, success will surely crown your efforts and yield you good profits. To be successful, however, you must be attentive to business. The man who hopes to make good in the poultry business should be likened unto the commission merchant: "Up early and hard at it." Note the things which are conducive to health and vigor of your flocks and to the production of the much sought after product, eggs, and use them with common sense judgment, and you will surely succeed.

Care should be taken in feeding many of the so-called egg producing fowls now on the market, many of which are not only injurious to the fowls but instead of producing eggs, frequently put the birds out of condition and stop their laying altogether. There are, however, quite a number of good mixtures on the market to be had.

No matter what kind of prepared food you might use, do not fail to supply your birds with a liberal amount of green food, water shells, grit and charcoal, as these are absolutely necessary for their health and the production of eggs.

Egg production is increased materially by proper and careful breeding strain none but hardy and vigorous fowls should be mated for breeding purposes.

If you look after these most vital points when making your selection of eggs for hatching you should be rewarded with strong, healthy and vigorous chicks that will mean the improvement of your flock.

Again, another and important matter to be considered is the proper housing of the fowls. Their quarters should be kept clean, sweet and healthy at all times and free from lice or mites. The coop should be so constructed as to allow plenty of fresh air at all times but care should be taken to avoid roosting the birds in any drafts.

Possibly the most desirable poultry house of the present day is that of the open front style. Should this be adopted, the open front should be of southern exposure. The house should be kept dry and the floor covered with a scratch litter about ten inches deep, of some good material, such as straw or corn fodder. The grain food may be strewn in the litter and the fowls made to dig for it, thus providing exercise so necessary for their good health. Fresh water should be kept in liberal quantities before the fowls at all times, as it is one of the main requisites for health and egg yield.

If possible remove the droppings from the house every day or as often as possible. Spray the interior of

the house at least every two weeks with some good disinfectant. Use simple and home-made fixtures about the poultry plant and you will greatly reduce the cost of keeping your birds, and thus increase the profits from them.

**THE VALUE OF DIFFERENT BREEDS.**

To prove the assertion often made that the breed has nothing to do with the egg production is shown by the following taken from the records of the recent laying competition in Australia:

The highest record was made by White Leghorns, a pen of six laying 1,324 eggs in a year, or 220 eggs in a year per hen. A pen of six hens laid 2,369 eggs in two years, or 395 eggs per hen, and a pen of six Orpingtons laid 3,047 eggs in three years, or 508 eggs each. Six Indian Runner ducks laid 1,278 eggs in twelve months and 2,464 eggs in twenty-four months.

When this egg laying competition was first inaugurated the highest record was 129 eggs, averaged all fowls entered. This record has gradually increased until 600 hens, entered for competition, have laid an average of 188 eggs per hen in the year. This record has fallen back a few eggs per hen from the highest record.

The first competition was won by Wyandottes, then by Leghorns and then by Langhans, then again by Leghorns. The Leghorns hold the record for two years and the Orpingtons the record for three years average. This goes to prove that any breed or variety may be selected and bred and fed for egg production until they are in condition to lay more than twelve dozen eggs in the year. It is only necessary to select a good breed of fowls, breed them well, cull close and mate properly, until the flock is so improved in egg production each year. The Leghorns kept for egg production alone will probably produce more eggs than other breeds at a less cost of feed. This record goes to prove that general purpose fowls kept for egg production and market production will be twice as profitable when kept in their purity as flocks that were formerly kept on the farm.—The Georgian.

**LOCAL ITEMS.**

Flynn Elliott has entered 80 birds at the Raleigh fair—everything from bantams to turkeys.

Secretary Alexander reports that prospects of a record-breaking show are fine.

Judge Simmons is a busy man now-a-days. He has just finished judging the birds at the Central Carolina fair. He also awarded the ribbons at the Winston show, and numerous others.

## Late News From State Capital

**Special to The News.**

Raleigh, Oct. 14.—Raleigh's splendid new auditorium, the dedication of which is to take place during the coming week, is one of the busiest places imaginable. The finishing touches are being put on the structure which has a seating capacity around eight thousand. The seats are most all in place and the special covering for the first floor of the structure to protect the highly polished floor, is in place. It will be out when the great state fair marshall's ball opens next Friday night. Special decorations in flags and bunting are being installed and it is said that there has never been so elaborate and complete a decoration on so large a scale in this state before. The entire lofty ceiling of the great auditorium will be converted into a wonderful canopy of American flags. Every detail of the decoration is being closely watched by members of the special committee on entertainment.

Secretary Joseph E. Pogue is advised by Governor Harmon of Ohio, that in connection with his visit to the state fair to deliver an address next Wednesday he hopes to be able to shorten his schedule so as to reach Raleigh on Tuesday evening instead of Wednesday morning and thereby be able to take part in the exercises for the dedication.

**Preparations For The Fair.**

For the great state fair material for exhibits and quantities of the mid-way special features are arriving and being placed in position out at the fair grounds. Weeks ago the available space for exhibits was exhausted and there is to be the most varied and extensive display of every sort of the resources and products of the state and the officers of the fair declare that there will be far and away the greatest fair the state has ever had.

**Special Educational Letter.**

The state department of education is issuing a special letter to the county superintendents of schools directing them as to a special program desired to be observed in holding county teachers' meetings. They want three phases of work considered especially. These are: Problems of supervision and school management; a model lesson; the reading circle. Also it is directed that special instruction be given the teachers in the use of the rural libraries, special readings during school hours and the supervision of the reading that is done by the children in books that are taken home.

**Cotton Growers Meetings.**

Cotton growers hereabouts are greatly interested in the meeting called by President Alexander, of the Farmers' Union, and Commissioner of Agriculture W. A. Graham, for a meeting of the cotton growers of that state October 18, for the consideration of concerted action in the marketing of cotton so as to stop the decline in prices and bring about an advance to more remunerative figures. It is insisted that the present prices are really below the cost of production in view of the higher wages necessary for labor and increased cost of supplies.

**Alumni Banquet.**

There were sixty-three alumni of the University of North Carolina last night for the annual banquet in celebration of the 116th anniversary of the founding of the institution, the crowning glory of North Carolina's educational equipment. Dr. J. Y. Joyner was toastmaster and Dr. Edwin Mims, of the University faculty, was the principal speaker. Dr. J. Martin Fleming was elected president; J. W. Hinsdale, Jr., vice-president, and J. B. Cheshire, Jr., secretary.

**Little Girl Will Recover.**

At last it can be stated with assurance that little Emma Hamilton, the seven-year-old girl run down about a month ago by an automobile driven by Mr. H. C. Bridgers, of Tarboro, will recover. Her physicians discharged her as a patient today. For three weeks her life hung as it were, by a thread and she was thought to be dying repeatedly. There were throngs of school children passing at the time of the accident and Mr. Bridgers was driving with cau-

tion, every one admitting the accident was practically unavoidable owing to the undue fright of the child. Mr. Bridgers has provided the medical and trained nurse attention and spared no expense in aiding in effort to save the life of the child. She is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Rufus Hamilton.

**New \$125,000 Theatre.**

The Raleigh Development Company was chartered today with \$125,000 capital for the erection of the Raleigh Academy of Music property through the erection of a splendid new Academy of Music and utilizing the present building for other purposes. The company also had power to carry on real estate development generally. There is \$50,000 capital subscribed by H. E. Litchford, Dr. J. R. Rogers, R. W. Winston and The Raleigh Real Estate and Trust Co.

There is also a charter for The

Union Dime Savings Bank of Wilmington, authorized capital \$125,000, and that subscribed \$25,000 by F. W. Dick, C. E. Taylor, J. Holmes Davis and J. L. Williams. A general banking and trust business is authorized.

Indications point to a big poultry display at the North Carolina State fair.

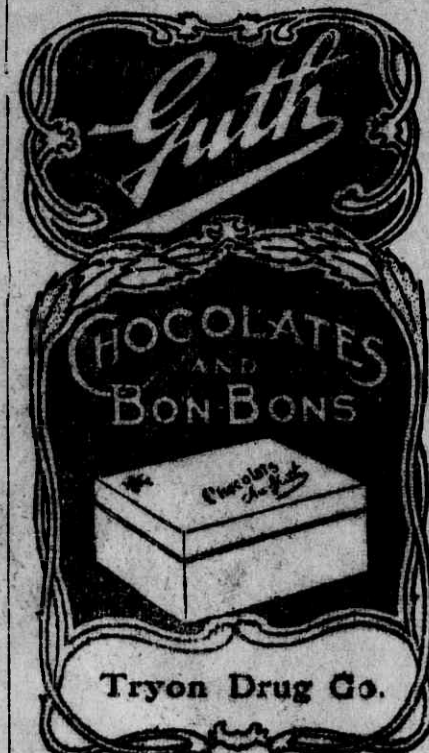
Spartanburg is planning a big poultry show soon. Asheville has just closed a good one.

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