

North Carolina Poultry May Face Rough Disease

During the past few years a relatively new poultry disease, called pneumocephalitis at that time, was recognized in California. More recently, this so-called disease was discovered to be the Newcastle disease which was seen in the Dutch East Indies and in England in 1926. By now the disease is common in the Orient and Europe and is gradually spreading in the United States.

Recently it has been discovered in several northeastern states and probably exists as far south as Maryland. No definite diagnosis of it has been made in North Carolina, but quite probably due to the tremendous transportation of poultry and the fact that North Carolina is an importing state, the disease will soon make its appearance here.

Caused By Virus

According to H. C. Gauger, Research Associate Professor of Poultry with the N. C. Agricultural Experiment Station, the disease is caused by a virus and affects both young and old chickens. Turkey's, ducks, geese, guinea fowls, partridges and wild birds are also susceptible. In chicks losses are usually heavy, but in adults the mortality is usually very slight but there is a sudden drop in egg production and birds do not generally come back into production for at least two months. When they do come into production, eggs are frequently of abnormal shape and many are without hard shells. In many cases of the world the agent causing the disease affects birds differently and according to some reports, losses in adult reach 100 per cent.

Symptoms

Symptoms of the disease will vary, depending on several factors such as age of the chickens, method by which they become infected, amount of the infecting agent, the severity of the disease in the infected birds. In general, Gauger says these characteristic symptoms are noted: dullness, general weakness, rough features, drooping tail, a rising temperature, greenish to yellow droppings, distention of the crop with foul food and gas, mucous discharge from the nostrils, and a collection of mucus in the mouth.

In the more long-drawn out cases a variety of nervous symptoms may be present. Leg and wing weakness which progresses to definite paralysis is quite common. The head may be drawn back or down under the breast. An S-shaped distortion or double twist in the neck, walking in circles, and twisting the head have also been observed.

Acute Infection

Internal examination of dead birds shows a variety of abnormalities which will vary depending on whether the bird has died of acute infection or whether it has lived long enough to reach a subacute stage of the disease. Common findings are mucous in the mouth and hemorrhage in the lining membranes of the digestion tract, especially the lining of the gizzard, stomach and between the gizzard muscles and the inside horny lining of the gizzard.

No curative measures are known for Newcastle disease. However, it is possible that vaccination of susceptible birds in an infected area may prove valuable as a control measure. At present, poultry disease specialists in those states where the disease is known to exist are planning to vaccinate a limited number of birds so that they can test it under field conditions.

Be On Watch

In the meantime, poultrymen in North Carolina should be on the watch for this disease and report suspected outbreaks to the Veterinary Division of the North Carolina Department of Agriculture or to the Poultry Department, North Carolina State College.

The producer should remember that there are many common diseases in poultry which show symptoms, especially the respiratory symptoms, similar to those of Newcastle disease. However, the presence of Newcastle disease should be suspected when infected birds show a combination of difficulty in breathing and one or more of the various kinds of nervous symptoms mentioned above.

4-H COURSE DATE SET BY COUNCIL

Annual School To Be Held Once More At State College On August 12-17

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, March 10.—By agreement of the officers of the North Carolina 4-H Club council the annual 4-H short course will be held at State college this year for the first time since 1941, it was announced Sunday by L. R. Harrill, state 4-H leader. The week-long event has been set for August 12-17.

Twelve hundred farm boys and girls from every section of the state attended the 1941 gathering.

Council Officers

Council officers, who arranged for the August meeting in a session at State college, are: Chester Barbour, Jr., of Smithfield, president; Marie Carrier of Route 2, Monroe, secretary; Bryan Coats, of Smithfield, vice president, and Elizabeth Harper, of Deep Run, historian. New state 4-H officers will be elected at the short course meet.

Meanwhile, at the height of National 4-H Club week which will continue through March 10, an executive committee of the 18,000-member North Carolina 4-H Neighborhood Leaders organization met at the college to make plans for an expansion of farm youth work in the state this year following an appeal by President Truman for continued high production of farm produce.

Patrol Leaders

The executive committee of the organization—which operates among 4-H clubs in the same manner as patrol leaders among Boy Scouts—is composed of R. T. Griffin, of Route 3, Rocky Mount, president; Mrs. Cleon Boyette, of Kenly, secretary; Mrs. James Ownley, of Route 2, Elizabeth City, vice president, and Mrs. M. V. Williams, of Wingate, historian. The formal coalition of the state organization was made late in 1945.

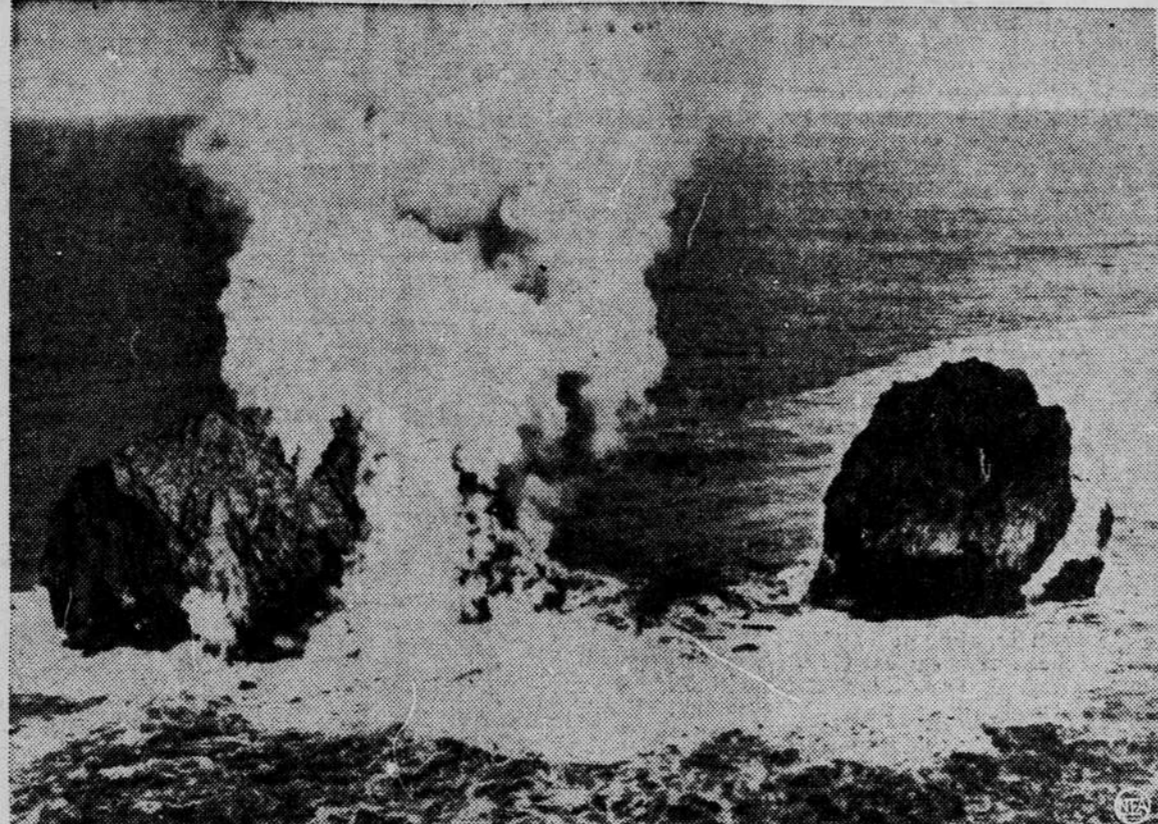
POULTRYMAN ISSUES WARNING THAT EGGS ARE TO BE SCARCE

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, March 10.—Forecasting a scarcity in poultry and eggs "like we have never seen before" within the next three months, C. F. Parrish, poultryman of the State College Extension Service, Sunday, said that supplies of feed for farm animals have "increased during the past 10 days" and encouraged poultrymen to start "usual" numbers of pullet chicks.

Parrish said that unless the poultry program in North Carolina is sharply revised upward very soon, a critical shortage of both poultry and eggs continuing through the fall and winter of this year is likely.

The state's normal winter chick crop has been cut by 25 per cent this year and already several of the largest hatcheries, including the Hedgar hatchery in Wilkesboro, have closed their doors because poultrymen, fearing that feed supplies would be insufficient for raising even pullet chicks, have reduced flocks beyond desired levels.

Smoking Rocks Form Island



Pushed upward from the bottom of the ocean through boiling water, huge smoking rocks have formed a new island about 200 miles off the main Japanese island of Honshu. Discovered on Feb. 14 by a British warship, the island has reached a height of 75 to 80 feet and is about 100 to 200 yards in size.

Carolina Farm Comment

By F. H. JETER

William Wooten Eagles of Crisp is not only a distinguished citizen of Edgecombe County, but he also is a distinguished citizen of North Carolina. His elevation to the presidency of the North Carolina Farm Bureau Federation at its 10th annual convention in Winston-Salem was in fitting recognition of his interest in cooperative farm effort, of his success as a practical farmer, and of his wider interest in the business and financial affairs of the rural people about him. "Cap" Eagles, as he is more affectionately known by those who have been intimately associated with him, is a natural leader. Not that he demands, or pushes, or shouts, but through quiet, natural ability and sincere interest, he stimulates the best in those with whom he is associated.

Soil Building

"Building the soil is the greatest thing that we can do," he said recently. In this work with the Soil Conservation district, "Cap" and his associates in the four counties cooperate with the Extension Service, the REA, the FSA, the Land Bank of Columbia and all state and governmental agencies formed to be of help to the farmer. Tom Bule, head of the Soil Conservation work in the Southeast, says this group headed by Mr. Eagles is doing an excellent job.

Signed Note

Mr. Eagles also is one of the signers of the first note for \$10,000 which set up the North Carolina Cooperative Cotton Growers Association. He served as vice-president of that organization for many years and more lately has been president of the North Carolina Cooperative Farm Exchange. His belief in the value of these two organizations to the farmers of the state has led him to support both of them until they have become able to stand on their own merits. His interest in the welfare of his tenants is well known. His landlord-tenant program in which he has developed a spirit of cooperation and achievement is a model for other large plantation owners. It was my good fortune to attend one of his annual meetings a few years ago when he rewarded those tenants who had done unusually good jobs in that season. They were first served an old-fashioned barbecue and were then given cash prizes for improved farm and home practices. These prizes were awarded on the basis of a score card worked out by Brooks James, farm management specialist.

On Full Time

This landlord-tenant idea is to be pushed throughout eastern North Carolina, incidentally, as trained persons can be found to carry it along. In Edgecombe County, H. C. Scott and Miss Athalee Boone, the assistant farm and home agents, have been designated to give their full time to this work.

On the Eagles farm, there are tenants who have been on the place for 45 to 50 years. Most of them, of course, do not have the young labor that they had in other days, but the older ones still carry on and are doing good farming to the best of their ability. Much of this is due, of course, to the heartening and sympathetic attitude of the owner. As a matter of fact, Mr. Eagles got his nickname of "Cap" from the tenants on the place.

Supports Market

It is interesting to note that "Cap" supports the Edgecombe County Livestock Association, a going concern formed years ago by those who wanted to market their fat hogs, beef cattle, lambs, wool, and other livestock products cooperatively in pools.

Not only is Mr. Eagles a good farmer and a model landlord, but he also is known as a good business man. He is president of the Farmers Bank of Macclesfield, the post office of his home community of Crisp. The bank there came through the great depression as sound as a new hickory nut. The state's leading farmer also enters

ed politics for a brief spell and served as a member of the General Assembly for four terms. As was natural, he was a member of the committees on agriculture and banking. He belongs to many orders and organizations, but is proudest of being chairman of the Soil Conservation District, comprising the counties of Edgecombe, Greene, Pitt, and Martin. Some excellent work in forest fire control and in drainage has been done in these counties under his direction. "Cap" believes that the soil is the basis of all North Carolina's farming future.

ENGLISH BRIDES WILL GET GIFTS

Newton Grove Home Demonstration Club Will Honor Oversea Arrivals

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, March 10.—The Newton Grove Home Demonstration club will present hand-made gifts to the two English brides who have just joined their ex-GI husbands in Sampson county, it was reported by Home Agent Eleanor Southernland who said that Mrs. John Monk and Mrs. M. L. Bryan had been named to make the presentations.

Sixty-five Piney Grove High School students got a temporary reprieve from examinations when Miss Southernland arrived at the school to conduct a 4-H Club demonstration in table manners. Quizzes, which had been in progress, were suspended when teachers were told the subject of the 4-H instruction period.

New Officers

Recently organized 4-H clubs at Clinton High school have elected the following 1946 officers: Senior club—Jack Morgan, president; Ernestine Best, vice president; Hilda Boone, secretary; Peggy Sutton, reporter; Joan Powell, song leader, and Roxell Royal, pianist.

Egg Recipes

Mrs. Annie G. Chandler, Robeson County Home Demonstration agent, contends that there is no reason for families to grow tired of breakfast menus because there are more than 1,000 recipes for preparing eggs.

Home Agent Hattie F. Plummer, of Vance county, reports that Miss Grace Walter, of Route 3, Henderson, has sold 50 crocheted sachet bags at 50 cents each. The project started when Miss Walter crocheted a bag as a gift to a friend.

FOREST SERVICE ADDS NEW FORCE

Two Thousand 4-H Club Boys Will Join State Fire Fighters, Gray Says

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, March 10.—A brigade of 2,000 new forest fire fighters will be added to the state's forestry force at no additional public expense in a cooperative move by the State College Extension Service and the State Division of Forestry and Parks designed to reduce fire losses which cost North Carolina \$465,363 last year, it was announced Sunday by John L. Gray, college Extension forester.

The new fire fighters are 4-H Club boys, 16 years of age and older, who will cooperate with forest fire wardens, now operating in 63 counties, in fighting fires and seeking to reduce losses by studying first causes and prevention.

To Get Credits

The farm boys will be given 4-H Club project credit for this new work and, if request for payment is made, will be paid in accordance with fees now given fire fighters recruited by county forest wardens. Jack Spratt, assistant state fire control forester said the move is expected to greatly facilitate the job of fighting woodland fires which have taken greedy tolls in this state each year. Spratt said the 1945 fire loss figure was "very conservative," indicating that 315,055 acres of timber land had been burned over by 2,456 fires.

Stelle Declares VA Correcting Conditions

ATLANTA, March 9.—(AP)—John Stelle, commander of the American Legion, said today the veterans' administration had "aggressively taken action" to correct conditions he criticized six weeks ago.

That time, Stelle called for the removal of Gen. Omar Bradley as head of the agency.

"I have no quarrel with Bradley," Stelle told the Atlanta Journal today, "but it's his place to do the job. He can't hide behind the cloak of being a great general, and I don't think he wants to."

COTTON GROWERS TO GET SERVICE

Twenty Thousand In State Will Receive Free Classification, Reports

COLLEGE STATION, Raleigh, March 10.—At least 20,000 of the state's cotton farmers will get continued free cotton classification and daily marketing news service this year under provisions of the Smith-Doxey act, it was announced Sunday by Dan M. Holler, Extension cotton marketing specialist at State college.

July 15 has been set as the deadline for filing requests with the Government Classifying office in Raleigh for free service by one-variety cotton organizations in North Carolina, one month earlier than last year, Holler reported. Thirty-five such organizations now exist in the state with the 1946 program incomplete.

Free Service

The free cotton classification service—available only to organized farmers using a single variety of lint—determines the grade and staple of each bale, simplifying the farmer's marketing problem. About 150,000 bales of North Carolina cotton were classified through the service last year.

County agents in cotton producing sections of the state will assist growers in the organization of one-variety improvement groups with the cooperation of local ginners.

Price Continues

Meantime, Holler reminded cotton growers that the government's floor purchase price plan—at 23.04 cents per pound for 15-16-inch middling—will be continued through the facilities of the Commodity Credit corporation until June 30, 1946, on the 1945 crop. The CCC loan rate for 1945 cotton of the same length is 21.33 cents per pound, scheduled to continue until May 1, Holler added.

The harvest of 1945 cotton still is incomplete in many sections of the state.

SUPREME SOVIET TO MEET MONDAY

Probably Will Hear Important Speaker Talk International Affairs

MOSCOW, March 9.—(AP)—The Thirteenth session of the supreme Soviet will convene in the large palace of the Kremlin Monday night and probably will hear a prominent speaker discuss important matters touching on international affairs.

The supreme Soviet is meeting when Soviet relations with her two main allies of the war, the United States and Britain, are anything but placid. Since the end of the war numerous issues have arisen.

The session, scheduled for about 7 or 8 p. m. Monday, will be attended by delegates chosen recently in the first balloting since 1937. Many of them were reelected.

Informed diplomats are attaching singular importance to this session in view of issues which have arisen since the war's end. Among these issues is the presence of foreign troops in European and Asiatic countries.

The Red Army has troops in Iran and Manchuria, and representations have been made by Britain and the United States in one case and by the United States alone in another.

Newspapers Are Asked To Support Food Plans

WASHINGTON, March 9.—(AP)—President Truman tonight asked American newspapers to support the food conservation program designed to avert starvation in many parts of the world.

John S. Knight, president of the American Society of Newspaper Editors, announced he had received the following telegram from Mr. Truman:

"The famine emergency committee which I appointed on March 11 has called for a voluntary reduction by the American people in the consumption of wheat and all possible conservation in the use of fats and oils.

"The American people have never failed to respond to any need provided the urgency was made clear and they were informed of what specific steps were expected of them."

Chetnik Leader Reported Hiding In Yugoslav Hills

PRAGUE, March 10.—(AP)—Maj. Gen. Vladimir Velevit, acting Yugoslav minister of foreign affairs, said Sunday the Chetnik leader, Draja Mihailovic, was hiding in the Yugoslav mountains but that no search was being made.

"He is dead politically, so it makes no difference whether he is dead physically," Velevit, who is visiting here, told a news conference.

BURNED TO DEATH

HICKORY, March 10.—(AP)—Coroner Rex Reynolds identified Walter Ledford, 48, as the man whose charred body was found in the smoking ruins of a burned Hickory township dwelling Sunday. Ledford's home was discovered in flames by his son, James J. Ledford.

Big Business Researchers Displace Private Inventor

WASHINGTON, March 10.—(AP)—A Commerce department official said Sunday night the independent inventor is being displaced by corporation-controlled research teams under the present American patent system.

The statement was made by W. Houston Kenyon, Jr., counsel for a committee set up by the Commerce department under direction of President Truman to make recommendations on how the system can be "made better suited to modern conditions."

New Proposals

Kenyon said the Patent Survey committee is considering among other things proposals that:

1. Every patent be made available "for use by anyone who may desire it and is willing to pay a fair price for the privilege."
2. Where a patent has been held by the courts to have been used or disused "for the purpose of unreasonably limiting the supply of any article of commerce," it should be declared void and forfeited.

Fair Compensation

3. Where a court decides a patented invention "is not being developed on a reasonable scale commensurate with its practical importance," it should permit others to use it so long as they "pay a fair compensation."

Present law gives patent holders exclusive rights for 17 years.

Casper W. Ooms, the patents commissioner, said a few days ago some sort of compulsory licensing might be necessitated to protect public right of use if someone should patent an atomic energy invention that "dominated" exploration and experimentation in that field.

Open Question

Kenyon said it was an "open question" with the commission yet whether any of the proposals should be adopted, but observed "it is conceivable that in the future a single group of patents might vitally affect the destinies of millions of men."

Already, he said, the independent inventor, "who in the past has been responsible for most of the nation's great inventions," is being rapidly

ITALIANS VOTE

ROME, March 10.—(AP)—Italian voters—including women for the first time in history—went to the polls Sunday in 29 rain-drenched provinces of central and southern Italy. Sicily and Sardinia to choose their own local officials after a quarter century of Fascist dictatorship.

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