SOME GOOD ADVICE ON .... RAISING RABBITS FOR PROFIT

BY R. W. PACE

There is one road to success in raising rabbits. The beginning has much to do with it. A good beginning insures success—a poor beginning failure. There are other factors of course which enter into the raising of rabbits, but no matter what they are nothing can overcome a start with a poor stock because poor stock puts a handicap on the rabbit breeder that is hard to overcome. Maximum production at a minimum cost is the secret of success in the rabbit business. You cannot get maximum results from poor stock.

Many beginners make the fatal mistake of buying cheap rabbits. Such rabbits in many cases are cheap because there is something wrong with them. Perhaps the seller knows there is something wrong and for that reason is willing to take anything to get them off his hands and even if he does sell them for little or nothing and pats himself on the back for making a good bargain, he is doing a great industry a great amount of harm by starting someone off with stock with which the buyer cannot possibly succeed. Therefore, you can readily see the importance of a right beginning.

Any breeder who is reliable will not offer you good rabbits cheap for the simple reason he does not have to do it, because good rabbits are worth a good price. The buyer can well afford to pay this price because to succeed he must have good pedigreed stock.

Hutches for the medium-size breeds should never be less than 30 inches deep, 48 inches long and 18 inches high. For the largest breeds, hutches should be 36 inches deep, 60 inches long and 24 inches high. These hutches are the proper size for breeding does to raise their young up until weaning time.

Give your rabbits proper care. Feed them regularly. House them properly. Breed with judgment keep records of production of each doe. By all means, keep a complete pedigree of every rabbit you raise. Pedigrees are valuable in the breeding of rabbits. You have the complete records of all the ancestors and in this way you get information that will help you in the production of good stock. Use hutch card or hutch of each doe, or each litter. These cards provide spaces for the name of the doe and the name of the buck bred to, when bred, and when born, and what sex the young are. Such card can be secured at the rabbit supply houses. They have space enough for six to eight breedings of the does, which gives you a complete record of the does production for at least two years.

There are a number of different methods of pedigreeing. My system is a follows: Starting with litter number one, I mark thus, No. 1, No. 2, No. 3, No. 4, No. 5, No. 6. Say for instance, there are six in the litter. In litter number two, begin with No. 7 and so on through the litter. Mark with a tatoo marker, which number remains in the ear during the lifetime of the rabbit. Always place your number in the left ear as the registry number may be put in the right ear later on.

And now you put in a book the name of the sire and the dam of the young so marked, their date of birth, and later when rabbits are three months' old they are separated and you go to your book and have your pedigree blanks ready. First see the date of birth of the rabbits marked No. 1, next see the name of sire and fill in your pedigree on the top line of your pedigree blank. Then you take the pedigree of the dam and fill in the lower line of the pedigree blank. Then you have a complete pedigree of the young rabbit marked No. 1. Then attach the pedigree on the card of the hutch the rabbit goes into; insert it in the card holder on hutch, and you have a complete pedigree record right on the hutch. You have all the information of the rabbit right on the hutch—his age, his ancestors, etc. This is of value when a purchaser visits your place, also valuable when the rabbit is sold, as you have his pedigree ready.

This system was adopted by one of the largest rabbit farms in America that claim it's the best possible way to keep records correct and available, right with the rabbit.

Do not start raising rabbits for any purpose with stock without pedigrees, because if you do no matter how good stock you produce, you will have to dispose of them for meat purposes — your prospective customer for breeding stock is not looking for stock without pedigrees.

Wheat Crop To Be Better Than Average

Raleigh, July 14—Although the cold weather of April and May cut back wheat "rather extensively" throughout the State, the crop this year should be larger than the 10-year (1932-1941) average, J. J. Morgan, with the State Department of Agriculture, reports.

North Carolina ordinarily produces approximately five and one-half million bushels of wheat. This year's yield will run over six million. Last year's harvest was 8,041,000 bushels.

There are around 5,500 combines now used in the wheat harvest in this State each year, and Morgan said that "there is insufficient competent labor to operate these machines."

GLANCING BACK AT BREVARD

Taken from the files of The Sylvan Valley News, beginning 1895

(From the file of May, 1906)

John Smith is now located at E. R. Black's tonsorial palace for the summer.

The tannin wood and tan bark industry seems to be a leading side line for many of our farmers while their corn is coming up. Frost doesn't appear to effect the quality or price of tannic acid material.

We learn that T. T. Patton, of Pisgah Forest, succeeded in capturing a 14-pound jack fish (pike of the northern states) a few days since when fishing in the mouth of Davidson river with pole and line.

Morgan & Morris are putting in one of the most extensive and beautiful refrigerators we have ever seen in the south. Taken in connection with their ice box they will be able to store a car load of ice and handle three beeves in cold storage. We learn that they will cut out their grocery trade and keep only fruits and fresh meats. Brevard will soon be in shape to get as tender meat as is served anywhere.

Mrs. J. R. Zachary and daughter, Gertrude, left Wednesday for Wits, Tenn. Her mother's serious illness is the cause of their visit.

The post office at Clotho, this county, was discontinued the 14th, and all who have boxes will be served from Brevard, Route 2.

Mrs. W. J. Wallis has been confined to her bed by a severe attack of appendicitis for several days past.

A piazza has been built on the Main street front of the Aethelwold hotel and is a much needed addition. This is an improvement that will be greatly appreciated by the patrons of that popular hotel.

A little child by the name of Bowen was found dead in bed Monday morning in the Pisgah Forest section. It had been ailing for several days but was not considered seriously ill at bed time Sunday night. Inquiries in Brevard fail to add any particulars.

J. H. Bagwell was in to see us Tuesday and reports discovery of a wildcat's nest while hauling tanbark on Monday. The nest was in a hollow tree and as a result there are three wildcat kittens for sale. This is not the genuine catamount, but the variety known as bob cats.

Thos. L. Walters arrived in Brevard Tuesday night for the purpose of getting his cottage on Broad street in readiness for occupation. It is to be supplied with bath, water in several rooms, sewer connection, etc. The exterior is being painted, the lot is to have an ornamental iron fence and otherwise improved. We learn that he has rented the place for one year at a good price.

The fire-proofing of the two record offices in the court house is now fully underway. To an onlooker it would seem as if tearing out was a prominent part of putting in.

H. P. Clarke and family arrived Wednesday from Eastover, S. C., and are domiciled for the summer at their beautiful Rockbrook home near Dunn's Rock.

NOTICE OF SALE
In The Superior Court
State of North Carolina,
County of Transylvania.
Town of Brevard.
Plaintiff.
vs.
F. W. Johnston and wife, Mrs. W. F. Johnston, William E. Harmon, mortgagee,
Defendants.

Under and by virtue of a judgment made and entered in the above entitled cause in the Superior Court of Transylvania County, dated the 28th day of June, 1943, the undersigned Commissioner, will, on the 9th day of August, 1943, at twelve o'clock, noon, at the door of the Transylvania County Courthouse in Brevard, North Carolina, sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, subject to the confirmation of the Court, the property hereinafter described, located in Brevard Township, Transylvania County, and more particularly described as follows:

Being all of that certain lot of land described in deed from Florence Kern, et al., to Mary R. Johnston, dated October 7, 1911, and recorded in Book 30, page 618, records of deeds for Transylvania County, N. C.

This the 9th day of July, 1943.
RALPH H. RAMSEY, JR.,
7-15-4tc Commissioner.

Tomato Crop This Year Much Larger

Raleigh, July 14 — Indications are that North Carolina truckers and Victory Gardeners will harvest over 180,000 bushels of tomatoes within the next two months as compared with 120,000 bushels last season, the State Crop Reporting Service said recently. The 10-year average is 107,000 bushels.

The acreage this year is up 500 acres over 1942's 1,500 acres and indications point to a yield of 90 bushels to the acre as against 80 to the acre last year.

Race prejudice is not one-sided. Over 3,000 Negroes struck because they objected to white foremen.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF

OSBORNE-SIMPSON

MUTUAL BURIAL ASSOCIATION

BREVARD, NORTH CAROLINA

As of July 9, 1943

This statement was audited by J. E. Dawkins, State Auditor of the Burial Association of North Carolina, which vouches for its correctness in every particular.

RECEIPTS

Cash balance shown on last report	$10,139.37
Assessments	
Current collections plus amounts deducted from previous advances.	
a. 1 to 10 years	$ 229.80
b. 10 to 30 years	1,000.40
c. 30 to 50 years	1,044.80
d. 50 to 65 years	824.90
e. Total assessments collected	$ 3,099.90
Membership fees collected	60.00
Interest on time deposits, etc.	195.00
Net difference advances (see note above)	—10.60
Total receipts	$ 3,344.30
Total amount to be accounted for	$13,483.67

DISBURSEMENTS

Salaries	$ 399.00
Bonds and Taxes	131.15
Postage	81.00
Office Supplies	17.75
Printed Forms	45.40
Advertising	.50
Miscellaneous	169.83
Total administrative expenses	$ 844.63
DEATH BENEFITS PAID	1,200.00
Membership commissions	60.00
Refunds	6.60
Total disbursements	$ 2,111.23
Cash Balance	$11,372.44

ASSETS		LIABILITIES	
Cash on hand	$	Advance assessments on hand	None
Bank deposits (name bank)		Death benefits unpaid	None
Bank	639.17	Expenses unpaid	None
Fed Loan Stock	6,915.39	Other	None
U. S. Bonds	4,000.00		
Total cash assets	$11,554.56	Total current liabilities	None
Surplus			$11,372.44

CURRENT OFFICERS OF THIS ASSOCIATION

President, J. A. Simpson Vice-President, Ralph W. Lyday
Secretary-Treasurer, C. S. Osborne

Directors

Dan Glazener, T. C. Henderson, J. M. Knight, Mrs. H. G. Mackey, L. E. Powell

I hereby certify that the information given in the foregoing report is true and correct to the personal knowledge of the undersigned.

Subscribed and sworn before me this 9th day of July, 1943.

J. E. DAWKINS, Auditor.

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