

THE "TIMES" PRIZE-WINNING COLUMN

From

ALMAR FARM In Transylvania

BY CAL CARPENTER

About three years ago, I wrote a column about the Cock-of-the-walk in our henhouse, a big, reddish brown rooster with blue-black tail feathers, whom we call "Lucky." And lucky I still think he is. He's some more of his remarkable story.

But before I go on, let me fill in the background for those readers who haven't seen the original column or my book, "The Best from Almar Farm," where Lucky's original story was told.

Briefly, in the Fall about three years ago, we wound up with too many roosters at the farm. There were 8 of them, and we only wanted to keep one. We tried to give them away but found no takers. Not wanting to kill and dress them to eat ourselves (and because even though young at the time they were probably tough); and certainly not wanting to keep on feeding them high-priced chicken feed, I decided to kill them and give them to the wild Russian hogs. Those hogs will eat anything.

So out of clear necessity, for I dislike killing, I took my .22 rifle and went up to the henhouse and had a rooster shoot.

I had intended to keep one rooster, a young bird I'd name Reville, Jr., after our old, original boss of the henhouse. And, to make a long story short, I shot roosters until there were only two left—Reville, Jr., and one other who looked very much like him.

I took a shot at the other one out in the henyard and missed—or so I thought. Then the intended victim ran into the henhouse and hid behind a section of separator coops. I waited, in the gathering twilight, and presently a rooster stuck his head up over the coops. I knocked it off with my .22 only to find that I'd shot Reville, Jr., the wrong rooster. He'd been hiding behind the coops too, and somehow or another—maybe the other rooster had suckered him into it—he'd put his head up first.

So I had to keep the other one—he was the only rooster I had left. The next evening at feeding, when I got a good look at my surviving rooster, I saw I really hadn't missed him with that shot in the henyard after all. There was a neat, round hole in his wattles just below his throat. Another quarter of an inch higher and he'd not have

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been with us. As I wrote before, I doubt that that other rooster was smart enough to arrange for the change of victims there in the corner behind the coops, for I'm sure chickens aren't that smart. It must have been luck. And it must have been luck also that kept that bullet in the henyard a quarter of an inch too low.

But the other rooster stayed with us, living high on the roost and bossing the henhouse with only a scare and a healed scar on his wattles to record his risky adventure. That's why we named him "Lucky."

The next episode in this lucky bird's existence occurred this Spring.

One morning about daybreak, two of a neighbor's dogs got into the henhouse. They really raised Cain—chewed up some 20 chickens and eight more were killed outright or ran off into the woods and died.

The henhouse was a sight to see, almost paved in feathers; and most of the surviving chickens had great bare spots where feathers, skin and all had been ripped out.

One of the worst looking was Lucky. He had no tail feathers, little covering on his back at all, and even his drum sticks were bare. He looked for all the world like a man who'd lost his pants. After commiserating, Marge jokingly threatened to make him a pair of breeches:

Well, this traumatic experience had quite an effect on Lucky. He lost his strut, he never crowed; he spent his days hiding under a pile of unused feed troughs in the corner of the chicken house, exactly as if he were ashamed to be seen.

And now he's lost his position as Cock-of-the-Roost too, for our little game rooster whom we call "P. T. Barnum," after his circus-like, vivid coloring, has moved up the hill from the hog house and taken over.

"P. T." had been with us over a year at the time the dogs came—he'd just wandered into the hoghouse one day and stayed, living fat and sassy on the left-over corn from the hog feedings. But he'd never gone near the henhouse—Lucky was twice his size and jealously guarded his flock. So for a year the well-bullied P. T. had lived a bachelor existence.

But with Lucky's disgrace and his living in hiding, ashamed of his bare end and loss of his trousers, P. T. came up and became Boss of the Henhouse. Now when poor Lucky comes out to eat, the cocky P. T., half his size, chases him back into his hole.

How long this'll go on, I don't know. Lucky's growing new feathers, but his courage seems to be gone. Maybe one day he'll stand up to P. T. and send him back to the hog house, but I kind of doubt it. Like people, I suppose, once a bully has backed down he's finished. Lucky'll probably end his existence as an outcast bully—maybe he'll move down the hill to the hog house.

But I still think he's lucky—lucky to be alive. This makes three times he's barely escaped with his life; and, after all, life is more important than social position even to a rooster, wouldn't you say?

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"WONDERFUL PISGAH NATIONAL FOREST"

Hand And Needle Crafts Shop On West Main Is Doing Well

Western Carolina Hand and Needle Crafts is proud to announce that its store, located at 60 W. Main St., is just beginning to hit its stride as a thriving non-profit business.

The organization, made up of mostly now-income members from Henderson and Transylvania counties, had opened its shop last March for the second time, in hopes of catching the coming spring and summer trade. Help has been forthcoming from Western Carolina Community Action and the newly formed Western Economic Development Corporation, (WEDO) of Waynesville.

The shops reopening has prompted an improvement in the quality of items on sale, especially fine items being hand-sewn quilts and various other hand-crafted pieces. New benefits are also being provided for members in the form of fair-priced yard goods, and training and orders for yo-yo skirts.

The store is still in need of volunteer help, however, and new members are still being solicited.

Residents and summer visitors alike are encouraged to come visit the store between the hours of 9:00 a. m. and 6:00 p. m., Monday through Saturday.

Community Clubs Entered In Roadside Contest

A total of 59 organized community clubs is entered in the 1971 Roadside Improvement Contest, according to Morris L. McGough, executive vice president of the Asheville Agricultural Development Council, area sponsor of the contest.

For the past seven years, since the inception of this contest, something special has been going on in way of roadside clean-up and beautification in Western North Carolina, primarily in the rural areas.

All the approximately 80 organized community clubs entered in the Community Development Program are working on various improvement projects to improve their areas. However, those in the roadside contest are undertaking to make an extra special effort to clean up and beautify roadsides and make more attractive communities in which to live.

Communities in Transylvania county that are participating in the roadside effort are: Catey's Creek, Cedar Mountain, Lake Toxaway, Little River, Quebec, Sapphire - White-water and Silverstein.

Purpose of the Roadside Improvement Contest is to encourage all communities to carry out organized clean-up and beautification programs. Special awards are provided in order to recognize those doing the most outstanding work.

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