

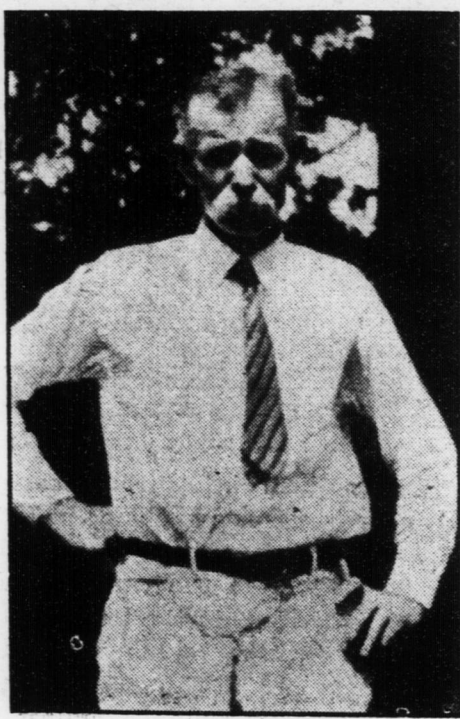
AWARDED FOUR POULTRY PRIZES AT STATE FAIR

Mr. S. M. Flack Takes Three First Prizes and Fifth Prize on White Wyandottes

Mr. S. M. Flack, of this city, took three first prizes and one fifth prize on his White Wyandotte chickens which he exhibited last week at the North Carolina State fair in Raleigh.

Mr. Flack exhibited one pen, two hens and two pullets. The pen took first prize, the two hens first and fifth prizes and the pullets first prize. Mr. Flack did not show any cockerels or cock birds in single pens. In addition to winning the blue ribbon, the premiums on the exhibits amounted to sixteen dollars.

Mr. Flack probably has the finest flock of White Wyandottes in Western North Carolina. His flock is his



S. M. FLACK

hobby, and only the best chickens available are placed in it.

He won first prize on all exhibits which he placed at the Rutherford county fair, except on first cockerel. For several years Mr. Flack has been exhibiting his birds at the Spartanburg, Asheville and Rutherford fairs, and winning his full share of first prizes, but this is his first time to exhibit at the State Fair.

FAITHFUL UNTO DEATH

GRADY HANES

A few miles out from Mexico City lived a family by the name of Tetuan. There were in this family a son and a daughter. The father and mother were very proud of their son, Pedro, and their daughter, Tamberline, and would give them anything that they desired. The Tetuans owned a large plantation, horses of the very best breed, several head of cattle, and many other things that are needed on the farm.

In the year 1886 war broke out between the rich and poor classes. The rich class' cause was upheld by General Ferdinand and about sixteen thousand soldiers. While general Castela with about fifteen thousand soldiers fought the battles for the poor class.

This war had been going on for some time and it seemed that General Castela and his army would win. They were advancing upon Mexico City to engage the opposing force there when they came to the home of Perdo. Now, Perdo had been begging his father for some time to let him join this army. His father had put him off thus far but with the army present he could no longer keep his son from joining. So he consented for Perdo to join and gave him the best horse that he had in his stables. In addition to this he gave his son cigars and many other luxuries that he could have done without.

Three months later General Castela and part of his army were camped ten miles from Mexico City. They had lost the battle which had taken place two months before. Castela's army fled in confusion. At the present time he and about half of his force were surrounded by Ferdinand's army and there seemed to be no chance for escape.

They had been hedged in for a week when General Castela had Perdo summoned to come to his tent. When Perdo appeared before him General Castela handed him a sealed envelope and told him to carry it to the one in command of the rest of his army. Perdo saluted and went away to saddle his horse. In order for him to deliver his message, he would have to go through the line of the enemy. This would probably mean death to him but he was willing to face any danger in order to perform his duty. That night he set out but he had not gone more than one third of the distance before he was discovered. They began to fire at him and he began to spur his horse onward. The bullets whistled by his head and through his clothes but the gods seemed to be with him for he was not touched by the bullets. After getting through the lines of the enemy he turned the head of his horse in the direction of his comrades. Sunrise found him coming into camp of the soldiers that he had been seeking. When he had been permitted to enter the camp he was shown to the tent of the one in charge. He saluted and delivered his message. The commanding officer took the letter, tore it open, and read the following: "I think that this man is a spy, kill him."

EVERYDAY COMMENT

Any man can be a soldier in time of peace.

It is generally in summer that religion is snowed under.

The one thing worse than a quitter is the man who is afraid to begin.

Service is the rent we pay for the room we occupy while here on earth.

If you did today all that you had planned, you did not plan enough.

Nothing great was never done by men who were afraid of difficulties.

An ounce of loyalty when put to the test is worth a pound of cleverness.

Strange as it may seem, when the mind stops growing the head begins to swell.

You can't hire a man to be honest; he will want his wages raised every morning.

If you want to keep your own town clean let every man sweep before his own door.

There is no vice so simple but what assumes some mark of virtue on its outward parts.

Tommy entered a banker's office and said: "I have an attachment for your typewriter, sir, which I—" "Well," said the banker, "Settle it with her. Your love affairs are no concern of mine."

CAN CONTROL RATS BY COMMUNITY EFFORT

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 5.—In cold weather the marauding rat congregates with his fellows in rubbish heaps, dumps, cellars and other protected places. From these he may be dislodged by a well-planned campaign of eradication.

"Rats are not so scattered in cold weather," says C. D. Schwartz, junior biologist at State College. "A campaign of eradication may be made very effective in winter because of this gregarious habit and too, the offensive odor of dead rats is not so noticeable. The rat population may be reduced or eradicated by a definite schedule of systematic poisoning, trapping and starving. It is better, however, if the campaign is undertaken in a large way as by community effort."

Mr. Schwartz says that the wharf rat, as he is commonly known, has been increasing his numbers this summer by leaps and bounds. Food has been plentiful and farm owners have been too busy to notice his depredations. In winter is the time to note this damage and to check it.

What the pest has not eaten, he has carried off or spoiled for human consumption. In addition to being a robber, the rat also is a carrier of disease. One of the most fatal of these is the "Black Plague" or bubonic plague. This disease may be controlled only by the most rigid of quarantines.

How communities may cooperate to control the rat or to conduct campaigns for his eradication has been made an especial study by Mr. Schwartz. He will be glad to render such assistance as he can, free of charge, anywhere within the State. Those who wish to reduce rodent damage on their farms or in their neighborhoods should write Mr. Schwartz as to their wishes.

Kentucky has a new anti-gossip law with a penalty following conviction of \$10 to \$100. The first alleged violation was a woman, and statistical fellows are figuring that the state debt may be paid when all the gossips are fined.

GROW BETTER POULTRY FREE FROM DISEASE

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 5.—The program for the North Carolina poultry producer to follow the coming year is to produce better breeding stock and keep it free from disease.

"Once this better producing stock free from disease is secured, every effort should be made to keep it free," says Dr. B. F. Kaupp, head of the poultry department at State College. "Doing this will help to reduce the mortality of our birds; will make it unnecessary to cull so frequently and will help to maintain high egg production during the season of high prices. It is also good business for the poultry grower to keep an accurate record of his expenses and receipts. Only in this way can he tell whether or not his birds are paying for their keep."

So as to get the best prices for eggs, Dr. Knapp advises hatching at least one-half of the pullets so as to come into lay during August and the other half to begin laying in October. Lights should be used to prevent a slump in production and neck mout.

In his tests at the College, Dr. Knaupp has found that nothing so impairs the health of the average flock as a wet floor caused by a leaky roof. Even a concrete floor laid upon the dirt without a layer of cinders or river gravel will be wet and make the hens sick. A sick hen will not lay.

Drafts on the birds caused by cracks in the house also caused sickness and so does an unclean house. Dr. Kaupp says that it is imperative to keep the house clean. The nests especially should be clean if quality eggs are to be sold. If hens try to roost in the nests, go out at night, he advises, and lift the birds into the perch poles.

The poultry department is offering a special short course for poultrymen of North Carolina during the period of November 19 to 24 when these and other questions will be discussed by practical growers and scientists.

Ten metal silos have been purchased by farmers in one community of Alamance County this fall.

Vamp: "You are very brave to want to marry me. Do you know that the first man that married me died shortly afterwards?"

Shuler: "Honest?"

Vamp: "And the second one committed suicide?"

Shuler: "You don't say."

Vamp: "And the third one is in an insane asylum?"

Shuler: "Well,—"

Vamp: "Now don't you think I am a very seductive woman?"

Shuler: "Lady, you ain't no woman—you're a plague."

A car of pure bred Guernsey cattle was purchased in October by dairymen of Transylvania County.



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COW NEEDS CARE IN WINTER MONTHS

Raleigh, N. C., Nov. 5.—Extra feed cannot be substituted for shelter for the comfortable cow is the profitable cow. When the animals are exposed to wintry winds and rains, much of the feed goes to keep the bodies warm instead of to produce milk.

"Therefore, some effort should be made to keep the dairy cows comfortable during periods of disagreeable weather," says John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "Their stalls should be well lighted and properly ventilated but free from air currents. Ventilation is important but should be so arranged as to prevent the air currents from striking the cow's body. This is accomplished by making the sides of the barn or cow-shed tight and admitting fresh air through properly arranged windows."

Mr. Arey states that the practice of requiring the cow to wade through mud and ice for some distance to get drinking water is too common in the State and too expensive on the dairy industry. Such needless ex-

posure chills the animal and prevents her from drinking the amount of water that she normally would consume.

Normal milk, says Mr. Arey, contains 87 percent water and a cow produces around 30 pounds of water each day. She will not drink this much on a cold day unless the supply is convenient and not too cold.

The dairy cow of high producing breeds is a creature of habit. Unusual treatment makes her nervous. If she is accustomed to a regular routine of feeding and care, a change from this system will make her nervous and distrustful. She should never be run with horses or dogs nor treated roughly while being put in a barn. No other farm animal, says Mr. Arey, will give greater returns for good care than the cow and the herdsman who keeps his animals comfortable in winter will be amply repaid.

A milling company of Jackson County has installed a power driven machine to treat seed wheat with copper carbonate dust for growers of the county. This mill will clean and treat the wheat for 5 cents a bushel.



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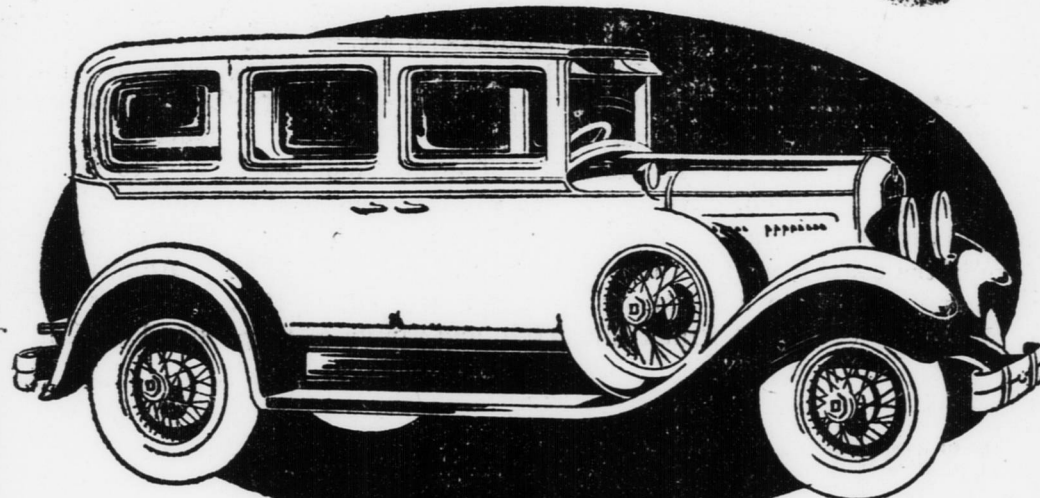
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