

### 'Master Race' Query Arises In Poultry

Paralleling the theories of the Axis powers in the recent war is yet unanswered a question in poultry: What is the 'master race' in chickens?

The Axis discovered, painfully and at great cost, that there is no 'master race'. Poultrymen of the State College Extension Service are in agreement, too, that there is no "ultra-superior" strain of chickens although "breeds" have better records than others as broilers or egg-layers.

R. S. Dearstyne, head of the Department of Poultry Science at State College, says that American breeds such as Rocks, Reds and New Hampshires have desirable qualities as broilers. Leghorns and related American breeds, he adds, are normally better egg producers.

"Because chicks are Leghorns does not necessarily mean that they will produce heavily." A chick's quality is determined by breeding before the egg is hatched and even good management can not develop quality in a chicken after hatching.

"Consequently," Dearstyne says, "a person starting in poultry work should consider his objectives very carefully and in doing this, consult with the agricultural advisor in his county as to what the demands of the local market are and thus tips to the nearest and best sources of stock that will probably meet his needs."

and Yadkin counties. Final judges will be Fred Green, secretary of the Bankers Association, and representatives yet to be named by the Progressive Farmer magazine and the Farmers Cooperative Exchange. Agricultural councils of the participating counties will fix rules and select judges in determining winners to appear in the finals. Yet more than one contestant from each county may enter the finals.

The 12-county winner will be awarded, in addition to first prize money, a trip to Pinehurst and there will deliver the winning oration before the bankers' annual assembly scheduled for a date yet unannounced.

It has been suggested that county contests be conducted on or about April 18. Prizes to county winners will be announced later.

### State College Hints To Farm Homemakers

By Ruth Current

White spots on varnished furniture may be caused by standing water, hot dishes or alcohol, according to wood experts and furnishings specialists.

If the spots are slight, they may be removed simply by rubbing with camphorated oil or oil of peppermint—get 10c worth at the drug store. Or they may disappear when the surface of the furniture is washed with a mixture of 1 quart of warm water, 3 tablespoons of boiled linseed oil, and 1 tablespoon of turpentine; then dried with a soft dry cloth, and rubbed with furniture polish.

For more severe white spots a mixture that may be used in salt and salad oil. Dip the finger in salt and oil, and rub. Repeat until the spot disappears. Then dry and polish. Or use a paste made of powdered pumice and linseed oil, and rub over the spot with the finger or soft cloth until the spot disappears. Don't rub too hard—you might remove the varnish.

A good tailor does not press wool completely dry, for it scorches very easily. Rather, he lifts the wool garment from the pressing board while the last bit of steam is still rising from it. Then he pats or beats out that little whiff of steam with his hand. This keeps the wool from having a hard-pressed look.

It is a good idea to be particular

about the cloths used for pressing. When using new material for this purpose, wash and rinse it thoroughly so that not a bit of starch or sizing remains. Keep the cloths clean always and wash out every trace of scorch, if by any chance the iron gets too hot. A scorched cloth can discolor the garment underneath.

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### Bankers Back Farm Speaking Contest

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Finals of the speaking contest will be held in the Elkin Y. M. C. A. at 2 p. m., April 25. Victory bond prizes of \$100, \$50 and \$25 going to winners of first, second and third places.

The contest, designed to familiarize farm boys and girls of high school age with modern practices of soil conservation, will be conducted in Alexander, Alleghany, Ashe, Caldwell, Davidson, Davie, Forsyth, Iredell, Stokes, Surry, Wilkes

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