

POULTRY

POULTRY SHIPPERS SAVE MUCH MONEY

A report prepared by V. W. Lewis, live stock marketing specialist for the North Carolina state division of markets, shows that those poultry growers of North Carolina who took advantage of the co-operative carlot shipments of poultry and eggs this spring saved a total of \$29,578.48.

The shipments began on March 23 and closed on June 20. During that time, through the efforts of the home and farm demonstration agents of State college, the teachers of agriculture in the high schools and the marketing specialists, 464,285 pounds of poultry and 3,151 cases of eggs were shipped. In addition to the eggs shipped a total of 3,530 cases were stored in a cold storage plant in Wilmington to await the higher prices of the winter months.

Mr. Lewis says: "When we began this work, live hens were selling in the territory indicated at from 17 to 20 cents per pound and only in a few instances did the producers get as much as 20 cents. All but six cars of this poultry brought a price of from 22 to 25 cents per pound at the car door."

Farmers taking part in this movement saved at least 4 cents per pound by selling co-operatively in addition to the fact of having a market brought to their home towns. The movement spread and some counties made shipments not included in the amount given. Vance county, for instance, made two shipments in co-operation with the marketing agents of a railroad; Rutherford county shipped 43,741 pounds and the Farmers' federation of Asheville shipped 190,000 pounds.

Indications are that this movement will grow in volume and importance in 1926 and Mr. Lewis states that there is now no longer any excuse for growers not making money with poultry. All that is needed, he says, is for the producers to get behind some organized movement to help themselves.

Prevention of Disease

Most Profitable Plan

When one goes into a chicken house and hears the birds singing, it is a pleasant contrast to the appearance of a flock that is droopy, with pale combs and indicating a general unhealthy condition. The difference in the majority of cases is not due to one producer curing the disease and the other not curing it, but rather to the fact that one breeder prevents the trouble that is affecting the other person's flock.

Most cases of roup and similar contagious diseases are the result of the disease being brought to the farm with new fowls which were not isolated until they had been proved to be healthy. Sometimes the disease comes from an outbreak of a previous attack after which the premises were not properly cleaned up and disinfected.

Lice and mites can do a great amount of harm if they have their own way. The good poultryman does not wait until they get a strong foothold in the flock, but carries on a preventive war on such pests. Under such conditions pests never cause a serious loss.

Most of the trouble from worms and a good deal of the trouble from coccidiosis can be eliminated by raising the flock on fresh ground each year. If it is not possible to have fresh ground the next best thing is to clean up frequently and use lime freely in keeping the ground sweet and free as possible from germ life.

Poultry Hints

Oatmeal and all that sort of food is no good for ducks or geese. Keep all this sticky stuff away from them.

Because chickens seem to drink only an occasional teaspoonful of water is no reason for thinking that they don't need any water.

If broody hens are shut up the first night they are discovered they can be broken up easier than if left on the nest for several days.

Keeping the house free of mites by use of a good coal-tar disinfectant in a strong mixture and the pallets free from lice by sodium fluoride will be a big help.

Laying hens need green food in summer as well as winter. If you neglected this when you planted your garden, why not try a row or two of swiss chard and maybe a little rape.

One of the best ways of destroying the bacteria that bother poultry is to put the yards under cultivation. In addition, the seeding of the yards is very important from the standpoint of furnishing green stuff for the fowls.

When hens are well fed, but extremely fat and do not lay, either the feed is not of a balanced character or the hens are natural beefers—meaning that their disposition is to acquire fat rather than to convert what they consume into eggs.

Sincerity is valueless unless you get since about something worth while.

An Assault On Alimony.

Milwaukee Journal.

Is the equal rights movement about to destroy the alimony clubs? A New York supreme Court justice has announced that hereafter he will grant no alimony to a woman asking for divorce unless she is a mother or is incapacitated to support herself. He holds that a man is no longer in duty bound to support the woman who has taken his name but will no longer keep his home; that, instead, she should earn her own living.

Probably the learned justice's opinion will not be generally accepted for a long time to come. For the theory that a man assumes certain obligations in the marriage union from which he is never released is pretty thoroughly grounded in practice. But the idea is interesting as showing the marked changes that are coming about in the status of woman. She has made her bid to be an equal in all things and finds many old prerogatives slipping. Now about the only tangible asset of the divorce mill, her

weekly alimony, is imperiled. Will she be willing to accept this loss in order to gain the "emancipation" she seeks? No doubt there are many women who unhesitatingly would say, "Yes." And those who wouldn't might think twice, under the no-alimony rule, before they start a divorce proceeding.

SHELBY MAN INJURED RETURNING HOME.

Statesville Daily.

Mr. Opie Reid Tharpe, son of Mr. C. C. Tharpe, of near Harmony, and Miss Clara Parks, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Parks, of Elkin, were coming to Statesville, yesterday afternoon, in a new Ford coupe, on their way to Charlotte and Shelby. About the Dunlap gate, on the Turnersburg road, their car was struck by a Hudson car occupied by negroes, who did not stop. Mr. Tharpe and Miss Parks were pinioned underneath their overturned car when it was knocked off a 15-foot embankment. Gasoline and

acid ran into their eyes, injuring them. They were picked up by passers-by and taken to Dr. P. C. Jurney's, at Turnersburg, for treatment.

Miss Parks has a position in Charlotte and Mr. Tharpe in Shelby. They were not able to return to their positions today but their injuries are not considered serious.

RUN AWAY BOY RETURNED TO CLEVELAND COUNTY

Charlotte Observer.

Clayton Pruett, one of the runaway boys who have been in the custody of the welfare department here, was returned yesterday to Shelby, where the Cleveland county welfare department will place the boy in his father's home.

The lad, who is about 15 years old, has been in Charlotte for about three weeks. The Cleveland county welfare department will locate the boy's father who is believed to be working at a sawmill near Shelby. The Salvation army paid the expenses to Shelby.

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