

POULTRY

MODEL PULLET SURE TO BE WORTH MORE

Marked Advance in Feed Is Cited as Reason.

By F. H. Branch, Extension Economist in Farm Management, Massachusetts State College.—WNU Service.

A well grown pullet in 1935 will cost about \$1.50 or approximately 10 per cent more than last year. The increase over last year's costs is caused by a marked advance in feed prices and a moderate increase in labor charges.

In making calculations, it was estimated that in order to obtain 100 healthy pullets, the poultryman must buy about 250 baby chicks. About half of these will be cockerels, and some losses probably will be sustained during the brooding and rearing season. The cost of the chicks amounts to about 35 cents per pullet. Feed costs for six or seven months will amount to about 95 cents. The labor of taking care of one pullet in a flock results in about 25 cents' worth of labor being charged against each pullet. Overhead costs, including depreciation and interest on buildings and equipment amount to about 20 cents, and miscellaneous cash costs, such as fuel, litter and grit, come to about 18 cents, bringing the total cost to \$1.95 for each pullet.

But a by-product of the business of raising pullets is a supply of cockerels which may be sold as broilers, and the return from broilers is a credit, in calculating the cost of raising pullets. Broilers should be worth about 45 cents each, thus reducing the cost of each pullet to \$1.50.

These calculations may serve as a basis for poultrymen in computing the cost of establishing flocks this year.

Sanitary Feeding Urged by College Poultryman

Feeding grain and mash in troughs is the cleanest and most accurate method of supplying the poultry flock with their daily grain ration, says G. W. Knox, Jr., extension poultryman, University College of Agriculture, Fayetteville, Ark., and it has largely taken the place of the old method, both unsanitary and uncertain, of feeding it in the litter.

The grain is put morning and night into a V-shaped trough, constructed of one by six-inch material. This method is sanitary, and the exact amount of grain the hens consume can be regulated, Knox pointed out. A light feed is given in the morning, and a heavy feeding, all the hens will eat, is given at night. "Some poultrymen prefer to hopper feed their grain, keeping it before the hens at all times. This method is unsanitary, but the amount of grain fed cannot be regulated as easily as in trough feeding," he says.

"The exact amount fed varies with the breed and the season of the year, and the poultryman must learn to regulate the amount of grain his birds will eat."

Ducks Are Sensitive

Ducks are far more sensitive than ordinary fowls, and mistakes in management frequently lead to a complete moult. Do not imagine that free-range ducks can secure half their living during winter months. Ducks in full lay will consume about five ounces of food daily—approximately two ounces of grain and three of wet mash. For grain use wheat, or equal weights of wheat and corn, fed in troughs in the morning, and they love to shovel it out of a trough containing a small quantity of water.—Montreal Herald.

Do Not Overcrowd

The poultryman who places too many layers in the laying house is headed for small profits and trouble. In small buildings 5 square feet of floor space should be allowed for each bird and in larger ones 3 square feet. If the birds are crowded they will be uncomfortable, competition for feed at the hoppers and for water at the fountains will be keen, they will be more susceptible to disease, and mortality is sure to be heavy. One should aim to have the laying houses not too full and not the opposite.

In the Poultry Yard

The surest way to prevent frozen combs is to provide heat during zero weather.

Turkeys, especially when kept in confinement, require ample supplies of water and grit.

Fowl paralysis did not respond to feeding treatment at the Iowa experiment station. Neither the cause nor the cure for this chicken disease is known.

Hens lay their largest eggs after having reached maturity or after becoming "hens" after their period of pullethood.

Fowl pox is more serious this winter than in previous seasons, according to reports received by the poultry department of the Ohio State university.

The rooster with swollen head and closed eye has the roup, and should not be in the flock with healthy birds, as this disease is highly contagious and cured with difficulty when present.

Give Horse a Chance

Sore necks and shoulders on horses can be largely avoided if the driver exercises thoughtful care. Most of these troubles come from collars that do not fit or from hames and harness improperly adjusted. It is much better to fit the collar to the horse than to try the horse to the collar.

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In The WEEK'S NEWS

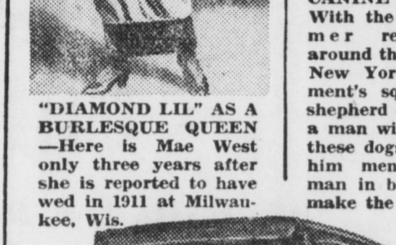
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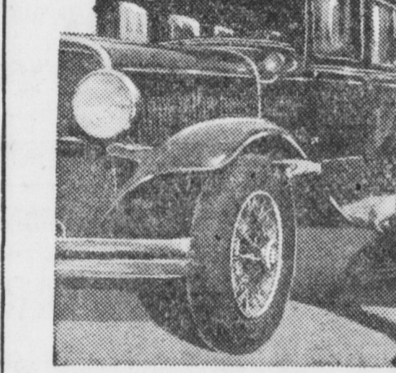
F. D.'S GRAND-CHILDREN—Mr. Curtis Dall with his two children, "Sissie" and her brother "Bussie" are shown as they joined their father on the bridge paths during their Easter vacation.



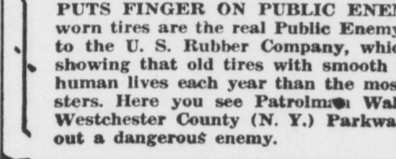
WOMAN IN NEW FIELD—Dr. Frances Lamb sets a new high for women in industry. She operates the spectrophotometer in the inspection department of the Michigan Smelting and Refining Company in Detroit, a Bohn subsidiary. This is the first time this laboratory instrument has been used for routine inspection and the first time a woman scientist has ever operated it. Dr. Lamb was formerly of Michigan State College, East Lansing, Mich.



CANINE POLICE FORCE—With the coming of summer renewed activity around the quarters of the New York police department's squad of German shepherd dogs. Once down a man will stay there, for these dogs will stand over him menacingly until a man in blue comes up to make the arrest.



"DIAMOND LIL" AS A BURLESQUE QUEEN—Here is Mae West only three years after she is reported to have wed in 1911 at Milwaukee, Wis.



PUTS FINGER ON PUBLIC ENEMY No. 1—Old worn tires are the real Public Enemy No. 1, according to the U. S. Rubber Company, which cites statistics showing that old tires with smooth treads take more human lives each year than the most merciless gangsters. Here you see Patrolman Walter Latze of the Westchester County (N. Y.) Parkway Police pointing out a dangerous enemy.



CAPT. R. STUART MURRAY, soon to leave on another expedition into the interior of British Guiana, is busy checking supplies. He plans to resume studies of the remote Indian tribes—their background and customs. The background in the picture seems darn interesting, too, Captain.

HEALTH TALK

WRITTEN BY DR. THEODORE B APPEL, SECRETARY OF HEALTH

POSTURE

"One of the outstanding characters of the West Point cadet is his magnificent carriage. In mass formation these men represent one of the finest single groups of manhood to be found in the United States. And among the first things a plebe is required to do is to sit, stand and walk correctly. In fact, this fundamental discipline applies to every man who becomes connected with any type of military organization. Because of the very definite aid to health involved in this practice, it is really unfortunate that the average person does not automatically train himself to maintain correct posture habits," states Dr. Edith McBride Dexter, Secretary of Health.

"It is the very exceptional boy or girl, and even man or woman, who does not know the 'head up, chin in, chest out, and stomach in' rule. The difficulty arises in its adoption. It is so easy to follow one's natural inclinations with the consequent slouching that is so apparent among all classes today.

"If the matter were limited to aesthetic considerations, efforts to revise posture would be fully justified. The fact is, however, that faulty posture, among other things, fails to keep the abdominal muscles taut and thus deprives it of the needed support and pressure. In extreme cases of habitual slouching a number of conditions can develop due to circulatory changes in the organs of the chest and abdomen. These include a lowered resistance to certain respiratory infections, coldness of the hands and feet, fatigue, headache, constipation and neurasthenia.

Even dependency and mental confusion have been traced to this cause.

"There are, of course, numerous instances where lack of vitality or disease itself is responsible for the slouching posture. But, by and large, slouching is due to carelessness.

"It is particularly important that the child's posture conforms to nature's dictates. Cases of spinal curvature as well as other handicapping physical deformities have been directly contributed to a disregard of this important fact.

"While, of course, the harm accomplished by habitually incorrect posture widely varies not only in children but in adults as well, depending on the individual mental and physical make-up, it can safely be said that if persisted in it almost always has its bad effects.

"It follows that both appearance and a proper functioning of the body are involved in the posture problem. To attain and maintain correct posture is a health secret that cannot safely be disregarded."

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Fluffy Chocolate Sauce
1 square unsweetened chocolate; 1 cup milk; 1 cup sugar; 3 tablespoons flour; 2 egg yolks, slightly beaten; 2 tablespoons butter; ¼ teaspoon vanilla; ½ cup cream, whipped.

Add chocolate to milk and heat in double boiler. When chocolate is melted, beat with rotary egg beater until blended. Combine sugar and flour; add gradually to chocolate mixture and cook until thickened. Add small amount of chocolate mixture to egg yolks, stirring vigorously; return to double boiler and cook 2 minutes longer, stirring constantly. Add butter and vanilla; cool. Fold in cream. Makes about 2 ¼ cups sauce.

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Remove Mulch Gradually

Part of the thickest mulch on the strawberry patch should be removed from over the rows as soon as danger of severe frost is past and before the plants under the mulch begin to turn yellow. Most of the surplus straw can be left between the rows.

Avoid Poor Stands

Among the causes of poor stands of potatoes are: careless cutting of seed, too small seed pieces, exposing cut seed to the hot sun, allowing cut seed to heat, planting under extremely hot, dry conditions, careless planting, and use of a defective planter.

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- 7—Gray discovers the great Columbia River, 1792.
- 8—State Militia organizations created by Congress, 1792.
- 9—Cy Young pitches perfect game against Philadelphia, 1904.
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