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KEEP THE PLACE IN ORDER

We hear it said, frequently, that "one cannot live on scenery" and we know, too, that one could get very hungry while surrounded with most gorgeous flowers and beautiful shrubbery. We know, too, that the turkey raiser does not have much time to spend with flowers or at "landscaping" his premises, but we also feel a certain amount of this sort of thing should be done. And it can be done on any farm where there is strong disposition to accomplish the necessary details, and it all has actual cash value to the breeder of quality turkeys, in fact to the breeders of just plain market turkeys, but to the first who is frequently visited by prospective buyers, it is of special importance.

We do not propose any extensive rearrangement of the layout of one's premises, nor any construction whatsoever, except possibly a bit of repairing which would be desirable under any condition. What we are thinking about mostly refers rather to the situations we often observe, where unused form implements, piles of boards, posts, or other debris, are allowed to lay through the season for weeds to grow high around them, making suitable hiding places for rats, weasels, etc., and detracting much from the appearance of the premises. Busy farmers become accustomed to these things and think nothing of them, but not so with the chance caller who may be particular about such things on his own premises, and impressions thus made may be far-reaching.

We know this to be a fact because it has been mentioned to us at different times. It would seem incredible that such a condition could exist along with high-class turkeys that possess clean cut beauty in every line and are the pride of the owner, and yet we sometimes do find just such a situation.

The question is what can be done about it. The farmer works early and late and does not begin to receive even WPA wages for his much longer day's work. At night he is too tired to undertake an extra job, and in the morning he must hurry with the chores and be off to the field to plant, to cultivate or to harvest. We know for we have been right in his place. But we know, too, what unbelievable transformations can be made about the premises in a very limited time. At intervals immediately following a shower, or perchance when some job one is working on is finished a little before meal time, or even after supper it may be possible to enlist the whole family for just a little while to pick things up, to rake even the back yard and possibly do a little planting or setting of plants.

Wherever weeds will thrive, sunflowers will grow. They are more ornamental and also useful for turkey feed. A grape vine, or a Virginia creeping vine, will quickly cover any unsightly fence or other object and a pile of rocks can quickly be shaped into the semblance of a flower bed or rock garden and a few petunia plants will grow there almost as persistently as weeds and will require very little care.

None of this is hard to accomplish and the time required can easily be found on any farm. Generally it is the lack of incentive or urge to get at it. Once accomplished, it is easy to keep clean thereafter. But there are a great number of turkey raisers to whom the foregoing in no way alludes. Many of our better turkey breeders do take great pride in making their homes and surroundings both beautiful and comfortable and yet these very ones are among the busiest persons we know of. Different persons have different preferences and different inclinations, but a carefully planned and neatly kept place has actual cash value and a heap of satisfaction to the fellow who likes to "putter around."

NOTES & COMMENT

The A. P. A. Comes to the Northwest

For the first time in a great many years the American Poultry Association will hold its annual convention in the northwest, at Saint Paul, July 15-17. All sessions will be held at the St. Paul Hotel where very reasonable rates have been secured. Every effort is being made to make this, the 63rd annual convention of the association, a record breaker. A commitee of 140 leading poultry and turkey raisers in Minnesota and adjoining states have been named to put it over.

There are two special reasons why turkey breeders of the whole country, and of the northwest in particular, should turn out to this meeting. First, the important Standard changes which are to be considered; second, there will be much discussion and preliminary plans made for participation in the World's Poultry Congress, in which northwest turkeys MUST play a prominent part. Early reservations at the hotel will be an advantage. These may be secured by writing the editor or to Mr. H. A. Nourse, Chairman of Convention Committee, St. Paul, Minn.

Will You Exhibit at the World's Congress?

To date we have not been successful in getting any definite expressions from breeders on the proposition of a live bird exhibit at Cleveland at the Big Poultry Congress and show to be held there in July, 1939. To many it may seem a long way in the future, but it is not too soon to make adequate plans for an exhibit of the size turkey folks should put on. However, it is pretty much up to those who will plan to exhibit if we are to hold a competitive exhibit at all, and surely when the World's Congress comes to the "native land" of the turkey breeders will not pass up the opportunity to show to the world what they have in superior quality turkeys. We would like to hear from many of you before the St. Paul meeting.

Hugo Meyers to May-Way Farm

Missouri has many prominent breeders of turkeys and among those of the younger breeders is Hugo Meyers, fromerly of Cole Camp, Mo., a well known breeder of high class Bronze, and by his winnings at the American Royal, has proved his ability to produce good ones. Hugo has just advised us that he has moved to Humansville, Mo., where he will have charge of the MAY WAY FARM recently established by Gilbert May of the May Feed Company of Independence and Kansas City, Mo. Besides turkeys, they will produce hogs and cattle. Hugo says he expects to exhibit at the next All-American Turkey Show, and we presume, at the American Royal as usual. We wish this new enterprise the greatest success.

ERLE SMILEY DIES SUDDENLY

By GEO. W. HACKETT

On May 8th we were deeply shocked to receive a telegram telling of the passing of Judge Erle Smiley at a Lincoln (Nebr.) hospital on May 5th following an operation. The cause of death was a blood clot on the heart, when he was presumed to be recovering, two weeks after the operation. His untimely demise comes as a profound shock to all turkey folks who met him as he judged at the All-American, at Oakland, and other turkey exhibits where he had judged during the past show season, during which time he appeared to be in full health.

The same deep regret will be felt by a much

larger group of poultry breeders throughout



THE LATE ERLE SMILEY

the length and breadth of the United States and even in foreign countries. He leaves to mourn his loss his wife, Ann; two daughters, Jo Ann, 13; Marilyn, 5; a son, Don, 9; and one brother, Carl, 49. He was in his 48th year and had been breeding poultry since he was 10 years of age. He was granted a general A. P. A. Judge's license at the age of 25, at the time the youngest judge to receive a license. His background for judging work consisted of experience gained from breeding nearly every standard breed of land and water fowl, to which was added valuable experience in association with the veteran "car lot" ex-

hibitor, E. G. Roberts, of Fort Atkinson, Wis. It was during the latter period in 1914, while I was judging at the Wisconsin State Fair, and other large fairs, that I first met Erle, then in his early twenties. I recall his eagerness to acquire further knowledge in



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standard quality poultry and his satisfaction when his opinion was in accord with the placing. His frankness of manner and his belief in honest dealing appealed to me at once, and through the years that have intervened, although I have met him only occasionally, I have kept informed as to his progress and in touch with him by correspondence.

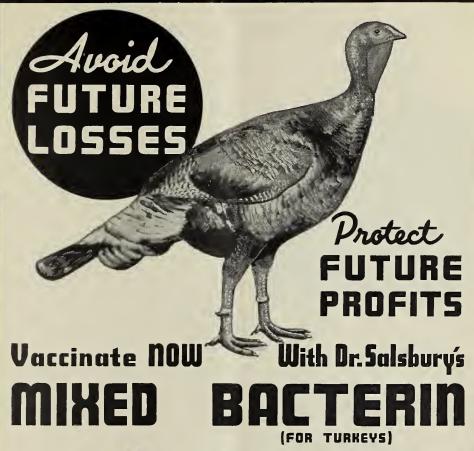
The high esteem in which Erle Smiley was held by a very wide circle of friends and acquaintances is vouched for in the many positions of trust to which he had been elevated, both within and outside the poultry industry, and few men of his years have been so honored by positions of trust by his fellow associates. We will enumerate only a few of these: Secretary-Treasurer of the A. P. A. Judges Section since 1924; Chairman of the Judges Licensing Committee, Secretary of the Nebraska Poultry Improvement Association; Superintendent of Poultry, Nebraska State Fair; and Chairman of the Nebraska World's Poultry Congress Committee. He was a member of the Nebraska Legislature in 1922 and has served as a member of the State Board of Agriculture; also a past Commander of the American Legion in his state. Always public spirited he has been very active in civic affairs and a leader in community advance-

As to his poultry accomplishments, he bred and showed in car lot quantity a great number of breeds and varieties of poultry, and since 1923 has operated a breeding project and hatchery to supply quality poultry stock to the farmers of his state and elsewhere. He was considered one of the leading general judges of poultry in the country and has officiated at practically all the foremost shows of the entire country. He was fast gaining reputation as a leading turkey judge, and made many friends wherever he judged, as he did at the recent All-American. At the time of his death he was booked to judge many leading shows next fall and winter.

In 1925 he established Smiley's Water Gardens which now have the most extensive collection of water lilies in existence. He was also making great progress in the hybridizing of iris. Of special interest to the readers of The American Turkey Journal is the special effort Erle Smiley put forth as a member of the Standard Revision Committee in behalf of turkeys. He was tireless in his efforts and accomplished much of what the turkey breeders wanted for the new Standard. It is gratifying to know he was privileged to meet so many of the turkey breeders during last show season and from them personally, as well as by groups, receive their thanks for his faithful services.

His early passing cut short many years of valuable service to the whole poultry industry, a loss that can ill be afforded at this particular time. He was a distinct honor to the poultry industry and the results of his work will long remain. He will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy to the bereaved family.







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FOR THE BEGINNER

"Knee Deep in June"

That is where the poults want to be this month; not knee deep to a person should the alfalfa or clover be, yet more than knee deep to the poults. About 8 or 10 inches high suits them best and it will not be wasted as more developed growth would be. The turkey was intended for open range, which best suits its nature, yet it is content on limited yarding and develops more rapidly in semi-confinement. Turkeys are raised and marketed without ever touching feet to the ground, but this is too far from nature's way to appeal to the lover of nature. But what we want is quick growth, which means tender flesh and that can best be secured on limited range and still have satisfied turkeys.

How Much Should They Weigh?

That is what the beginner would like to know, as the season advances. The U. S. Department of Agriculture has answered that question through experiments conducted on the Federal Experimental Farm in Montana and following is an abbreviated report of their findings. This was with Bronze:

Age	Males	Females
8 weeks	2.58 lbs.	2.04 lbs.
12 weeks	5.48 lbs.	4.16 lbs.
16 weeks	9.56 lbs.	6.99 lbs.
20 weeks	13.90 lbs.	9.59 lbs.
24 weeks	17.96 lbs.	11.48 lbs.

The average weight for both males and females was 14.61 lbs. at 24 weeks and the amount of feed consumed to produce a pound of meat was approximately 5½ lbs. The above weights should be easily obtained at ages listed. Some have increased this considerably and at less average feed per pound of gain, while others have required as high as 7 pounds of feed to the average pound gain. It will be found interesting to weigh certain marked poults regularly and note if gains are up to standard.

Feather Picking

No one likes to see a flock of rough, feather-picked turkeys, and this vicious habit is sometimes accountable for actual loss in market birds. We believe it to be a habit, pure and simple, brought on by overcrowding of the range space allowed or from idleness, rather than from any lack of balance in the ration, as some claim. Turkeys on free range never develop this habit, nor do they often acquire it when kept on limited range, if not too crowded and are provided some means for cleaning their beaks after eating mash.

The coarser granulated mash helps and pellets are still better, but neither is proof against feather picking if other conditions are not favorable. A strip of mesh wire strung tightly above the feed trough is worth trying, or if feeders are in the alfalfa, the turks will use that to clear their beaks. But if you have some high class birds you expect to show or sell for breeders, it will pay well to separate them from the flock and keep in smaller groups in

larger runs. It is also a good practice to place an old tom with each group of toms you wish to protect. This all makes extra work but pays well in the end.

All-American Picnic July 10

Plans are going forward for the annual picnic sponsored by the Turkey Hen Club, ladies' organization of the All - American Turkey Show, which will be held at Riverside Park, Grand Forks, on July 10th.

A cordial invitation is extended to everyone interested in turkeys, whether as growers or in allied lines, to spend the day at this annual outing. Riverside Parks affords every facility for a full day of fun, including tennis courts, swimming pool, golf, horseshoe courts, etc. Mrs. George Kirk, Niagara, N. Dak., is president of the Turkey Hen Club.

NARRAGANSETT CLUB NOTES

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Beltrami, Minnesota

Just received the following letter from our Club President, Mr. Quam, of Beltrami, Minn.: "Received your letter of May 5th. Had not



received any folder before that, and I wish to congratulate the committee on the fine piece of work they did. Please send me one hundred of them; am

enclosing check for same. "We have 500 poults hatched the first week in May, all coming along fine. Have had such a demand for eggs this spring that we sold quite a number of our earliest eggs. We expect to raise about 800 this year. Have

Mrs. Ole C. Nelson about 800 this year. Have had lots of rain here this spring. Last Sunday we had five inches of snow. The crops are now looking fine, but the corn planting is being delayed."

(Thanks for your very welcome letter and your order for 100 of our Narragansett folders.)

I was also very pleased to receive a letter from the Sheckler Sisters of Nevada, Ohio. They are always good Narragansett boosters. They sent me the following interesting news about their turkeys:

"Inclosed find our check for \$2.00 for dues for Narragansett Club. We are very busy now with our turkey work. Have 600 little turks out—400 Narragansetts and 200 White Hollands. We have 300 that are four weeks old, weighed them last night and they tipped the scales at

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to watch them develop week by week.

"We love to read the Club Notes. That is always the first thing in the turkey magazines that we read. We expect to raise about 800 turkeys this year—half Narragansetts and half White Hollands. We specialize in fancy oven dressed birds and have worked up a trade along that line. That takes most of our meat or market turkeys and we keep the very best for breeding stock.

breeding stock.

"We have made our double garage into a hatchery and have new electric incubators and are they ever swell. Judge Hackett will judge at our State Show again this year. We surely will welcome him back to Ohio."

We are very glad to know that our club is growing right along. This month we have a new member from Missouri. She is Mrs. E. W. Howard of Peculiar, Missouri. We are very glad to welcome her into our club and we hope to get more members from her state. I shall be sending her one of our new folders together with her membership card.

A short time ago I received a card from Judge Hackett which contained the very sad news that Judge Erle Smiley of Seward, Nebr., had passed away May 5th. He leaves his wife, two daughters and a son to mourn his passing.

two daughters and a son to mourn his passing. Judge Smiley was well known by all the turkey people as he has been a member of the American Poultry Association Revision Committee as well as having judged a number of the leading turkey shows of the country. We had the privilege of meeting him at the All-American last January. He will be greatly missed by all the many friends and acquaintances he has made because of his great interest in the progress and development of the turkey industry.

Mr. Silas Ellingson of Hoffman, Minnesota, paid up his membership this month. Mr. Ellingson reports very good hatchery business this spring. His incubators have been running at full capacity a good share of the time. On the whole the turkey hatches have been good. (Thanks for your dues and interest in our club).

Mr. Ray M. Lang of Hoffman, Minn., also paid his annual dues this month. (Thanks a lot, Mr. Lang.)

We now have about 900 turkey poults. The oldest ones are now 4 weeks old, but the weather has been so cold and disagreeable we have not been able to have them outside at all so we are waiting for some sunshiny weather so we can let them out. They have been doing well and growing very fast. We still have our turkey hens also as we still have several egg orders to fill. The demand for eggs and poults has been very good this spring.

In closing I wish to remind all Narragansett raisers that I still have a good supply of our new Narragansett folders so if you wish to receive one of them just send me your name and address and I shall send it right out. Let me also remind you that we want you all to join our club and help us boost our favorite breed of turkeys, the Narragansett Turkey.

MRS. OLE C. NELSON.

AMERICAN-ROYAL TURKEY CLUB NOTES

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Dear Friends: Am glad to have heard from some of you lately, and to know your turkey work is both interesting and profitable. A feed salesman, whom I believe knows quite well, tells me reports from the entire country are of greatly lowered numbers of laying hens in appearance, with result that they expect a smaller turkey crop than in '37. And with the chicken population also smaller than in years, we should know quite a profitable 1938. Let's resolve to raise our flocks well, offering nothing that is not well fed and of high quality.

With deepest regrets comes news of the passing of Erle Smiley, May 5th. Nicely recovering from a recent operation, death came as a result of a blood clot which stopped his breathing. We can scarcely believe that we shall no more be privileged to hold turkeys across the table for his judging. Quiet and unasuming as was his manner, his services were repeatedly demanded in countless poultry shows throughout the United States and Hawaii alike.

Never posing as one of faultless decisions, his

work was such that exhibitors and contemporary judges alike felt greatest confidence in his judging. Kindly and helpful always, we never knew him flustered or to question our motive when we asked reasons for any decision. And "win or lose" we parted, knowing something of the depths of a loyal and generous friendship. We looked forward to many future meetings of this kind. Greater tributes than these we know none.

We express our heartfelt sympathy to Mrs. Smiley and the kiddies of whom he so frequently spoke, as well as to those who had long worked with him in his hatchery and his wonderful water gardens. We should like to add something of his own words in parting after the last Grand Forks show: "Somehow, sometime, somewhere, we'll meet again." And so, Dear Triend, though no words can express the depth of loss we feel through your absence, yet we like to think of you as being there among some other water gardens such as you so loved to work among while here. And we know no good-byes.

SADIE B. CALDWELL, Sec'y-Treas.





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Axel Hanson, President - - - Minneapolis Mrs. W. J. Janda, Sec'y. - St. Hilaire, Minn.

In looking over my material for club notes, I find that I have very little to go on. But I expect due to the cold, wet spring, every one is



brooder fires a-going instead of writing club news. We are again having more than a reasonable share of moisture. Red Lake River is the highest it has been for years and today it commenced to rain again so we may have a small flood.

too busy keeping the

How are you turkey folks at Aitkin? Have been thinking of you all and wondering if any of

Mrs. W. J. Janda you were marooned by the flood.

Mrs. John Walker, Williamstown, Missouri, reports a busy season packing eggs and shipping poults. Besides her garden and other work she is a busy lady, but is happy as "it looks like a fine season for Missouri.

~ 3 Another person from whom I haven't heard for a long time until a few days ago is Jerome Revier of the Minnesota Turkey Farm. He is again going to raise 2000 birds. Last year they didn't raise turkeys but had some in storage from the previous year. He was satisfied with his returns for them and so decided to raise turkeys this year. (But between you and me, I really think Jerome got lonesome for the handsome Bronze so hence is again one of us.

3 3 Many of you are probably wondering what has become of M. E. Churchward who used to raise so many Bronze that he had to use an adding machine to count his birds. Well, Mr. Churchward is not raising Bronze now, but is trying to keep the Bronze and other breeds of turkeys that other people raise from turning up their toes before marketing time. Mr. Churchward is district agent for Wakatona and lives at his former address, Como Station, St. Paul

3 Ray Andrews of Petersburg, N. Dak., reports a flock of 3000 Bronze. All are April hatched birds.

It may interest some of you whom I know personally that our daughter, Ellen, is graduating June 2nd as valedictorian of her class. She is the oldest of our family and I am hoping the other three will do as well.

TURKEY COMMENTS

That first sniff in the flock is always a warning to look out for colds. I usually like to carry a small bottle of 10% argyrol and medicine dropper in my pocket. A drop in each eye and then forced through the nostrils does the trick.

If a poult happens to get a packed crop, which they so often do get by picking up straw or long stems of alfalfa, just open the crop on top side of neck, clean out crop and wash with

an antiseptic and the poult will be as "good as

While poults are real small and especially during this cold weather they can't be kept outdoors while brooder houses are cleaned and sprayed. Why not lime the floor well instead of spraying, then cover with gravel. That way the floor is kept dry and there will not be the

danger of coccidiosis.

Use the 4 inch side of a two-by-four for roosts, and do not let turkeys roost on any other from the time they go to roosting until matured and you will find very few crooked

breasted birds in your flock.

If you keep the vessels always full of water you don't need so much drinking space.

I like wet mash for turkeys instead of dry. If the wet mass for turkeys instead of u.y. It's easier for them to eat, no waste by being blown away by wind, and does not stick to beaks. The turkeys will consume more wet mash than dry. Turkeys are gluttons. They like to bolt their feed, then go to a comfortable place and sleep.

Please send me news. I am appealing to all of our members. Without news we cannot have a club page.

MRS. JANDA.

North Dakota Turkey Improvement Association

By MRS. A. C. PAYNE, Secretary Towner, N. Dak.

As I sit here writing the notes for this month, I can hear the peep-peep of our youngest poults. They were taken from the incubator today and



Mrs. A. C. Pavne

will be placed in their feather brooder tomorrow. It certainly is a pleasure to work with turkeys when the hatches are as satisfactory as they are this year. I are this year. I nave inquired from many turkey breeders as to the fertility and hatchability of their eggs and find they are well pleased this Spring. I hope all of you have had the same experience.

May has been very cool and damp here in our part of North Dakota. The last few days we have had some rain but North Dakota Picnic

At Minot June 12

The annual picnic of the North Dakota Turkey Improvement Association will be held in the Pioneer Bowl, at the Fairgrounds, Minot, N. Dak., on June 12th. All members of the association and any others interested in turkey growing, or allied industries, are cordially invited to attend this enjoyable gathering and spend the day.

Professor H. J. Sloan, head of the poultry department, University of Minnesota, will address the gathering on the subject of the coming World's Poultry Congress in 1939.

no sunshine. I know our poults would welcome the sun again.

In this month's mail we received our descriptive material from the Narragansett Club secretary. I feel the committee that compiled this folder should receive a vote of thanks from all Narragansett breeders as it is a very detailed description and good illustrations. For beginners it is a very valuable folder.

We also received an invitation to the South Dakota Fair in September. Wouldn't it be fun to start a turkey tour then and continue through to climax it all at the All-American?

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Today's mail brought a letter from Mrs. Lovig informing me that the date of our picnic has been changed to June 12. I hope you can change your plans so as to be there. Mrs. J. B. Cooley of Minot is chairman of the Publicity and Speakers' Bureau of the World Poultry Con-gress. She has been fortunate enough to arrange to have one of the National Speakers for the Congress come to Minot to address our group at that time. This is an exceptionally fine opportunity to hear one of these prominent men and we felt it advisable to grasp this offer. If you can arrange to be in Minot by 10:30 in the morning we will be able to clear up all business matters before dinner, thus leaving the after-noon for speakers and visiting. Make every effort possible to be there.

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The month of May seems to be the very busiest month of the whole season. With the care of the breeders, also the eggs (not forgetting the hatchy hens) along come the poults, which, we all must admit, mean the real work.

we all must admit, mean the real work. But what a thrill we get when we open those brooder-house doors every morning and find those little fellows all up and busy! Then, to watch them develop, and to compare the results of this pen and that pen. Already, we can see outstanding poults among them. But, surely, when we try our best, we really would be disappointed if we didn't see results of planning for "quality."

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Every few days calls are coming in for poults, ranging from 12 to 200 poults, and all seem to demand quality. If all can be supplied with poults, surely there will be enough turkeys this fall and winter.

Bourbons are really in demand, both as to early and late orders. We have never had complaints about too large a bird, as our private trade seems to all want the large bird, both alive and dressed. The past two seasons there has been a certain demand, from dealers, for the small size bird, at a premium, as they are used mostly for "feather parties." A late July hatched Bourbon will fill this demand very nicely, due to their early development.

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