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The Breeders For 1942

Their Selection and Management

Much has appeared in recent issues of the American Turkey Journal about the importance of careful selection of next season's breeders. The importance of this phase of turkey management cannot be overstressed. There should be a plan and a method in making such selections and it must be followed to the letter.

For progressive improvement not more than 50 percent of the best of flocks will be found desirable for breeders, and in flocks where previous selection has not been practiced a much smaller number will be found desirable. Well developed young hens will usually be found most profitable as breeders, except where trapnesting and pedigreeing is practiced. While yearling or older hens, rightly managed, produce better poults generally, the loss sustained in carrying the mature stock over often cuts too deeply into the profits.

Young hens usually begin laying earlier but records show that the older hens often lay as many eggs as the young hens do and produce better average poults. There are two important reasons for selecting the breeders early. First, to get the earlier developing birds which are usually the better producers and, secondly, to separate the breeders from the market birds to lessen the cost of feeding the breeders and to provide them with a ration and conditions which will make them the better and more profitable breeders.

A third reason which many successful raisers think equally important is to vaccinate the breeders against pox which often breaks out among the breeders later and plays havoc by upsetting production and lowering fertility at the time when the year's profit depends on unbroken production and good fertility. Breeders should have been selected before this reaches our readers but if they have not been, today is the best time. Separated from the flock, the first chore is to vaccinate. This should be done even though they were vaccinated at the usual age of 10 to 14 weeks.

The feed can now be of less fattening content, less protein and more roughage. Give them corn fodder, alfalfa hay and oats in the bundle and a chance to rustle green feed if there is no snow on the ground. Next in importance is some sort of shelter to provide against strong winds and bad storms. Evergreen timber makes ideal shelter, or a high, tight board fence shelter in a protected location makes an ideal place even without roof, but with plenty of straw as litter to protect their feet from contact with the snow.

We believe that much of the trouble with poor hatchability comes from the inactivity of the breeders during the winter which results in their becoming too fat on a narrow grain ration. This is contrary to nature and you can't get far from nature and succeed. But we do want turkey eggs earlier than would be produced by the birds in their wild state and this is brought about by providing, as near as possible, springtime conditions, so far as ration is concerned, before spring arrives. This is accomplished by adding a good laying mash and increasing the amount of grains while at the same time keeping a good supply of green feed in some form before them at all times.

General housing of breeders through the winter has not been found profitable, yet if they can be housed shortly before eggs are wanted and early morning lights provided to lengthen the day it will hasten production and thereby increase the number of eggs laid by the individual hen for the season. Most commercial turkey laying mashers contain all the essentials, including the vitamins which research has found necessary to secure fertility and hatchability but with the best of them, plenty of green feed and milk in some form added, will improve results.

The Breeders must be held from the time they could have been marketed in the fall, about Nov. 15th, until about the 1st of June for a very short period of production, it is therefore necessary that best possible results be secured. It has been found that the average turkey hen will consume about 85 lbs. of feed, mash and grain, during the six and a half months she is in production.

Good producing stock should average around 40 eggs from March to June 1st but the general average is doubtless much below that number. However, the up-to-date breeder gets better than the 40 eggs per hen with good fertility and strong, livable poults resulting. It has been our observation that those who hamper their birds least get best results and therefore greater profits. Now is the most important time of the year for the breeding flock owner.

IOWA POULT SHOW

Iowa State College, Ames, announces the dates for the 7th annual Iowa Poultry Show as May 14, 15 and 16, 1942. This show was postponed last year but Mr. Cliff Stewart, show superintendent, reports much interest this year and anticipates a large entry and attendance. The poulting show is staged by the College Poultry Club.

TURKEY SHOW FLASH

Two Northwestern turkey shows were in progress as this issue of The American Turkey Journal went to press and full details as to entries and awards will appear in the January issue. The following information was received just as we were closing our forms for this issue:

Northern States Show at Alexandria, Minn., attracted an entry of 330 live and 300 dressed birds. Grand Champion in the live division was won by a Yearling Bronze Tom exhibited by the Allen Turkey Farm, Radium, Minn. Grand Champion Dressed bird was won by Sunnyslope Farms, North Platte, Nebraska, which later was auctioned off for \$4.60 per pound.

The North Dakota State Turkey Show at Minot had an entry of 189 live birds. Mr. and Mrs. Albert Payne, of Towner, N. Dak., won Grand Champion in the live division with an Adult Narragansett Tom. William Keup, Mohall, N. Dak., won Grand Champion Dressed.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Dec. 1-6—North Dakota State Turkey Show, Minot. Leslie E. Maupin, Secretary.
- Dec. 4-6—Missouri Turkey Show, Richland, Mo. Hollis B. Franks, manager.
- Dec. 9-13—Northwestern Turkey Show, Oakland, Oregon. E. G. Young, manager.
- Dec. 11-15—Turkey Show of the Chicago International Poultry Exposition, Chicago, Ill. Geo. Fitterer, Secy., Box 464, Chicago.
- Jan. 12-16, 1942—19th annual All-American Turkey Show, Grand Forks, North Dakota. Dyke Page, President and Manager, Grand Forks, N. Dak.
- Jan. 14-18, 1942—Live and Dressed Turkey Show, with the 93rd Boston Poultry Show. Paul Ives, Chairman, New Haven, Conn.
- Jan. 19-23, Jan. 26-30—Dr. Salsbury's School of Poultry Diseases, Charles City, Iowa.

A.P.A. SPECIAL MEET

Dec. 13-14 at Chicago

The American Poultry Association will hold a special meeting in Chicago in connection with the Chicago International Poultry Show — a two-day meeting December 13 and 14 to transact special business and adopt a new emblem.

The Constitution of the American Poultry Association provides that when more than 50% of the Directors petition the President to call a meeting that such a meeting shall be called; therefore, this meeting will be held at the Stock Yards Inn Saturday, December 13, and Sunday, December 14. Meeting of the Board of Directors will be at 12

o'clock noon. Opening session of the semi-annual convention will be held at 2 p. m. Banquet will be held in connection with the Chicago Show banquet Saturday evening and a general session will be held at 10 a. m. December 14. A get-together of all licensed poultry judges will be held Saturday evening.

This is a late call and all members are requested to show at the Chicago and come in and spend the two days at the Convention.

HARRY ATKINS, Secretary.

AMERICAN-ROYAL AWARDS

Submitted by T. W. Noland, Superintendent

All the Standard breeds except Slates were represented with a total of 71 birds, while in the non-standard class there were 78 Broad-Breasts or a total of 149 birds. While this is considerable below the peak entry for this noted show, it is said the quality was very high.

EXHIBITORS

Bronze: Earl R. Turner, Ottawa, Kans.; C. E. Bidleman, Kinsley, Kans.; Hugo E. Meyer, Cole Camp, Mo.; Rolla Henry, Mercer, Mo.; Cass County Hatchery, Garden City, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Neil Armstrong, Odessa, Mo.; Jas. Knight, Richland, Mo.

Bourbon Reds: Sadie B. Lloyd, Broughton, Kans.; Cass County Hatchery, Garden City, Kans.

White Holland: Fred Amen, Cardell, Okla.; Cass County Hatchery, Garden City, Kans.

Narragansett: Mrs. Albert Schmidt, Endora, Kans.

Black: Ideal Hatchery, Garden City, Kans.

Broad Breasts: R. H. Jandebeur, North Platte, Neb.; C. E. Bidleman, Kinsley, Kans.; Nichols Turkey Farm, Lees Summit, Mo.; Leroy Ary, Lewis, Kans.; L. Gates, Aurora, Kans.; Mr. and Mrs. Garland Gideon, Delia, Kans.; Marie Brack, Pleasant Hill, Mo.; Art Hamilton, Chehalis, Wash.

AWARDS

Bronze: 4 adult toms, 4 yearling toms, 6 young toms, 4 adult hens, 4 yearling hens, 9 young hens.

Turner: adult tom 1st, yearling tom 1-2-3-5, young tom 3-5, adult hen 1st, young hen 1st, Grand Champion, Best Type Male of Show.

Bidleman: adult tom 4th, yearling tom 4-8-9, young tom 1-2-4, yearling hen 2nd, young hen 2-3-5.

Meyer: adult tom 2nd, young tom 6-7.

Cass County Hatchery: adult tom 3rd.

Henry: yearling tom 10th, adult hen 3rd, yearling hen 1st, young hen 6-7.

Armstrong: adult hen 2-4, yearling hen 3rd.

Knight: young tom 6th, young hen 4th.

Bourbon Red: 3 adult toms, 2 yearling toms, 3 young toms, 1 adult hen, 2 yearling hens, 5 young hens.

Lloyd: adult tom 1-2, yearling tom 1-2, young tom 1-2-3, yearling hen 1st.

Cass Hatchery: adult tom 3rd, adult hen 1st, yearling hen 2nd.

White Holland: 1 yearling tom, 1 young tom, 4 adult hens, 4 yearling hens, 2 young hens.

Amen: yearling tom 1st, young tom 1st, adult hen 1-3-4, young hen 1-2-3.

Cass Hatchery: adult hen 2-4.

Narragansett: 2 adult toms, 2 yearling toms, 2 young toms, 1 adult hen, 1 yearling hen, 2 young hens. All awards to Schmidt.

Black: 1 young tom, 1 young hen. All awards to Ideal Hatchery.

Broad Breast: 7 adult toms, 9 yearling toms, 20 young toms, 8 adult hens, 12 yearling hens, 22 young hens.

Jandebeur: adult tom 1st, yearling tom 1-2,

adult hen 1-2, yearling hen 1-2-7, young hen 4-7.

Bidleman: adult tom 3rd, yearling tom 7th, young tom 6-7, adult hen 5th, yearling hen 10th, young hen 2-6-8.

Nichols: adult tom 4-5, yearling tom 8-9, young tom 4-5-6, adult hen 4-5-8-9, young hen 3rd.

Ary: young tom 3rd, young hen 5th.

Gates: adult tom 7th, yearling tom 4-5, adult hen 6-7, yearling hen 6th, young hen 9th.

Gideon: adult tom 6th, young tom 8-9-10, yearling hen 3-4-8.

Brack: adult tom 2nd, young tom 2nd, adult hen 3rd, young hen 10th.

Hamilton: young tom 1st, young hen 1st.

RICHLAND (MO.) DRESSED SHOW

The Grand Champion, a 9-lb. young Bronze hen owned by Mrs. Joe Davis of Richland, was bought by D. S. Caldwell, Mayor of Richland, at 64c per pound at the first Richland (Mo.) Dressed Turkey Show and Auction which was held last Saturday, November 15, in the Frisco Park.

The Reserve Champion, a 14¾-lb. Bourbon Red young tom grown by Mrs. Anna Brackett, Richland, sold for 43 cents per pound. Lynn Bohannon, of Bo's Mill, bought the Champion Narragansett, a young tom owned by Mrs. Tom Carnes, Richland, and the Champion White Holland, an 18-lb. young tom, raised by Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Wrinkle of Lebanon.

Judge Hensley Hall, County Agent from Lebanon, and Russell Landers, County Agent of Pulaski County, placed the birds in the Dressed Turkey Show which preceded the Auction. The competition in the Dressed Show was very strong among the 15 exhibitors.

All turkeys in the auction sold at an average of 32 cents per pound while the hens sold at 33. Most of the birds in the auction were donated to the Missouri Turkey Show. The proceeds will go to help sponsor the second annual Missouri Turkey Show which will be held in Richland on December 4, 5 and 6. The renowned Judge George W. Hackett, of Minnesota, has been selected to judge the Missouri Turkey Show this year, which is being opened to national competition for the first time.

Other winnings in the Richland Dressed Turkey Show and Auction are:

BRONZE

Young Hens: Mrs. Joe Davis, Richland, Mo., 1st; and Mrs. M. P. Evans, of Richland, 2-3.

Young Toms: Mrs. Joe Davis 1st; Mrs. A. H. Knight, Richland, 2nd; Mrs. Oral Evans, Richland, 3rd.

BOURBON REDS

Young Hens: Mrs. Anna Brackett, Richland, 1st; Mrs. Grace Bryan, Richland, 2-3.

Young Toms: Mrs. Anna Brackett, 1-2-3.

NARRAGANSETTS

All awards to Mrs. Tom Carnes, Richland.

WHITE HOLLANDS

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Most turkey raisers who have been at turkey raising to any considerable extent for the last ten years or more, are "pioneers" as turkey growers, and many of them are also pioneers in other meanings of the word. In this sketch of the turkey growing activities of Mr. and Mrs. Claude Wright, also widely known as Wright's Turkey Farm, Aitkin, Minn., we have real pioneers in turkey raising the modern way, and pioneers in settling and developing a new section of Minnesota's "cut-over" and famous lake country, as left in stump and slashings by the woodsmen and lumber barons.

With the strength of youth and the courage and fortitude of earlier pioneers they tackled the seemingly insurmountable task of carving a home from surroundings which would have totally discouraged those with less courage and ambition. But today, Wright's Turkey Farm is known far and wide throughout the nation and especially so throughout the north and middle west. Few there are who have succeeded as well under similar conditions, where turkeys have been practically the whole source of income, but today they have one of the best established, best equipped and best known turkey farms in the entire country.

It was back in 1924; about the time of the rebirth of the turkey industry from the ravages of Blackhead, which had seriously threatened the annihilation of the turkey, that the Wrights thought it might be profitable to add turkeys to their meagre livestock

possessions, and thereby add something to the small income that was possible while clearing wild land from stumps and underbrush to open fields from which the necessities of life could be obtained. Their turkey venture began at the bottom with two hens and a tom of the small, native variety then procurable in that section. Mr. Wright tells how he carried the two hens home in a gunny sack a distance of more than two miles and that they were not heavy enough to become burdensome. Of course the hens were allowed to set, hatch and brood their own poults and showed up in the fall with 11 young. That was doing better than the average for those days and this encouraged the keeping of 3 hens for the next year from which 33 turks were raised. Success was now assured so the breeders were increased to 9 the next year and a 200 egg incubator added.

That was in 1926 and their success with artificial hatching was so satisfactory they decided to increase their turkey operations as fast as circumstances would permit. In three years they had added more small incubators to a total capacity of 1,000 turkey eggs. From this point on expansion was rapid and in 1932 they put in a Delco electric plant and bought their first electric incubator, 8,000 capacity. Five years later, in 1937, they put in a hatchery at Aitkin, 8 miles from the farm, and later moved the machines from the farm to town, thus bringing their present capacity up to 50,000 eggs.

That is still small capacity as turkey hatcheries go but neither is it large enough to take care of the Wrights' needs and further increase is contemplated. From the small beginning before mentioned the farm now holds over from 800 to 1,200 turkey hens to keep their incubators supplied and to take care of customer demand for eggs which are shipped to about every turkey growing state in the United States. There is a reason this demand is so far extended. In the early years of their experience with turkeys the Wrights discovered there was a wide difference in individual turkeys as to their economic worth and after extended observations decided the trapnest was the only sure way to measure these differences and thereby be able to establish the more desirable characteristics in their strain or flock.

Wright's began their trapnest program in 1926 about the time Dr. Billings began preaching the practice of "sanitation," and the far-famed confinement method of brooding and rearing of poults. Mrs. Wright was one of the first to embrace the plan in its early stages and several improvements came through Mrs. Wright's careful study and co-



Turkey banding at Wright's Turkey Farm this fall where 1450 birds were selected and banded for breeders. Mrs. Wright, at the far end of the table, is recording wing band numbers as George W. Hackett, at right, inspects and grades the birds.

operation with Dr. Billings. What is now known as the semi-confinement method is still used on this farm with very satisfactory results. The use of the trapnest combined with annual, rigid selection and banding of breeders has established a type, and characteristics of rapid growth, which has made Wright Farm turkeys famous over a wide area.

When asked: "What are the most valuable lessons learned from trapping?" Mrs. Wright says: "Trapping is not so valuable from the point of high egg production alone. We found extremely high production really undesirable as it is often followed with poor egg quality, lower hatchability, low vitality or poor market type. Families selected on the basis of high production alone are very apt to run lighter in weight in a few years. We have found a good balance of all the more desirable qualities to be most satisfactory. Birds of about Standard weight have given us better results than either lighter or heavier stock. Our standard is for hens that will lay from 20 to 25 eggs per month during the breeding season; eggs of good size, good shell texture and good hatchability that will produce strong poults which develop rapidly and profitably.

"A.P.A. banding has helped us a great deal in getting the right type, size and fleshing on our birds. When we used to pick our breeders on their production and hatchability records alone we did not have the

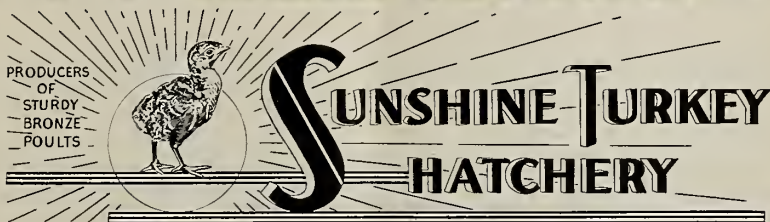
uniformity of fine type we have now. Contrary to opinions sometimes expressed, A.P.A. banding is not based on beauty of plumage, but rather on the type, vigor and breeding value of the birds; then with good color added much is added to the pleasure we get as we go about our work."

A Family Project

One significant reason why the Wrights have succeeded is that the family is a unit in interest and effort in turkey raising. I make these observations through long and close contact with the actual operations and practices at the farm. Mr. Claude Wright is duly recognized as the head of the "partnership"; his duties are those of general manager of the farm. He does the buying of the vast amount of feeds and other materials used and at the same time does an endless amount of the actual labor both at the farm and at the hatchery and in the shipping of stock.

Mrs. Wright is the "Executive Secretary," attends to the heavy correspondence, makes most of the sales, keeps the trapnest records, has much to do with the brooding, doing wing banding and a hundred and one things besides supervising the house, while the daughters, Ruth and Helen, are away attending the University of Minnesota. They are both taking Domestic Science there, but when at home can fill any place needing them most.

Carl, the eldest son, who is married and



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lives on an adjoining farm, is an active partner in the firm, having special charge of the breeding operations, in which he is very competent. He also has the management of the hatchery and does much of the work there. He also takes his place at any job required at the farm, particularly attending to the grinding and mixing of feeds. Mrs. Carl Wright is always ready to perform numerous duties, especially in secretarial work or in the kitchen, as time permits, after giving due attention to Carl, Jr., 9 months old and youngest partner. The younger boys, Norman and Herbert, are still in school but can always be depended on to take helpful part in whatever is being done, and Norman is especially interested in a fine herd of grade Guernseys now being developed on the farm.

Substantiating what has been said here regarding what has been accomplished through the methods Wrights have employed the following example, which can be verified, is offered: One thousand poults, hatched May 2nd last, were sold to a neighbor who raised them successfully and sold nearly 900 of them on the Thanksgiving market, the entire flock, toms and hens, averaged 16½ pounds. The hens were the size most desired for family trade and the toms ideal for the restaurant and hotel trade. The toms of this group netted 25½¢ per pound and the hens 28¢. The margin of profit was very satisfactory.

A statement from Mrs. Wright's letter sums up what may be regarded as a maxim for real success in any vocation or undertaking. I quote: "I attribute the success we have made with turkeys to the whole hearted cooperation of the entire family in a common partnership, with each member willing to do his or her full part as circumstances permitted. The results have brought great improvement to our farm, the building of a new home, the education of our children including three at the University. It has made a business right at home where we could all be together and never know unemployment. We are yet quite a way from easy street but prospects are bright and the years we have spent in building up our flock, even with the hard knocks we have taken, will be looked back upon as happy days spent working together as family life was intended."

NOTES & COMMENT

NATIONAL FOOD CHAINS REPORT. —

In their November Agricultural bulletin have the following to say about the 1941 turkey crop: "The 1941 turkey crop is estimated at 33.5 million birds. Establishes new record. Also the average weight is estimated at ¼ pound heavier than last year. The department of Agriculture, commenting on recent developments of retailers establishing price

differentials between large and small turkeys, says, "As a result the heavier turkeys, at lower prices, moved into consumption faster than the lighter birds, leaving a preponderance of the latter on hand. The differential price system was sound, but the spread between light and heavy turkeys was too wide and failed to provide intermediate prices for turkeys in the 12-16 pound range."

SIZE UP TO THE GROWER.—The above indicates that further experiment will be carried on in the matter of price differentials, and that eventually the retail trade will establish just what the trade as a whole wants. Then it is up to the breeder and grower to decide what weights he can produce most profitably. The breeder who applies business judgment in his turkey program will soon find his balance. Just another breeder's problem.

A 10 PERCENT INCREASE FOR 1942 IS RECOMMENDED by the U. S. Department of Agriculture in their program for food increase for defense purposes, but no guarantee is made as to floor of price. The 10% is only turkeys' share of the general increase in the production of foods which is calculated will be needed to fill demands. However, turkey growers who expand unduly do so at their own risk. It is inevitable that at the end of this food expansion program there will be a big slump in prices. The fine point will be to cease expansion at the right time.

THE RURAL ELECTRIFICATION PROGRAM is a great benefit to turkey raisers wherever it has reached. It has meant, for many, changing from other sources of heat for incubating and brooding to the more modern electric equipment. But even a more general benefit comes from the great convenience of electric lighting. Shortage of material has caused a halt in this work for the present but it is one of the programs that will be continued at the earliest possible moment.

ANNUAL MEETING OF MINNESOTA TURKEY GROWERS ASSOCIATION will be held at University Farm, on Friday, Jan. 23rd, which comes during the Annual Farm and Home Week for Minnesota. This is the first time the Turkey Growers annual meeting has been on a date that has not conflicted with the All-American Turkey Show at Grand Forks. It is hoped many Minnesota breeders of Standard turkeys will avail themselves of this more favorable date and attend this meeting. If this organization is to be truly representative of the entire turkey industry in this great state there should be at least a few representatives of Standard turkeys in the official group of the association.



Turkeys from 18 states and 3 Canadian provinces were entered at the last two All-American Shows. Above is a scene of a portion of the show room.

The 19th All-American Turkey Show

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THE UTILITY TURKEY SHOW

Just why some writers persist in dividing turkey shows into two classes: "Utility" and "Fancy," is beyond us to understand. To nearly 100 percent of all informed people the mention of "turkey" means a well browned carcass on a platter with all the trimmings that go with it for a feast, formerly limited to the holidays. Viewed from this standpoint we admit it is a "fancy" viand toward which most people are fanciers, but if it is not also a utility proposition, neither is bread and butter.

From our earliest recollection as a boy on the farm where turkeys were always to be found, we recall that it was always the larger, most vigorous-appearing birds that were selected as breeders. It is doubtless that color was not entirely overlooked in making those early selections but in no case we can recall was color considered the prime factor in making selections. It is strangely true that in spite of living examples which we have before us any day we wish to look for it, that so many present day turkey raisers seem to insist that beauty of plumage and "utility" of carcass and characteristics cannot be found in the same specimen, and yet it has never been proven or even claimed, so far as we know, that there is anything about color of plumage which is in any way detrimental or inconsistent with the best of type or conformation of carcass.

The truth is that at about this time of the year we daily handle highly colored turkeys of different breeds which have as nearly **perfect** "utility" type as it is possible to attain in any turkey. With this positive knowledge, and with very close contact with the turkey industry, and with leading turkey raisers for more than two score years, it makes it appear ridiculous to us that any of the splendid turkey shows held today throughout the entire country should be labeled as either "utility" or "fanciers" show.

The turkey show which does not place the economic value of the bird ahead of all other considerations is not worthy of the support of turkey breeders or of the public and surely would not long retain such support. It is plausible to maintain that Standard makers of the past may have rated color with too high a percentage of total value on the judging scorecard, and it is also probable that in many instances both breeders and judges may have overvalued color in placing awards, but it is not true that this has happened in comparatively many cases and recent improvement in that direction has been very marked, since judging by the present Standard. There never was more than a few isolated cases where type was critically overlooked in placing turkey awards.

The whole trouble seems to be that there is a certain percentage of turkey growers who cannot possibly conceive that good color and excellence of type can go together. It is also true that most of this class of growers are newcomers in the turkey growing business. That it is easier to improve type without giving any consideration to color is readily admitted. It is also probable there is a certain proportion of this group who never could succeed in color improvement. It is also conceivable that most of this group honestly do not care a hoot about the color but that does not prove that color and type do not consistently go together. Man has assisted nature in improving color in turkeys to his liking, yet it was the Almighty, or Nature, which endowed the turkey with such marvelous color of plumage and why should some desire to do away with any phase of beauty bestowed upon nature for the pleasure and satisfaction of man. It must be admitted by all that the turkey show has been a mighty factor in the improvement of the bird as an economic proposition and in the advancement of the industry.

It is everywhere admitted that the turkey has become a factor in "big business." It has grown to the present status through many years of thoughtful study and efficient

work of those who have made the turkey what it is today and the show has been a prominent factor, in recent years, in forwarding this progress. The term "fancier" is entirely legitimate in its application to many classes of livestock enthusiasts, including the turkey, but becomes a stigma when applied with the implication that it means the adverse to "utility" or economic value. We do not believe anyone can point out a single turkey show in the entire country today which is not a "Utility Show" in the strictest sense of the term, yet it is admitted that there is great difference in the physical appearance and attractiveness of different shows.

MODERN DRESSING PLANTS HANDLE MOST OF BIRDS

This is the time of year when turkey raisers are concerned most about preparing and marketing their turkey crop. Since most turkeys are now dressed out in commercial killing plants we feel sure that many of our readers who are not familiar with the commercial dressing out process will be interested in learning how it is done.

Since the greater percentage of birds commercially dressed are killed in the hundreds of smaller dressing plants we have chosen this type of plant to describe for our readers rather than the larger, more modern plants where machines are employed and do much of the picking and everything else is run on that basis. While these larger plants are distinct steps in the progress of this particular phase of turkey raising we feel there is still much to commend in the type of plant here described.

It is usually located in the smaller town and is a distinct asset to the community, in that it offers a home marketing place for an important farm product, while at the same time it provides profitable employment to many local people of a kind that even housewives and grown girls can earn good wages, which are generally much appreciated in such localities. The plant here described is located at Henning, Minn. and is owned and operated by the Henning Produce Company.

Usually referred to as a "dressing plant" one can only think of it as a "slaughter house" after they have stood and watched the process for a time. Of course it couldn't be otherwise and it is anything but pleasant to watch slaughtering of any kind, yet it is necessary. If one is to remain in the cooling off room, and watch the wheeling in of great rack after rack, mounted on wheels, loaded with a hundred or more fine dressed carcasses hanging on each rack you could understand how the term "dressing plant" became attached, but in the back room where the killing and picking are going on the scene is anything but a dress-up affair.

Only a few years ago most turkeys were dressed at home and shipped by the grower, packed in barrels or boxes, usually by express, to the commission merchant in the central markets. Now a very large percent of the annual turkey crop is dressed at modern killing plants of various size, but all work on the same plan, using the semi- or

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light scald method with individual pickers, mostly women.

We recently visited the above plant in operation. This would be rated as one of the smaller size plants although they dress out as many as 1,200 birds in a day when working at full capacity. The setup, equipment and crew is about as follows: The killing room is 40 x 60 ft. This gives room for a big truck equipped with stationary turkey coops to be backed into the room. The truck at capacity hold 250 to 300 turkeys, depending on size. A large iron tank of water is kept heated at 126° F. The killing rack is about 15 ft. long and is located at one corner of the room, near the scalding tank.

Suspended from the ceiling are five rows of ropes 6 to the row and about 4 feet apart each way. When in operation there is a picker at each rope from which a freshly scalded turkey is suspended by one leg. The operation begins by two men taking the live birds from the truck and attaching their feet, head down, to the killing rack which is on a track. These men are kept busy, as are also the two men who do the sticking and removing the maintail and big wing feathers.

Two more men take two turkeys each from the killing rack and side-by-side dip them several times in the hot water as above noted. It takes only 45 seconds to do the scalding as only a semi-scald is desired for best results. The turkeys are then placed on a slatted rack which allows the water to drain back into the tank. Agitators are running continuously in the tank to stir the water and keep it at uniform temperature. There is a man at the rack whose duty it is to keep the pickers' ropes supplied with turkeys. As soon as a turkey is plucked clean, including pin feathers, the picker carries it to a table where it is inspected and if not picked clean must be finished at the table before being checked to the credit of the picker.

Six cents per bird is paid for picking and 64 turkeys picked in eight hours is a record made by one lady although 40 turkeys is a high average. These ladies take their work rather seriously and the way their fingers flipped the feathers was interesting to see. Some were young, some past middle age. Some were stout, some were slim, but all were good looking of course.

At the inspection table a colored spiral band was placed on each turkey to identify it for the owner, as the pool method of mar-

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keting is employed. Then it is hung on a rack where the crop, which may contain feed, is cleverly removed. Here the turkeys were graded and from there are piled on scales two or three dozen at a time. This done, the leg bands are removed and the birds placed on the large cooling racks on wheels. After a short period of cooling they go to the refrigerator to be chilled for shipment.

Besides the 30 pickers it requires from 12 to 15 men to perform the other necessary functions and all are too busy to do any visiting while the killing is going on. While 6c is the fee for picking, the wages paid the men brings the charge per bird up to 12c or more. The company owns two large trucks used for hauling the turkeys from farms in the locality.

It is an interesting process all the way through and to study the variations in type and condition of the birds on the racks was very illuminating from the standpoint of breeder selection for uniformity of type or conformation and here it is strikingly demonstrated that certain desired types don't all belong to any one breed; neither do all the poorer types.

NATIONAL BLACK TURKEY CLUB

Mrs. W. T. Hall, President - - Denton, Tex.
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 W. W. Teelin - - - Blossvale, N. Y.
 Secretary-Treasurer

I am a little late with my club notes this month as our heads are still in a whirl from dressing and delivering turkeys for Thanksgiving. Haven't had time to find out how the demand was throughout the country but in this section we had more retail orders than last year.

The demand seemed to be for medium toms, heavy and light hens. Very strong on 12-14 lb. hens, 15-16 lb. toms. That's where a heavy and light breed combination comes in handy.



W. W. Teelin

Received a letter from Charles Wampler, Harrisonburg, Va., saying they did considerable trapnesting in their Blacks and would send me records and figures later and I will pass them on to you as soon as I receive them. Am sure they will be interesting, as the Blacks are there when it comes to laying and fertility.

Also had a letter from Mrs. Rayner, Hastings, Mich., and she stated her turkeys were all sold live weight. That certainly saves a lot of work.

Come on, you Black growers, and send in news for this column. Tell us why you raise Blacks and how many you are growing this year.

W. W. TEELIN, Secretary

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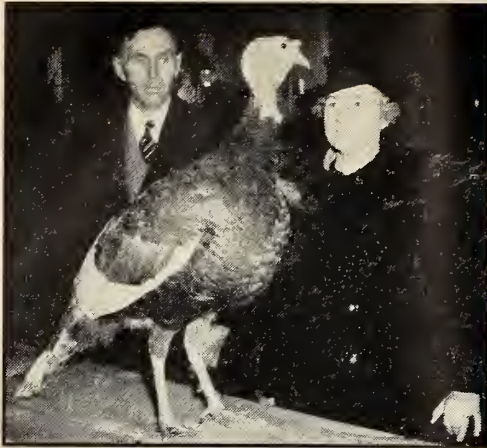
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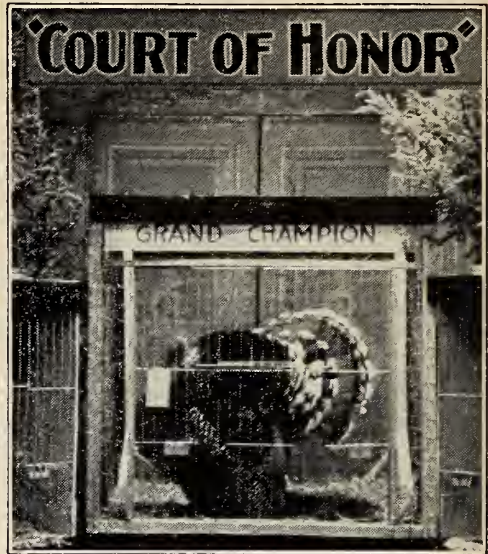
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W. C. Nickols, Trophy Chairman
Lee's Summit, Mo.
Mrs. Sadie B. Lloyd, Secretary-Treasurer
Broughton, Kans.

While we missed some few of our old exhibitors at this year's show, we had a fine exhibit as usual, though, due to the earliness of the season, not quite so many birds as usual.

We were especially sorry that sickness kept Mrs. Nickols from being with us, though her birds were well represented in the coops and also in the awards, and Mr. Nickols attended. It was our pleasure to visit them in their home.



Mrs. Dave Lloyd

Mr. and Mrs. Garland Gideon of Delia, Kansas, were new exhibitors with us this year, whom everyone enjoyed. They have a lovely flock of Broad-Breasted Bronze, though they lost 200 of them in the recent flood.

New members whom we have been glad to welcome into our Club recently are Mr. and Mrs. Gideon, Frank T. Bender, Versailles, Ill., whose Whites won him the Club Special for the best exhibit of that breed by a new exhibitor. The new exhibitor of Broad-Breasts winning the most points was Sunnyslope Farms of North Platte, Nebr., whose exhibit won them several of the highest awards in their classes and probably a good many new customers. They really showed a display of good looking blocky birds.

Mr. and Mrs. Art Hamilton of Chehalis, Washington, sent down two very fine Broad Breasted Bronze birds also, both birds placing high.

While we have plenty of personal notes which we hate to leave out this month space makes this essential, and we do especially wish to thank, as a Club group, the following companies who helped so much in making the show interesting by the following awards:

The Mack Burnett hand-made, wood-cut trophy awarded by Turkey World to Earl Turner's Grand Champion was truly beautiful. The two flashlight lanterns, awarded by Purina Mills respectively to Clair Bidleman's Champion young tom, and my own Champion adult tom are mighty handy when doing chores late or early. Earl Turner's adult hen is going to be mighty proud to show her offspring back home the Big New Feeder which Jamesway awarded her. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Turner, and Mrs. Albert Schmidt are each highly elated over the lovely Spun-Aluminum Water Set and Serving Tray which Nutrena Mills awarded their respective Champion yearling tom and yearling hen. And I wouldn't be a bit surprised if someday we

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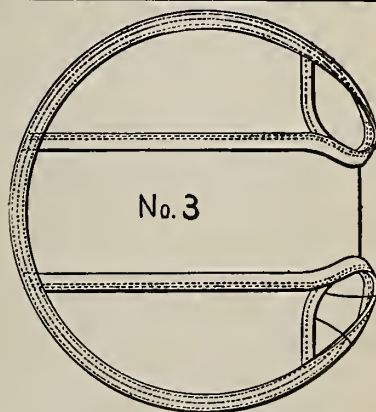
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don't see a picture of the Turner's Champion young hen posing on the nice card table she won from Hubbard Milling Co., while Fred Ames will have no further trouble keeping his turkey books grouped together when he gets those turkey book-ends up in place as the White Holland Club intends him to.

There will be a lot of little poultts warming their backs under John Poorman's Feather boards for Fred Amen, Virginia Kircher and Demma Armstrong. Sunnyslope's Champion Broad Breasted Bronze will certainly take a good feed from his new Brower feeder (or was it a water fountain?). I'm sure the Anderson Box Co. will get a lot of advertisement from those six shipping coops that are going to be going across country many a time with Nickols' fine Broad Breasted birds as they go to their new homes. And sure, the many sets of fine working false teeth furnished by the Stone Mountain Grit Co. will prevent a lot of indigestion cases after my Bourbons and the Gideon's Broad Breasted Bronze eat extra heavy dinners, preparatory for market.

Clair Bidleman's three best young Bronze toms will carefully take home Dr. Salsbury's Avi-

tone for future use. Doubtless, many a turkey will be sold when that pen and pencil set the C-ete Mills are giving gets to working for the Nickols. Last, but by no means least, the Semi-Solid "E" Emulsion is going to taste good and put snap into Bidleman's Bronze and my Bourbons, as won respectively by the three best young toms and the three best young hens of the show.

I would so enjoy hearing from EACH member during this month.

SADIE B. LLOYD.

ALL-AMERICAN BRONZE TURKEY CLUB

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

Rolla Henry, Mercer, Mo., wrote some time ago that he expects to spend at least a month in our section of the country, this coming winter. We hope his plans mature as we are always pleased to have him in our midst. He states that his turkeys are the finest he has ever had and will be showing them at our leading shows.



Mrs. W. J. Janda

I had the pleasure of visiting at the John Allen home, at the time Judge Hackett was A.P.A. banding their flock. They have a fine flock of Standard Bronze, in fact one of the best in the country both as to color, vigor and market qualities. Just seeing a flock of such quality birds makes one feel proud to be raising the glorious Bronze. Meeting Judge Hackett at work banding brought back the full realization that "Turkey Days" are here again, and that from now on, we'll be seeing him behind the turkey tables judging again. By the way, he will be judging at the All-American turkey show this winter.

This is a reminder that the club's annual meeting will be held at Grand Forks during the All-American. Please send your sealed votes for president, vice president and secretary-treasurer; also any suggestions for the better-

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North Dakota Turkey Improvement Association

By MRS. A. C. PAYNE, Sec'y - Towner, N. D.

The McHenry County turkey show was held in the High School Auditorium in Towner, Nov. 13-15. The show was judged by Elmo Ellingson, a representative of the North Dakota Poultry Improvement Board. The Grand Champion of the show was a yearling Narragansett tom owned by Lars Lovig, Bantry. The Reserve Champion was a Bronze tom owned by Mrs. Lars Lovig and Reserve Champion hen was exhibited by Mr. and Mrs. Frank Pettit of Towner. The Bourbon Red breed champion was exhibited by Orwin Olson, Bergen. There were no Blacks or Slates in the show.



Mrs. A. C. Payne

The highlight of the show was a turkey banquet served at Hotel Young where exhibitors and visitors were guests of the Association of Commerce. Among the visitors were Mrs. S. Birk, vice-president of the N. D. Turkey Improvement Association; Les Maupin, show secretary; Dr. DeMots of the Agricultural committee of the Association of Commerce. Roy Aney, Mrs. Ethel Cooley, Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rogers, all of Minot; Art Lanz, Bismarck, secretary of the N. D. Turkey Improvement Board. Several others were on the speaking program. Frank E. Moore of the U.S.D.A., who is not with us any more as a representative of N.D.A.C., surprised us all by coming to Towner the night of the banquet. He was in the state for his regular check-up and was heartily welcomed by all.

The A.P.A. banding program was brought to a halt temporarily by the accident encountered by Mrs. Thorson. A.P.A. judge, on her way from the Minot area. She collided with a truck. Her car was wrecked and she sustained serious injuries. We all hope her accident will not necessitate her absence from many shows at which she is scheduled to judge.

We as turkey raisers can well be proud of the work that has been accomplished by the Poultry Board. North Dakota has gone on record that they will not buy or ship third class poultry. The first buyer must reject worthless, inedible birds. The board also sponsors the T. B. testing of flocks and pullorum testing. As a result of this campaign the quality of the poultry in the state has been raised from seventh to second place in about two years time.

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NARRAGANSETT CLUB NOTES

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I was, indeed, glad to receive a letter from our vice-president, Mrs. Wm. Eddie, this past month. She is always an ardent booster for our favorite breed. Here is what she has to say concerning her Narragansetts:

"My Narragansetts mean to me what a good captain's ship means to its captain. Easily handled, reliable and keeps its course.

"The Narragansett breed has a wonderful disposition and therefore are easy to handle. They are not a nervous bird hence they gain in weight faster than a flighty bird.

"They are reliable for the reason that if you give them the proper care and feed during the growing season they will be ready for market early in the fall. They are not disposed to roam. I have raised Narragansetts for ten years and not once in this time have they visited a neighbor.

"Narragansetts are very beautiful. Their colorings of steel gray, black and white, together with their red heads, make a very attractive bird, and in a flock they are as beautiful at a distance as at close range.

"Thus we Narragansett breeders maintain our claim that Narragansetts yield the best returns in both pleasure and profit."

(Thanks a lot for your interesting note, Mrs. Eddie, and thank you for sending in your club dues so early.

I am also pleased to introduce a new member to our club. He is Clarence Schmidt, of McPherson, Kansas. He sent in his own membership and also \$1.00 for his mother, Mrs. Albert

Schmidt. (Thank you very much, Mr. Schmidt.)

Mr. Schmidt states his turkeys are coming along fine. He did not get time to attend the American Royal this year as there were too many farm duties to take care of and help was too scarce. He raises Narragansetts exclusively because he has found that they are adapted to every market demand. He raised a flock of 7000 Narragansetts this year, but has not made any definite plans for next year.

Next week I hope to see many of our Narragansett boosters down to Alexandria for the big Northern States Turkey Show. Here's hoping the weather and roads will be good so you can all be there.

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