

FARM TOPICS

RUNNING WATER IN HOME FROM LAYERS

Well Managed Flock Would Pay for Equipment.

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A flock of 200 hens, properly managed and cared for, would in one year's time just about pay for the complete installation of a sink, running water and bathroom in a farm home.

Installation of a sink, running water and a bathroom would add to the comfort of many farm homes, and the effort and expense could be justified by the added protection afforded the health of the farm family.

Poultry records show that the approximate profit from a 200-hen flock amounts to \$256. This amount represents about two-thirds of the total cost of a simple pressure water system installation, with the necessary fixtures for kitchen and bathroom.

A persistent determination to use poultry as a means to meet such an objective often has more to do with the success of a poultry enterprise than the flock owner's love for poultry.

Acquiring a flock of birds with the inherent ability to lay well during the winter months has a favorable effect on poultry cash income and the realization of the flock owner's objective.

In acquiring such a flock it is helpful to mark those birds that start laying early, especially if they are of good type, size and of apparent good health.

A hen so marked might eventually disappoint the flock owner, but if she is still laying when he selects breeders, the band will be helpful in making selections.

Urges Growers to Buy Good Vegetable Seed

High quality vegetable seed is always the most economical, for profits from any crop are directly proportionate to the yields. C. H. Nissley, extension professor of vegetable gardening at the New Jersey College of Agriculture, Rutgers university, reminds farmers.

The purchase and use of good seed are among the first essentials of obtaining high yields. Mr. Nissley says, in urging vegetable growers to spend plenty of time and thought on the selection of their seed during the coming months.

Some concerns specialize in seed for certain kinds of vegetables and offer better stock seed than is otherwise available, he reports. While some vegetable seed, such as lettuce, is produced by a few large companies in California and sold by many seed houses, certified seed from such locally grown vegetable crops as tomatoes, egg plants and peppers is available. In many instances, the seed is produced and saved by local growers so that the quality is known and the strain adapted to local soil and climatic conditions.

If possible, order a quantity of seed a year in advance and plant a row or two of it as a test to make sure that it is true to name and type, Mr. Nissley advises growers.

Approved Fattening Mash

Following are the ingredients of a good fattening ration, supplied by a poultryman in the Montreal Herald: Five hundred pounds fine ground wheat, 600 pounds fine ground oats, 580 pounds fine ground barley, 200 pounds meat-meal 60 per cent, 100 pounds powdered milk, 20 pounds fine iodized salt (.05 per cent). The analysis of this mash shows the following properties: Total crude protein, 17.0 per cent; min. fat 4.0 per cent; max. fibre, 5.75 per cent; digestible protein, 14.0 per cent; digestible nutrients, 74.5 per cent. Serve in wet mash (3 pounds water for 2 pounds meal) three meals, of about 15 minutes, daily. Birds should fast 24 hours before commencing with this mash.

Down on the Farm

Wool is bought while still on the sheep in Argentina.

A dairy cow uses about 41,000 jaw movements a day in chewing.

At a sale of prize cattle in Buenos Aires, Argentina, 55 head brought \$218,000.

Feather picking of turkeys, as with chickens, develops when birds are not kept busy.

IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL Lesson

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Lesson for January 16

BEGINNING A LIFE OF SERVICE

LESSON TEXT—Mark 1:14-28.
GOLDEN TEXT—The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent ye, and believe the gospel.—Mark 1:15.
PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus' First Helpers.
JUNIOR TOPIC—Why the Fishermen Followed Jesus.
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Serving Now.
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—Adjusting Life to Service.

The public ministry of our Lord was not begun with any great fanfare of publicity. Leaving Judea where the entrenched forces of formal religion had joined the forces of sin and degradation in opposition to him, and which had brought about the imprisonment of John, our Lord appears in his home country, Galilee.

I. Preaching the Gospel (vv. 14, 15, 21, 22).

His first activity is worthy of careful note, for it is not exactly what one might expect in this Gospel of Mark, which we have already characterized as the Gospel of mighty deeds rather than of words. Jesus came to work miracles, and he did work them, and continues to do the miraculous even in our day. It is therefore significant that his first recorded work was that of preaching, his second that of calling and preparing fellow workers, and last of all the miraculous healing of the demoniac.

From a human viewpoint one would think that the opposite order would prevail. First let the Master do some mighty miracle to catch the attention of the people, then organize a great "party," and then preach. Much of the so-called evangelistic effort in our day follows that human formula and fails of lasting results. Observe the man who magnifies preaching and gives the Word of God pre-eminence, and you will see real spiritual accomplishments.

Jesus preached faith and repentance, or perhaps one should say repentance and faith (v. 15). They go together in our Lord's preaching. Let us follow his example.

We read in verse 2 that the hearers were astonished because he spoke with authority. They had been accustomed to hearing the lawyers dispute on the basis of the authority of the law, now the law-giver himself stood in their midst. He did not set aside the law, but he gave it an interpretation and direction which surprised them.

II. Calling Disciples (vv. 16-20).

The orderly development of any work calls for the choosing and training of associates. Moody is said to have observed that "it is a greater thing to put ten men to work than it is to do ten men's work." Our Lord was no mere human leader, but he desired and used fellow-workers and he committed to them the carrying on of his work after he departed.

God still calls men into his service. Would that grace might be given to each one to whom such a call may come to respond "straightway," as did the disciples. The writer has just read the letter of a heart-broken man who has refused to answer God's call for four long years, and now comes with a broken body which may hinder his usefulness for life. Such tragedies may be averted by prompt and willing obedience.

III. Healing the Demoniac (vv. 23-28).

Three things stand out in this story. The first is that the Son of God has power over the demons of Satan. Any effort to "fight the Devil" in our own power is foredoomed to failure. But in the name of Jesus Christ we may bid him depart from us. Thank God, it works!

The other thought is also of vital import. The demons recognized Jesus, they knew that he was "the Holy One of God" (v. 24), and they bore public testimony of that fact. And yet they were demons, the enemies of God. Saving faith in the Lord Jesus Christ is more than a knowledge of his claims, a pious repetition of his name even though it be done in public. Let us make sure that we have a living faith in the Son of God.

Our final observation is that our Lord did not permit the demons to testify concerning him. Christ and his church do not need the flattering words or the financial support of unbelievers. Every time we accept them we weaken our testimony and make ourselves ridiculous before the world. If unbelievers think well of Christ let them show their sincerity by seeking him as Saviour and Lord. Then both they and their gifts will be acceptable and to his glory.

ASK ME ? ANOTHER ?

A Quiz With Answers Offering Information on Various Subjects

1. Why do stars seem to be pointed?
2. When did the White House receive this name officially?
3. What is the curvature of the earth per mile?
4. What is the highest denomination of postage stamp issued by the United States?
5. Is water in a pail perfectly level at the top?
6. How long was the original Greek marathon race?

Answers

1. Their apparent points are due

to the scintillation arising from inequalities of the earth's atmosphere.

2. The name "White House" became official during the administration of Theodore Roosevelt.

3. The earth's curvature per mile is approximately 8 inches.

4. Five dollars.

5. It is slightly concave, due to capillarity and surface tension.

6. The runner who carried the message of Greek victory after the Battle of Marathon traveled about 24 miles.

More Jobs; Less Cost

In 1906 the infant automobile industry provided jobs, directly or indirectly for about 80,000 people and what today would be considered inferior cars, sold for \$5,000 and up. Advertising created

a demand that today provides jobs for approximately 5,000,000 people, has resulted in radically improved cars and has reduced the price to where one out of each five people in the nation can, and does, own a car.

Uncle Phil Says:

There's No Escape

The question is not is life worth living, but how best to go through with it.

If people had acquired a taste for apple seeds, by this time apple seeds would be as big as filberts.

Which gets the most enjoyment out of "I told you so"? The optimist or the pessimist?

When unskillful people try to employ tact it turns out to be flattery.

Saying a wise thing is useless if the listeners are not wise.

A Psychic Secret?

What is the secret of riding in an automobile making one (we'll admit) feel important?

Pessimists are persistent deflators; and sometimes deflation is needed badly.

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Greatest Ornament
The modern majesty consists in work. What a man can do is his

greatest ornament, and he always consults his dignity by doing it.—Carlyle.

Stoop to Rise
Soar not too high to fall, but stoop to rise.—Massinger.

JOYS and GLOOMS

