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How great this community may grow, how prosperous and complete it may become, depends upon us--our willingness and our desire to work together-- ONE for ALL and ALL for ONE

THE 400 HEN FLOCK, BY THE CHIEF IN POULTRY HUSBANDRY AT O. A. C.

After the Second Year, With Good Stock Well Managed, a Net Income of \$1.50 to \$2 Per Fowl Should Be Produced With the 400 Hen Farm Flock--Plans for All the Buildings Used in Rearing and Housing Such a Flock Can Be Had From the College

Editor Statesman: To have even suggested a few years ago such a slogan as "400 hens per farm or just enough to supply the family" would have met with severe criticism. Today the 100 hen farm flock is more of a liability than an asset to the state's poultry industry.

The greatest problem of today is not only the economical production of eggs but the production of quality eggs. There is little demand for low grades. To produce eggs which will compete favorably in the markets of other states the fowls must not only be fed and managed properly but the eggs must be gathered, often and shipped to market at least two or three times a week.

The 400 hen farm unit becomes a real branch of the farm and by reason of this the flock is given proper attention. Balanced rations are fed. Houses are cleaned when necessary and general management is followed in such a way as to make for profitable egg production.

After the second year there will be an added income from the sale of old hens that have completed their laying period. With good stock well managed the income from the farm flock should

the amateur's experience to contribute.

As a rule we hear but little of the failures. Poultry papers do not like to dwell on the failures. They would do well to devote space to some of the failures, for by doing so they would prevent many from falling.

Outstanding Successes, Too While history is full of failures in the poultry business, yet it also records an equal number if not a greater number of successes, and many outstanding successes, not in the east or in California, but right here in the Willamette valley and in the Salem territory in particular.

Present incubation and brooding methods with the improved houses has made the present day chick business about as fool proof as it can be made.

Remember the first incubator to be operated in Salem. It may have been the first in the Willamette valley, as Salem usually takes the lead.

Modern poultry houses are supplanting the rickety, reeling shacks that formerly housed our flocks, and the buildings are being made even more attractive by being either painted or stained.

It does not take an expert to realize that our poultrymen are taking the business seriously, and any idea that will help them to build on a sound business basis is being accepted and put to good use.

It is a well known fact that "good housing" is one of the fundamental principles in successful poultry raising, and when poultrymen realize the importance of this phase of the industry they are headed successful.

Practically speaking, I possibly saw the birth of the poultry industry in the Willamette valley, but I am frank in saying that I have not even a vision of its ultimate development, as the possibilities here for poultry are unbounded.

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THE SALEM DISTRICT BECOMING A POULTRY INDUSTRY CENTER RAPIDLY

This Is Evident to Any One Who Goes About in the Country in Any Direction From Salem--Some Information From a Man Who Is Making a Success in One Important Branch of the Poultry Industry

Never before in the history of the poultry industry has there been so much attention paid to QUALITY. This has been impressed upon the writer very forcibly this year in particular, for over 75 per cent of the inquiries for baby chicks have asked numerous questions about the strains, matings, and care of the flocks, showing that they no longer care to take chances on haystack bred chickens.

Improve Good Reputation Oregon in general has an enviable reputation for the high quality of its poultry, and we of the Salem district should cooperate toward the production of MORE HIGH GRADE and LESS low grade stock, thus enabling our expanding industry to look forward to an ever increasing prosperity.

We need not fear over production if we produce the best, and it is the humble suggestion of the writer that the poultrymen of Oregon, and especially of the Salem district, adopt the slogan "Quality First." Very sincerely yours, C. N. NEEDHAM, Salem Chickeries.

264 N. Cottage street, Salem, Or., Feb. 24, 1926. [Mr. Needham, the writer of the above article, is one of the pioneer baby chick men of this district, who has enlarged his operations from year to year, and is now one of the leaders in this line of production in the whole valley. He speaks from experience and years of study.--Ed.]

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BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB WORK HAS BIG GROWTH

made of the exhibits made at the state fair the last two years, by Kenneth West, of Knappa.

The average per capita earned by all club members in the state of Oregon for 1925 amounted to \$9.57, while the average for the bee club work amounted to \$98.92.

In organizing a bee club there should be five or more members in the community with some man or woman who is intensely interested in bee work, also in boys and girls to assume the leadership of the club.

The minimum for each member is one colony of bees. However, in all club work we are insisting that the member not hold to the minimum, but make his project as large as possible.

Professor H. A. Scullen of O. A. C. has suggested that these bee club members on the farm take over all colonies of bees on the farm and be made responsible for the bee work.

At the close of the year's work the club member makes his final report, filing this with the college, also prepares an exhibit which

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will consist of two pounds of comb honey, or two pints of extracted honey. Our reason for putting in the comb honey is that in many cases the club members are so situated that they cannot extract the honey, and would be barred from exhibiting if held to the extracted honey.

Polk county is starting out with the work in good shape, as a club has been organized in the Eola community, with eight members. Mr. B. I. Ferguson, who is one of the reliable men of Eola, and interested in bee club work is assuming the leadership of this club.

DEATH IS PROBED OLYMPIA, Feb. 23.--(By Associated Press).--Assistant Attorney General A. G. Sharp left Olympia tonight for Newport, Pend O'Relle county, to investigate the killing late last week of Edward Jarrish, deputy county game warden.

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