

Science Can Make Tough Rooster Into Tender Broiler

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Washington, July 18 (AP)—Scientists can cut a chicken's personality to many different patterns by feeding it chemical substances and hormones, which are extracted from glands.

The big question now is this: Will these substances have the same effect on the people who eat the chickens as they did on the chickens?

Tough old roosters become tender-hearted and tender-minded. They quit fighting. They lose their interest in hens. The baryard is peaceful.

"That's why we are very careful in approving these new substances for use in chickens intended for eating," says one official of the food and drug administration.

"We can't be sure yet what effect some of these drugs might have on people."

"There may be some tough-hided human beings whose personality couldn't be changed by a ton of this stuff. But we have to protect the women and young people who might be more sensitive."

Hormones control such things as sex characteristics, body growth and ability to put on fat. Chemical substances manufactured in the laboratory, called synthetic estrogens, imitate the results of some hormones.

Hormones and synthetic estrogens, fed in extra quantities, do such things as make chickens put on feathers faster, make birds fat by slowing down the life processes and make hens lay more eggs.

Besides, there are those roosters that quit crowing and fighting and lose their sexual activity.

Now that synthetics can be manufactured, scientists are finding a lot of new uses for them. They may help revolutionize the poultry business because the eating qualities of birds can be improved substantially and birds can be made to put on weight faster.

The government has approved the use of synthetic estrogens contained in a pellet inserted in the chicken's neck. The chicken absorbs the contents of the pellet. Then, when his head is chopped off, the pellet goes along with it. This protects

people from eating any large dose that might remain in the pellet.

But it is unlawful to use some hormones and synthetics in chicken feed.

People who have eaten hormone-treated chickens say it is delicious meat.

Louis Franke of Texas agricultural and mechanical college says he took some from a college experimental flock.

"You had to be careful frying those birds," he says. "They were so tender that by the time one side was browned, the whole chicken almost fell apart."

Franke didn't know, at the time, they were hormone-treated broilers. He thought they must be a new breed because they were so unusually delicious.

One combination of hormones tried at the Texas college put weight on chicken almost twice as fast as other chickens gained. When they were dressed they had about four per cent more meat in ratio to bone and other inedible parts than other chickens.

At a recent meeting of veterinarians one scientist told of a tough old rooster that lived only to fight, boss the hens and create a barnyard disturbance.

A few shots of female sex hormones made him quit crowing and strutting. An the scientist said solemnly this old rooster squatted like a setting hen trying to find a nest of eggs to hatch. He even clucked like a hen that has laid an egg.

The government food expert, discussing this case, said one serving of this old bird's meat wouldn't turn a cavalry officer's voice to soprano. But when it comes to the public and humanity in the mass, he added, the government can't be too careful.



Child Kills Grocer—Seven-year-old Teddy Moreno (above), who had never seen a typewriter before, is intrigued by the machine in a San Francisco juvenile home where he was placed after he confessed killing a grocer. Terry shot the grocer with a gun he found under the counter in the store. "I pulled the trigger to see if it would go off, and it made a noise like a firecracker," Teddy said. He had been sent to the store on an errand. (Acme Telephoto)

'AGGIE' IS STILL HOUSEWIFE!

First Woman City Editor Tells of Exciting Career

New York (AP)—The first woman to become city editor of a metropolitan daily newspaper in the United States has written a book telling how she got that way.

Agnes Underwood took a temporary job as a relief telephone operator at the old Los Angeles Record 22 years ago when her daughter was four and her son 16 months old. She moved to the editorial department and hasn't been out of newshound's harness since.

Her newspaper education forms a tale that skims the front page cream from an era in a sensation-rich city.

"Aggie" Underwood, now city editor of the Los Angeles Evening Herald & Express, has culled the bright and interesting experiences of a long career as a top-drawer reporter in a top news center and put them together in a direct and forceful style.

"Newspaperwoman" (Harper) as a result is an inside story of Los Angeles surface-history as well as an account of one woman's career.

The author now bosses a crew of more than 50. She gets to her desk at 5:30 a.m. But: "City editor or not, I still do my cooking, washing and ironing when I get home from work weekdays and on Saturdays and Sundays. But I'd be daffy if I thought I'd be content away from the newspaper profession. Twenty-two years ago, I got a bear by the tail and couldn't let go."

The reader gets the impression as the book progresses that "Aggie" soon had a firm grip on the tail and was swinging the bear around her head.

No punches are pulled in her stories about interviewing the movie stars.

Those who were insulting to the press got their come-uppance in quick order from Agnes Underwood.

Fly from Seattle—Silverton—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Moon (Jean Oveross) of Seattle arrived Saturday evening at Silverton as over-night guests of Mrs. Moon's parents, the Henry Overosses, enroute to the "breakfast hop" at Gates, where the airstrip is located. The Moons, coming by private plane, made record time because of weather conditions, from Seattle.

Revenue Bureau Ignores Court

Washington, July 18 (AP)—The internal revenue bureau has ruled that any prize won in a contest—whether it's an essay contest or a radio giveaway—is taxable.

By making the ruling, the bureau is ignoring a U.S. Circuit Court of Appeals ruling that certain prizes cannot be taxed. But the bureau is confident that the U. S. Supreme Court would approve of its position and is willing to risk a case.

The particular order revealing the bureau's stand was one which said prizes awarded each year by the American Bar association in an essay contest would be taxed in 1949. Several years ago a winner sued in Federal District Court to recover taxes he paid on the prize and won. The Appeals Court upheld him.

The bureau has ruled consistently that radio giveaway prizes are taxable and has not yet been faced with a court test on the matter.



Asks Church Seizure—Alexei Cepicka (above), Czechoslovakia's communist minister of justice pictured Archbishop Josef Beran as a traitor to the state and moved to seize full control of the Roman Catholic church. In a speech to the central action committee of the National front, he proposed a law which would give the Red government a strangle-hold on the church. He later ordered that anyone attempting to enforce the Vatican's order of excommunication against communists would be charged with treason. (AP Wirephoto)

Phil Hart Named Symphony Manager

Portland, July 18 (AP)—Phil Hart, 35-year-old Portland music dealer and former manager of the Seattle symphony orchestra, was named manager of the Portland symphony orchestra today.

He promised to operate on a shoestring budget. The symphony society is so short of funds that it decided to have a concert series only when the musicians' union offered to forego wage contracts and gamble on gate receipts for their salaries.

Silverton Friends Honor Peggy Scott

Silverton—Three delightful social affairs during the past week have been given in compliment to Mrs. Peggy Scott who will soon leave to make her home in Portland.

On Friday of the past week, Mrs. Earl Adams and her daughter, Mrs. Vernon Barkhurst of Eugene, entertained at the Adams McClaine street home with six tables of bridge in play following a dessert luncheon served in the attractive home gardens.

Earlier in the week Mrs. Lowell Brown was home hostess assisted by Mrs. P. A. Loar in an afternoon hour of bridge with four tables in play followed by luncheon.

On Tuesday afternoon at the Norman Eastman gardens, Mrs. Eastman, assisted by her mother-in-law, Mrs. L. C. Eastman, entertained for Mrs. Scott in a desert luncheon with five tables of bridge in play. Score awards were given Mrs. Robert Duncan and Mrs. C. R. Wilson.

Another Open Meet On Merger Question

Another big open meeting on the West Salem-Salem merger question will be held at the West Salem City hall next Friday night, says an announcement by Mayor Walter Musgrave.

Former members of the city council will be invited to state their position on the question, as well as others who attend.

The merger question will be voted on by the people of West Salem on July 26, and if the vote is favorable Salem will vote on it at a later date.

Woodburn Rotarians Hear Father Alcuin

Woodburn—Rev. Alcuin Heiber, OSB, of Tillamook, formerly of Mt. Angel, was the guest speaker at the Woodburn Rotary club. He was introduced by H. M. Austin, program chairman, and spoke on the importance of the flax industry, boosting the flax festival at Mt. Angel, July 29 to 31. Also present was Miss Jacqueline Rue, Woodburn candidate for festival queen, and Gene Barrett, manager of the festival.

Harry VanAradale was announced as a new member. Other special guests were James Lamb, superintendent of the boys' school, and Frank P. Doerfler, the new superintendent of the Woodburn schools.

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Huge Error in Budget Found

Washington, July 18 (AP)—Economy-minded senators had a pleasant \$108,000,000 surprise today.

They learned from clerks of the senate appropriations committee they had slashed military spending for this year by \$1,118,000,000 below the \$15,008,000,000 previously voted by the house.

Senator Elmer Thomas (D., Okla.), who led the economy effort, first announced the cutback as \$1,010,000,000 on a basis of a quick computation by these same clerks.

The extra \$108,000,000 was discovered over the week-end after hours of checking the hundreds of individual army, navy and air force items voted by the senate group against identical house items.

Street Improvement Contracts Awarded

Woodburn—At a special meeting of the city council, contracts were awarded for improvement of the north portion of Second, Third, Fifth, and Sixth streets and one block of Oak street. Grading was award-

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Band Concerts Start Tonight

Salem will have 12 public concerts by the city's municipal band this summer, instead of the 10 provided for in the city budget.

The first 10 will be paid for by the city and the last two by the recording fund of the American Federation of Musicians.

The first concert will be Monday night at 8 o'clock on the west steps of the State House. Maurice Brennen is director of the 25-piece organization.

The summer concerts have been popular entertainment for about 40 years. The \$1800 item in the new city budget, which pays for 10 of the concerts, was once cut out in the progress of adjusting the budget, but public pressure got it restored.

Two concerts will be given weekly, Monday and Thursday nights.

Following is the program for Monday night:

- March Gloria... Ledyard
- Springtime Overture... Ledyard
- Royal Rovers March... Ledyard
- Suite in E-flat... Bennett
- Knightsbridge March... Coates
- INTERMISSION
- Smoke Gets in Your Eyes... Kersley
- The Westener March... Bennett
- From Africa to Haxelton... Bennett
- Man Among Men March... Pillsbury

Committees Selected For Silverton Lions

Silverton—Gene Smith, recently installed as president of the Silverton Lions club for the coming year, has named the personnel of permanent assisting committees.

On finance, Ernest R. Ekman, C. R. Anderson, Paul Emils, Attendance, Bruce Billings, Bill Bush, E. R. Ekman, Membership, Frank Powell, James Taylor, C. Morley, Bill Evans, Program, Dr. A. L. V. Smith, Bob McEwen, Walt Letty, Publicity and Bulletin, Bob Miller, Dr. A. L. V. Smith, Lions Education, Lowell Paup, Wilson Johnson, Convention and Visitation, Dr. A. L. V. Smith, Bob Miller, Bob McEwen, Constitution and By-Laws, Cliff

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