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MEMORIAL DAY

Friday is Memorial day.

This day had its birth as a day of commemoration of the heroic dead who gave their lives in the service of their nation in the great Civil War. It was a military event and for the past few decades the spirit of Memorial Day has developed and expanded until it is no longer observed as a day of homage to military dead. It is a day when everyone in our great nation bows his head in reverence and devotion to the departed loved ones. On this occasion we stop in the mad spasm of life for a moment to consider the past—to bear a few minutes with the loved ones who have passed on to that unexplored realm beyond the grave.

It surely is a pleasant, tho sad day to anticipate. It brings back to many the thoughts of the happy days spent at the knee of a departed mother or father, the splendid hours spent with a dear friend or brother. In one's thoughts they live again and lend their best efforts in making our own lives more helpful and beautiful.

It is not the fact that those who have passed on are dead, that causes us to bear our burdens of flowers to place upon their graves. The incentive is born of sentiment. We have loved the ones for whom we mourn this day. We have enjoyed their companionship, their caresses, their tender nursing or their loving guidance and as a result we want to do them homage. We place upon their tomb a wreath which is our way of expressing our gratitude to them. If it were not for that sentiment what a hollow, meaningless event this day would be.

GRADUATION

This is the time of graduation in the schools of a great part of our state. It is during this month that our high schools turn out its quota of young men and women with an academic education. They have reached a turning point in their lives. They have come to their commencement. The graduate will now prepare for higher education or will go out into the marts of the world and from them endeavor to achieve success in some chosen undertaking. At any rate the home ties will undoubtedly be severed. The tender parental hand will gradually loosen its grip and the world at large will take a firmer hold. Fond parents have taught the lessons they had to teach. They have tenderly reared the young man or woman from infancy to the age of the adult and are now pleased to offer their child unto the world. What a mixed feeling of joy and grief must be intermingled in the heart of each parent who witnesses the graduation—joy that they have successfully brought their child to their present state and helped them to avoid the many pitfalls which present themselves to the immature minds of the young folks and grief in the thoughts that it will be but a short time now until that same child will be traveling down their own avenues of life independent of parental guiding hands.

And so life runs. Each year brings its new crop of graduates and each year sees the closing of many useful careers. Life's great cycle is so magnificent that when one halts to ponder it he is almost overwhelmed.

Has Its Disadvantages

"My greatest thrill," writes M. H. A., "was experienced when a mild looking man, sitting in front of me on a fast express train, calmly put down his paper, and stepping onto the platform of the train, deliberately threw himself off. . . ." That is one way of traveling faster than a fast train if you are sure of arriving at the hoped-for destination. — *Capper's Weekly*.

Wheat Oldest Food

Wheat no longer occurs in a wild state and its origin remains obscure although it is known to have been an important food crop in ancient Egypt and in Palestine, also among the inhabitants of Switzerland, wheat grain being found commonly in various archeological remains. The largest yield of wheat per acre is said at present to be produced by Great Britain although the United States exceeds all other countries in the total annual output.

Mother Jones Cuts Her Birthday Cake



"Mother" Jones, former firebrand labor leader, celebrated her 100th birthday at her home near Washington, with many distinguished persons as her guests.

County Health Department

ACTIVITIES NEWS
By Dr. B. C. Wilson Health Officer

Dr. Moore says in his book, *Nutrition of Mother and Child*: "The World War taught us many things regarding the physical strength and weakness of our people. Our pride in our national health was rudely shattered when the draft law revealed the astounding facts that one third of our adult males were physically unfit. Probably the same test applied to our females would give similar results. The causes of the imperfections and ill-health of adult life are now being sought at their source—the mistakes in infancy. The helpless, innocent, crying babe, once considered a by-product of hostilities, has become the center of a sociological and medical movement such as the world has never known. The baby is coming into his own, and his first and greatest demand is for the food God intended—his mother's milk.

It is evident to those who are making a close study of infancy that we must revert to the practices of our fore-parents, to the time when everyone thought that every mother could and every mother did nurse her infant.

Is it not a crushing indictment that civilized man, with all his knowledge and science, has adopted a feeding regime for his offspring that in a large measure, cannot compare in safety and efficiency to that of the semi-civilized man of hundreds of years ago? Carpenter, in the *Pennsylvania*

Medical Journal, May 1918, aptly expresses it in these words:

"When physicians give as much and thought to breast feeding as they give to artificial feeding, it will be only a short time before all infants will be breast fed, at least until they are six months old."

We are agreed that almost all mothers can breast nurse their infants and we are also agreed that breast milk is the only proper food for the infant. Why such a large percent of bottle-fed infants?

Here are many reasons: False education, want of education of the young girl, want of prenatal instructions, neglect of proper instructions at time of birth. Scarcity of breast milk (underfeeding) first weeks after birth, retracted and spastic nipples, infant too weak to nurse, premature infant, the infants that gets too much milk (overfeeding).

False education promoted by commercial interests who continue to fill every home of the land with advertisements and pictures of fat infants, impressing the mother graphically with what certain so-called foods are supposed to do for the growing infant. From these same sources, feeding instructions are issued daily, which countermand the doctors orders and which when practiced, contribute largely to the causes of infant mortality. Information in the form of half truth is always dangerous.

Turning the Other Cheek

The millennium will be just around the corner when you get so good that you'll leave your light dimmed after the other fellow has refused to flip his. — *Wilmington News-Journal*.

All Are Finger Printed

Argentina is the only country to have national finger-printing. For that reason it is claimed to be the one country where it is impossible for a person to lose his or her identity. There is a record of the finger prints of every one of that country's nearly 10,000,000 inhabitants.

Soon to Wed



Miss Elizabeth Hughes, youngest child of Chief Justice Hughes, whose engagement to William Thomas Gossett, young lawyer of New York, is announced.

Lindy's Blind Double



Folks who know Diedrich Ramke, this 23-year-old senior student at Louisiana State University, say he not only looks like Col. Lindbergh, but that he matches him in courage and popularity. For young Ramke is stone blind, but he did not let that handicap hold him back. He ranks third in class standing out of 221 students and has been elected valedictorian by his admiring classmates.

How to Raise Poultry

By Dr. L. D. LeGear, V.S., St. Louis, Mo.



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DRAWING THE COLOR LINE ON EGGS

Color of Eggs Has a Decided Influence on Their Market Value in Some Parts of the Country. A Decided Swing from White to Brown in Many Centers and the Reverse in Others.

There are no doubt very few who would care to take literally the oft-quoted assertion of a well-known writer that gentlemen prefer blondes. Most certainly some gentlemen do prefer blondes, but there are others who have a decided preference for brunettes. No man who favors either the lighter or the darker tresses would dare to say that the color of his choice carried with it any superior virtue, grace, or distinction. He just likes what he likes and that is all there is to it. A very similar situation exists in the egg market, strange as it may seem to many of us. In some parts of the country, brown eggs are almost unsalable, with white ones at a premium, while in other places the opposite is the case.

Just why certain sections of the country should be so thoroughly prejudiced in favor of one color or the other is something that requires a lot more explaining than the space allotted to this article will permit. No one has yet been able to discover that the color of an egg shell has any connection with the food value of its contents. On the contrary, it seems to be well established that if hens laying brown eggs are fed the same materials and cared for in the same way as those laying white ones the products of both will be absolutely equal in food values. Nevertheless, these strange local prejudices must be considered just as certain merchants must reckon with the fact that women in certain parts of the country will accept nothing but Clark's thread, while Coat's thread, spun on the same spindles from identical raw materials, is the only brand others will have.

This peculiar state of affairs is of little interest to the poultrymen whose entire output is consumed locally. He knows the preference of his own neighborhood, and, if wise, will cater to it. It is the poultryman or egg buyer whose output is too great for local consumption who must face the blonde-brunette problem when he sends his products out to market.

The great center for marketing brown eggs is and has always been Boston and surrounding communities. There, the preference seems to date back to the days of the earliest settlers. The reason it has persisted so long doubtless lies in the fact that most of the American class breeds—all brown egg layers—originated there.

The owner of brown egg fowls has the advantage when it comes to supplying dressed fowls for family use. As for capons, these breeds are ideal. The capons rival turkeys for size and weight with flesh of such tenderness and delicious flavor it would take an expert to decide if any thing on earth could equal them.

Nevertheless, many poultrymen whose chief concern is egg production, hold the white egg laying breeds in high esteem. They are undoubtedly wonderful layers and the various strains have been greatly improved of late years. Their eggs now compare quite favorably in size with the average run from brown egg laying breeds and it can no longer be said that the so-called all egg breeds are less productive than the general purpose or brown egg breeds during the fall and winter months. There are certain localities where white eggs are in great demand, whatever the reason may be. That, after all is sufficient reasons for raising the kind of fowls that supply them.

Public preference sometimes changes. The situation in New York is a good illustration of what can happen. There, brown eggs were at one time all but a drug on the market. Early in November, 1927, white egg prices began to decline and brown eggs forged ahead until the latter were soon enjoying a price advantage of 8c a dozen. Since then, there has been considerable fluctuation. In many other markets similar changes in one direction or the other have been noted.

Such changes as this are of no little significance to poultrymen everywhere. No matter how large or small your flock may be, if you produce eggs to sell, you want to be on the right side. Be prepared to swing with the tide of public desire. It may not be the most heroic measure, but aside from Lindberghs case, who ever heard of heroism that paid dividends?

Oldest Fireman



Tom Early, of Lakewood, N. J., who is 101 years old, claims, and probably correctly, that he is the oldest volunteer fireman in the world.

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FLY RIGHT ON THE CEILING, EH?

By Terry Cilkison

