

SOVIET HALTS BUILDING BOOM

Moscow —(UP)— Thousands of Muscovites read with pleasure recently of official measures to curb a nuisance which has embittered their lives.

Over the signature of N. Bulgain, mayor here, the local Soviet ordered the arrest of seven officials of building organizations and a cessation of indiscriminate spoils of houses by the process of adding stories to them.

Early this year the Moscow Soviet gave its approval to a scheme for relieving the housing shortage by building over existing structures. The idea was a sound one and solved the housing problem for thousands.

But like so many Soviet ideas, it was carried so far that it did almost as much harm as good. Every fairly substantial looking house became fair prey for the builders. Construction was begun on houses without much consideration for the inhabitants already there, the convenience of neighbors, or the appearance of the houses themselves after the additions would be made.

Worst of all, hundreds of these construction jobs were undertaken and then stopped owing to lack of material and funds. Meanwhile the houses affected remained with leaky roofs, without staircases, without kitchens encumbered by scaffolding and refuse.

Punishment for those responsible and steps to correct the situation have been ordered.

Dodgers to Cards



A star member of the Brooklyn Dodgers since 1922, Dazzy Vance, whose pitching has long dominated the National League, will open the 1933 season wearing the uniform of the St. Louis Cardinals. Dazzy was traded to the Red Birds in exchange for Ownie Carroll, pitcher, and Jake Flowers, infielder. Gordon Slade, Dodger shortstop, goes with Vance to St. Louis.

Scrapbook Contains

File of 13,000 Ships

Detroit —(UP)— Drawings, photographs and histories of 18,000 ships which have piled the Great Lakes are contained in a scrapbook owned by John E. Poole, an unemployed construction engineer, of Dearborn.

Filed away on cards which bear the history of each ship, is an account of the boat's maiden trip, where it was built and what was its glorious or tragic end.

Poole first began his hobby in 1898, when he was 15.

Poole bewails the fact that he has the histories of only 9,000 of the ships committed to memory.

Sisters Became Mothers

On the Same Day

Ianthe, Mo. —(UP)— Two sisters who were married at a double wedding became mothers here the same day.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Arville Snow at 4:30 a. m. At 11 p. m. the same night a son was born to Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Rector.

Both babies were born at the home of their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. George Mammen.

Mrs. Rector was in the room with Mrs. Snow when the latter's baby was born.

Railroad to Lay

1,000,000 New Ties

Missoula, Mont. —(UP)— One million ties will be laid on the roadbed of the Northern Pacific route between Milling, Mont., and Yakima, Wash., according to present plans of the company for 1933.

The Missoula plant of the company will manufacture 100,000 ties and 350,000 board feet measure of switching ties; another 200,000 will be turned out at the Brainerd, Minn., plant; and 175,000 ties will be treated at Seattle, Wash. The company has 500,000 ties in storage from 1932 operations.

Rancher Killed Hawk

Who Killed Snake

Conon City, Colo. —(UP)— A large hawk, holding in its beak a partly devoured five-foot bull snake was killed recently by A. E. Harper, Wetmore rancher.

The hawk had torn away the head of the snake and was preparing to eat the body when Harper put an end to the feast.

Harper believes the snake had come out of its winter hibernation to sun itself when the hawk swooped down and captured it.

Out Our Way



GLORIFYING YOURSELF

By Alicia Hart

CORPULENCE DOESN'T AGREE WITH NEW SPRING MODES

The relief stout women may have had when fashion notes spoke out loud about the return of curves was premature, to say the least.

Certainly no styles ever counted more on good framework to hang new clothes on. Just let yourself accumulate a neat spare tire about your diaphragm and see how squat you look in a trim spring suit.

Take off that spare, is the first and soundest advice. Eat less food is the only sane way to do it. Go on liquids for breakfast and lunch and then eat sparingly of dinner. Nothing between meals. No fudge sundaes or chocolate curls either! The second best thing to do is to get the right foundation garments, body gloves, if you please, as the de luxe new corset-brassiere combinations are called.

Particularly interesting to women with a little fat is the new brassiere, manufactured by several companies now, that is made of material that gives in both directions so you aren't uncomfortable, yet designed to do the trick of supporting you in handsome manner.

If women only realized it, the right brassiere can work wonders. A good one does a lot for the stout diaphragm. Wear the right brassiere and you look flatter through the diaphragm, which all women want to do.

Another aid to beauty is the good-fitting corset or girdle.

Don't make the mistake of thinking you can drag in your hips until you look slender, when you aren't. You will simply bulge over the top and be fatter than you really are right where you need it least.

However, a well-built foundation garment, fitted perfectly, does give you a far better line than an ordinary one. If you yearn for a svelt figger, remember the corset or girdle is a first essential.

Fowl Watched to

Find Location of Gold

Pinley, Cal. —(UP)— A gold

Military Mode



Patricia Ellis, screen player, youngest of the baby stars, introduces this new note in the trend for masculine, feminine fashions. The trouser suit shown here looks like a boy's military school uniform, brass buttons, high collar and all. It is of grey "annel. The beret is brown, and the shoes are white oxfords.

hunt, with chickens and turkeys doing the actual searching, was on here today following the discovery of several good-sized nuggets in a turkey's gizzard.

The turkey, according to its owner, George Smith, a poultryman, was raised locally. Where it found the gold was a mystery, as

By Williams

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

STRIVE FOR BETTER EGGS

A poultryman's revenue can be increased without extra expense if he will give more attention to breeding and selection for size of eggs. And now is the time to put an egg-breeding program into effect. Trap-nest the eggs from a limited number of carefully selected breeders — first, to find those hens which lay normally large-sized eggs; and second, to make possible a system of pedigree incubation and brooding so that chicks from the large-egg hens can be banded and identified when they reach maturity. One of the most important pieces of equipment in this work is a good egg scale. Try to get one which has a bar or weight-recording mechanism that shows not the individual weight of the single egg but its weight in ounces per dozen. We think of 22, 24 or 25 dozen eggs as the number of ounces per dozen the eggs will weigh. This automatically grades the eggs into comparative weights per dozen. Most manufacturers of egg scales already provide equipment with scale bars so graduated. The great advantage in starting egg-breeding work now is that we can secure from such mating pedigree-hatched and brooded male birds of known female parentage, which, when used in succeeding generations, the sires will transmit the desired egg quality to the progeny. Egg weight is inherited and it can be definitely improved through selection and breeding for egg size.

GROWING BEST BIRDS

We have found the following scheme helpful in choosing breeder turkeys with the so-much-desired long bodies and relatively short legs. Measure the length of the breastbone and then the upper leg, or drumstick. Keep the birds having these two parts as nearly as possible the same length. Seven inches is a good minimum length for these two measurements in breeding turkeys. Keep in mind that broad, well-fleshed breasts and backs as well as important as long body and relatively short legs if one wishes the best market flock. At what age will a well-fed turkey start to lay? Birds that simply run on range usually begin to lay at 11 months, but several breeders who trap-nest and feed their turkeys properly are reporting that their turkeys start to lay at eight and nine months. It has also been shown that February and March hatched turkey pullets will lay more eggs than two-year-old hens. Young turkey hens that have laid some eggs this fall should be kept for breeders next season, for they are early maturing and should give you a flock that will be ready to market early in 1934.

A NEW RASPBERRY

Black Beauty is the name given to a promising new black raspberry. This new variety originated as a chance seedling on the farm of a small fruit grower. In 1919 his raspberry patch, consisting of such standard varieties as Gregg, Kansas and Cumberland, was so badly diseased that he plowed the land and planted it to orchard. A few years later he discovered a vigorous raspberry seedling in his orchard. From this seedling plant sufficient stock was soon developed to give an opportunity to observe its behavior. The ability of the new variety to resist the dreaded virus disease was soon noted by the state plant inspector assigned to that section. On the advice of the inspector and others, it was decided to name the seedling and make it available to the trade. Black Beauty ripens in season with the well-known Cumberland, being rated a midseason variety. It is later than New Logan, another relatively new variety which is also highly resistant to the virus diseases. The berries are large and the quality good. It seems to be productive. Like all varieties of fruit, the full value of Black Beauty will not be known until it has been more widely tested. At least the variety should commend itself to growers who have had trouble in maintaining raspberry plantations on account of disease.

MARKETING FRUIT

Popularity is never a permanent thing with fruit varieties and the favorites of a few years ago may be going into the discard today. Commercial fruit growers need to study the trends carefully. Looking at it from the market angle only, a successful commercial variety must have at least two qualities. It must be attractive in appearance and be a good shipper. If it has good flavor so much the better. The apple list seems to be narrowing instead of widening. Some of the old favorites are holding their own but others are slipping. Rhode Island Greenings are still in high favor as cooking apples in some markets and York Imperials are holding their own both here and abroad. The Ben Davis is still popular with the export trade. Baldwins have lost ground during the last three or four seasons and Thompkins King is no longer in favor. The Stayman is popular in many markets, particularly for cooking, and seems likely to hold its own. Rome Beauty is a

HOW SOIL USES LIMESTONE

Tests recently completed indicate that the reaction between finely ground limestone and soil acids proceeds with surprising speed. Under practical conditions, however, the rate of decomposition is not so great because commercial ground limestone is not so uniformly fine and can not be mixed with soil as perfectly. The moisture content of the soil is important; limestone is not decomposed in dry soil. Although the limestone as such has disappeared by reaction with the soil, it has not been lost. The lime content has simply combined with the soil acids

good all-round apple that is well liked in most domestic markets and the same is true of the Winesap. The Jonathan and Spitzenburg have lost slightly in popularity despite their good qualities. Delicious and McIntosh are still increasing in popularity.

FOR BATTERY BIRDS

Every year more and more chicks are brooded in batteries. The intent may be to hold them there for only two or three weeks, but sometimes through necessity they remain much longer. For some reason, after the first few weeks the chicks fail to continue normal growth and develop symptoms of malnutrition. Experiments appear to show that there is a definite requirement of vitamin A in chicks as they approach maturity. The results further tended to show that healthy chicks apparently do not need vitamin A in the feed for the first two weeks. Probably the amount stored up in the chick's body and absorbed by the yolk is sufficient to last for a short time only. Continued deficiency of vitamin A as the chicks are kept in the batteries develops kidney injury, watery eyes, ruffled feathers, poor growth and a high mortality. Hence, if the chicks are kept in batteries for longer than two or three weeks, they should be fed regular cod-liver oil, which supplies both vitamins A and D, with liberal quantities of yellow corn, either cracked or ground into meal. The more freshly ground this can be, the better.

PREVENTING HOG "FLU"

A few precautions will prevent much of the "flu." Accumulations of dust and manure should be cleaned out of the winter sleeping quarters. The houses should be made free of drafts or cold winds. Cracks and doors on the north and west should be closed, but the south side may be left open until cold weather comes. After that, care should be taken that the ventilation system works properly without floor drafts. The houses may be bedded with clean, dry material such as straw hay or corn fodder. Corn fodder is excellent bedding, as it is clean, wears well and absorbs much moisture without becoming wet. Putting the corn fodder in the houses with the corn on it and allowing the pigs to do the shredding will bring the pigs into the shelter and get them accustomed to sleeping there. Care should be taken that pigs are in the houses on cold, rainy nights. Since feeding has more influence on the ease which a pig resists the "flu," the corn ration should be balanced with plenty of protein feed, pasture or leuca, as long as it lasts, and a good mineral mixture.

RABBIT INJURY TO TREES

Weather conditions have been favorable for rabbits to do considerable injury to young apple trees, if they are not protected. With the ground covered with snow, food for rabbits is greatly decreased. Even with no snow, they may do considerable damage, as they are fond of apple bark. Mice may also damage young trees by gnawing the bark at or just below the surface of the ground. There are various methods of control. Galvanized hardware cloth, three meshes to the inch, is generally used. Copper bronze screen wire also is used, as it is effective in keeping out the round-headed apple borer if it is tightly wrapped around the tree. Heavy wrapping paper may also be used. Tar paper has been known to damage the trunks of the trees. Repellent dressings or liquid lime-sulphur is sometimes used.

HEN AMONG LEADERS

An insurance company's farm loan agent has recently pointed out that the farmer practicing the "a cow, a sow, and a little red hen" program are better risks and, therefore receive greater consideration. This recognition of livestock farming and particularly of the "little red hen" is important to the great poultry industry symbolized by the "little red hen" title. That title, however, is not altogether true today. The "little red hen" has grown up from the status of a backyard fowl and has become an economic unit, a cash crop, of prime importance to the farmer. With all due respects to the value of the cow and the sow, the "little red hen" represented by purebred flocks of Leghorns, Rocks, Reds, Buffs, and many others need not take a back seat. She leads them all as an efficient converter of grains into meat and eggs and as an excellent revenue producer.

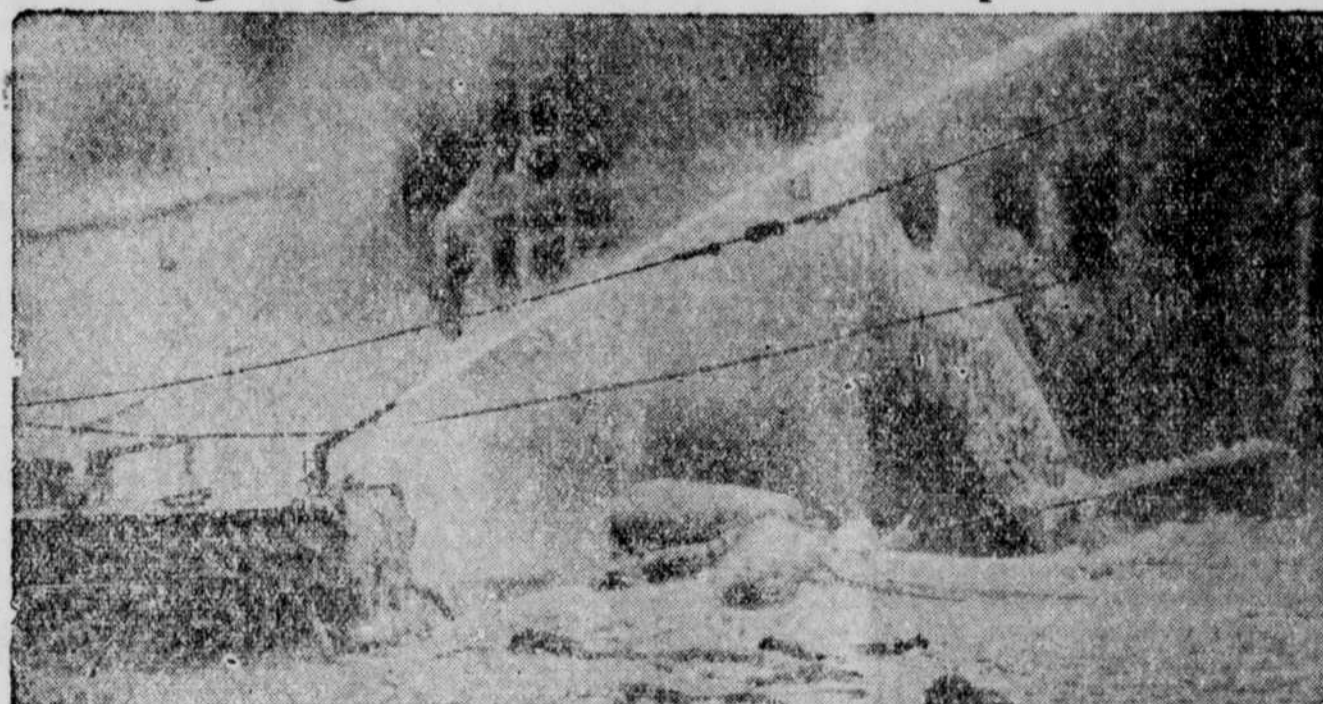
NOT ALWAYS LUCKY

When my wife's fat sister, Kitty, come to visit from the city, all she talked about was Fate—Bad luck signs and good luck omens—Sorta made me irritable. Then—she found a four-leaf clover; thought she'd pluck it, and stooped over. Fate stepped in. Our goat named Blatter made a powerful lunge right at her. Kitty yelped and kissed the dew; Lost her balance and her temper—and her superstitions, too!

THINK IT OVER

If you haven't lost faith in America, if you still believe in the soundness of American agriculture and animal husbandry invest now in as many brood sows as you can possibly handle. Do it even though your faith may be shaken, for they will make you money in spite of yourself.

Fighting Fire in Sub-Zero Temperature



Intense heat and bitter cold conspired to make life miserable for firemen who battled an apartment house blaze in Chicago during the coldest weather of the winter. The water froze almost as fast as it left the hoses, and men, apparatus, and even the burning building were coated with a thick sheeting of ice.

Tuskegee Choir Booms

Negro Spirituals

New York —(UP)— A new impetus was given Negro spirituals as a result of the recent debut of the Tuskegee Institute choir.

The hundred students from the institution provided for New York the strange, hypnotic rhythms which gave Negro music its universal appeal. They introduced a group of new spirituals, which brought offers from music publishers to William L. Dawson,

conductor and composer. Dawson discovered and arranged them for concert presentation.

The students, of many trades, ranging from agriculture to domestic science, introduced among other spirituals, "Oh! What a Beautiful City," "Study Yo' Prayer," "I'm in His Care," and "Good News."

Dawson explained that in isolated communities in the south, songs are taught to each succeeding generation, but never are written down. For instance he first heard and old Negro sing

"Good News" as she bent over her wash tub.

He said another source of material is the students themselves, many of whom come from distant plantations. In this way he heard a boy humming, "Lawd, I wouldn't mind dyin' if dyin' was all."

Q. Where does Shakespeare refer to rats leaving a sinking ship? W. P.

A. The Tempest, Act 1, Scene 2, contains the following: "A rotten carcass of a boat, not rigged, nor tackle, sail, nor mast; the very rats instinctively have quit it."