

John W. Blehm  
1978  
The rooster sculpture is made of  
stone and is mounted on a  
pole. It is a sculpture of a  
rooster, and it is a very  
beautiful sculpture.

## AMERAUCAANA BANTAM SIZE

At our recent National Meet in September, I was impressed with the overall improvement, especially in the bantam classes. Perhaps the variety that has made the greatest strides over all is the buff, but the variety that caught my eye because of its dramatic reduction in size was the black. There were two black pullets that had good, sound black color, fine bone and ideal size. They did not fare especially well at this meet, but I was gratified to learn they did rather well at a show some weeks later. One could fault them for lack of really profuse facial feathering, but they were easily the most ideal size.

Is size important? Certainly - the name bantam implies small size, and if it isn't small, it isn't a real bantam. If it exceeds standard weights by 4 oz., you've got a problem. Get yourself a scale and weigh your birds - you might get some surprises. It could easily be another factor to consider when you select your breeders in the spring, regardless of what varieties you are currently dealing with. All other factors being about equal, you would do well to select the smaller bird, providing it is healthy, robust and will produce viable chicks.

Is it possible to produce birds that are too small? Yes, if they do not reproduce well, but birds far beyond minimum weights are so rare as to be insignificant in numbers and virtually unknown in a breed as recently developed as Ameraucanas. The problem will be overweight, not underweight birds.

Select birds with fine bone in both sexes. The shank bone is the key. Pullets with shanks not much greater than a #2 pencil and shorter, rather than longer shank will provide the basis for breeding smaller birds. Cockerels with corresponding fine bone will make ideal matings. Smaller, finer boned birds are frequently produced toward the end of the hatching season, so don't be in a hurry to get rid of those late hatches, even if they do not mature quickly enough for the early fall shows.

In large fowl, just the opposite is true in regard to early hatching - get them out early. Hatch early and give them a good protein feed and plenty of "elbow" room to grow and finish.

I was gratified to see some very good large Ameraucanas at Mason City, particularly the blacks by Arne Schmidt and the whites by Jerry Segler.

About a decade ago Jerry brought a large number of birds to our National Meet in Columbus, Ohio. He had them in a large cage on the back of his truck and every few miles he would pull off of the highway and beat on the side of the cage with a broomstick. After witnessing this strange act several times, the Highway Patrol pulled him over and asked what was going on. Jerry replied, "Well, Officer, I have a ton of chickens in the cage but my truck is only rated at a half-ton, so I have to keep half of them flying."

My congratulations to all of the exhibitors at our recent National Meet. It is easy to see the steady progress being made with the breed when our best are brought together each year and it is my hope that this continues for many years to come.

*Jon*

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## NOTES FROM THE HILLS OF WESTERN WISCONSIN

As this is written we are experiencing a bitter cold snap; the prognosticators are saying it will last through next week. We did not reach the zero mark yesterday, nor will we today. Our thermometer read 28 below as I went out to feed and water the birds this morning. Jason has been gathering the hatching eggs each day after school, but not finding too many I'm afraid. He is my right-hand choreboy during this time of year, bringing in the frozen-up water dishes at night, and rewatering each weekday morning before school. I put out feed late at night for the next day.

We have a few dozen fertile eggs in the hovabator, and I gave a broody buff Ameraucana bantam thirteen eggs this morning. Quite surprisingly, about eighty percent of the last eggs placed in the hovabator candled out fertile. Puff Ameraucanas and Silver Laced Wyandottes (both bantams) have been doing about the best so far.

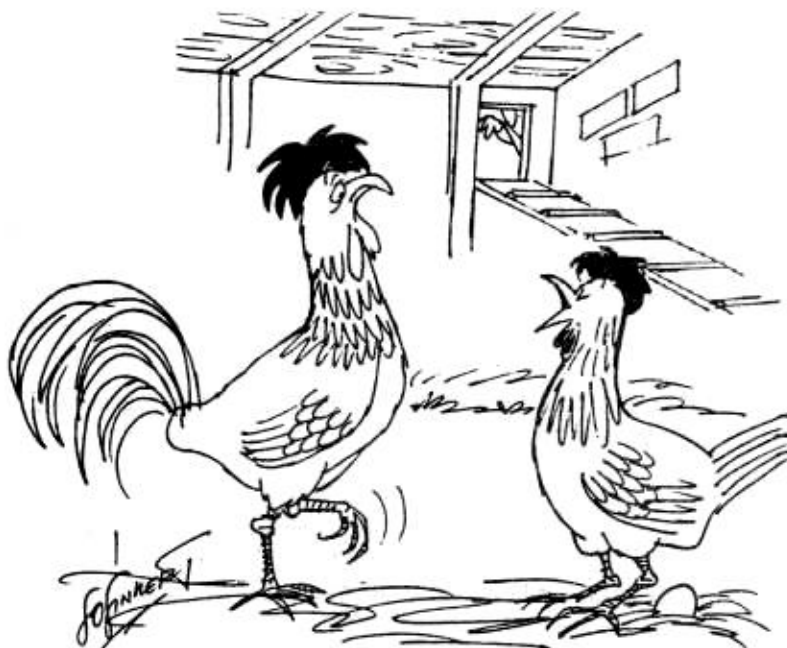
We were very sorry to miss the golden anniversary celebration for Bernard and Dorothy Kellogg. I knew it was coming up, but it was over before anyone told us. Just got too busy before the holidays.

Had a note from Carl Fosbrink that he has sold part of his remaining Ameraucana bantams, but still has some good whites and a pair of splashes left. Anyone interested in those varieties would do well to get in touch with him, as he will ship express mail. Also, we still have a few extra wheaten bantams to share, but they won't last long, so write or call soon if interested. John Blehm and Duane Urch will ship chicks if you would rather start with babies this year. I'm not sure if anyone else is selling Ameraucanas right now, as haven't had a lot of mail lately.

By the time you read this, the time and location of our 1994 National Meet should be announced. We hope to see many of you there this time; it has been one of the highlights of each year for those of us actively breeding, showing, and promoting the Ameraucana breed. We always have a great time, so why not make plans to join us in 1994?

For those of you too far away to travel to the locations where the shows are held, what would you think of an Ameraucana photograph national meet? There could be divisions, awards, etc. The entries would be mailed to an impartial judge, someone who would not enter the contest. Let Jeannette know if you would be interested.

That's all for now. I will be thinking about Don Cable, lounging around on southern California beaches and enjoying his retirement, next time I come in from the chicken coop with frozen fingers. Maybe there are advantages in being just a little older? Until next time. . . Mike Gilbert



"I don't think of it as laying an egg. I think of it as lowering my cholesterol!"



Same thing every moulting season, he thinks he's going bald!!!



"Who teaches roosters to yell 'cock-a-doodle-doo'?"



"WE'VE BEEN REPLACED!"



### FROM THE OZARKS

Greetings from the "sunny" south. We are having a thunderstorm this morning ... the first of the new year. A week ago today we were below zero with a 3" coating of sleet, ice and snow. Yesterday the temperature hit 70°. Good weather for colds - people and birds alike. Now we are forecast to finish the week with ice. I had my "crew" shut in for a week - not only the ice but the wind chill was terrible. My Dominique friend called Monday eve. He had been iced in for eight days. Pennsylvania had brown outs, black outs and broken water mains as well as an earthquake - just before the California one.

I need to clean buildings and pens in the worst way. A shortage of shavings isn't helping things a bit.

Work is going great - I work Thursdays, Fridays & Saturdays and fill in if they need another helper. My postcard collection has grown by leaps and bounds. Chicken stamps are extremely hard to find.

Nothing going on chickenwise - I have better luck waiting until it warms up a bit. And speaking of warmer..I just noticed yesterday my crocus and daffodils are up. Maybe an early spring - I sure hope so.

*Mary Lou Phelps*  
Central District Director  
January 26, 1994

### FROM THE KICKAPOO HILLS

First of all, THANK YOU, for the golden anniversary card that "Sneakie" Mary Lou passed around at the North Iowa show.

Our golden anniversary started on Nov. 11 with a plane trip to Denver, CO., as a gift from our foster son and former sixth grade student, Dr. James and Lois Holbrook. They really showed us a great time. Jim took me to see Stewart Jackson's poultry set-up.

On Dec. 11, seventy friends came to our home where we were married fifty years ago. Ameraucana members who attended were: Rande Buske, John Bashaw and a former member, Jim Tuckwood. Bart & Jody Pals of North Iowa drove over. Mrs. Poole, Sec/Treas of the Badger Poultry Club made a four tier golden anniversary cake as her gift.

Oh! Yes! Cutting down on bantams!! Started my incubator the other day. That keeps me young at 74.

The UPS man stopped the other day and had a package for "POP" Kellogg. I knew it had to be from "Snap and Crackle". (Mike Gilbert and Don Cable) After the North Iowa Show Don Cable gave me a Kellogg Rice Krispie wrist watch with Snap, Crackle and Pop on it.

So! Have a wonderful year in the fancy and many good Ameraucana days.

"Pop" Kellogg  
12/27/93



Jeannette,

The holidays have passed and I didn't write so I will try now. I did get one letter from someone you must have sent my way. I had one day off between Thanksgiving and Christmas and tried to answer it one night after work (midnight) before I did my usual and set it aside for a month or more. I may have been too blunt as I haven't heard from them.

Between Christmas and New Year's I went out about 1 to gather eggs and a fox was in the henhouse. He got out but I went to the house for the gun and went back out. He was coming back for more when I shot him. He had killed three. We have had some severe cold and lost some stock. It puts them to the test. Lost a couple to Marecks but all in all most are doing good.

I lost the name and address of who had the bantam whites for sale. I am down to two 3 year old hens in whites and no rooster. Please send address if you can.

I am collecting all genetic info I can find trying to unravel the mystery of red in silver males. A dog killed the silver male I had at Mason City so all that is left is two 3 year old hens. I sold some to someone down Mary Lou's way but don't know his address. The silvers need more breeders. I have worked on silvers for 20 years and not gotten it right. Some information in F.P. Jeffery's book on Old English Game Bantams have given me some ideas but has fallen short of giving me a full understanding of the true nature of this trait. I've gotten good males so rarely that the hens must pass it on. If I get a good male at present the only theory says use him on each hen for a progeny test. If she produces any red in males do not use her. If a hen is found to not pass on red to the sons then use the two to start a line of silver. I must keep each hen's young separated until cockerels are evaluated. Very slow and a lot of work and that is after I get the bantam size.

I learned a costly lesson this past season and I should have known better. I had not allowed new blood on the place for years because of the fear of disease but about three years ago I got restless and I needed to rework some of my bloodlines. This, of course, brought in coccidiosis and, worst of all, coryza. I already had Mareck's which only caused 3 or 4 deaths a year in stock 5 months to a year old. At least it is a tolerable level of loss. All of these can be eliminated by a break in the disease cycle. Get lots of eggs all at one time and then depopulate all birds. By the time the eggs hatch and young are brooded away from old pens for a couple of weeks the job is done. A 30 day plus break is all it takes. Somewhat difficult now that I have so many breeding projects in progress. So I decided to live with the diseases but swore I would quit birds totally if one more chronic disease showed up. My stock became resistant to the symptoms of coryza but not to the disease.

This past year I added silver pheasants, golden pheasants and peafowl to the place. I had gotten lax on keeping medication on hand since the chickens didn't need it. I got four peahens and 2 peacocks. All went well for about two months and breeding season was at hand. One peahen got what Grandma call the bighead. Actually it is conjunctivitis, a symptom of coryza. She died before I could even order medication. Chickens usually linger a long time with this symptom. I said Okay. I still have breeders and didn't order medication. A couple weeks later a peacock was heard gurgling one morning. Another symptom of coryza. He was dead two days later. I said, Oh, well. I still have one male." The remaining male wandered off one day and never came back. The hens had started to lay. I got one fertile egg and raised one peahen. I had to purchase another pair at \$100.00 to get a male. Costly lesson. But I'm ahead of the story.

I bought golden pheasant hatching eggs from two sources for my start. I got 4 chicks from one dozen and two from the other dozen. A start anyway. Well, at about 8 weeks the 2 chicks from the one source developed conjunctivitis. This would wipe out the unrelated bird idea for foundation stock. Altho penned together, the other four never showed symptoms.

I finally ordered spectinomycin and they recovered rapidly. I believe I read that spectinomycin has gallimycin in it which is good for enteritis also (severe weight loss due to E. coli). Well, in early fall the new and only peacock developed enteritis and was failing fast by the time I noticed. (They don't like being handled.) I used spectinomycin since I didn't have gallimycin and he recovered.



I could have avoided all this had I just kept medication on hand. I knew better but maybe this account will help those of you who have yet to encounter these problems

Well, Jeannette, this has taken me a few days to finish and as you know very rare for me. Hope you can use some of it.

Your friend,

*Jerry*

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Thanksgiving morning

Hi Jeannette,

How's it going? I called my sister in Scobey, MT. She said it was snowing & cold. I heard on the radio it was 29° below zero in Cut Bank...my old hometown. Here in sunny CA it was 78° yesterday.

I'm hatching out chicks already. I have RI Red and White Leghorn large fowl, Old English bantams and, of course, our little Blue Wheaten and Wheaten Ameraucanas. I've hatched out three chicks so far. Pure white with little tufts.

We had some success with our Ameraucanas in Paso Robles. WE had Best AOCCL with our Blue Wheaten cock. Then in the Tracy show he was also Best AOCCL. David won a plaque and a Blankenship Medallion, so far. We are going to the Pomona Show in LA next, then Hollister, then Roseville at the National.

There are usually very few Ameraucanas at the shows. So I plan to raise quite a few and sell or give away the extras to stimulate interest in CA. I plan to sponsor a Best Ameraucana plaque at our show in Fresno. They are very cute birds and good layers.

We had a Best in Show at our Fresno County Fair with RI Red pullet. At Paso Robles we had Champion American and Champion Mediterranean. A lot of competitors in the classes. I believe there were 900 birds in the show.

I am hoping to see some Ameraucanas at Roseville. I'd like to compare and buy some stock. If anyone is going, please let me know.

It's early Thanksgiving morning now and soon our new born, Sean, will be needing his bottle. We are going to Grandma's house for dinner.

WE have lots to be thankful for this year, our health, our three boys, good jobs and time to go to poultry shows!

God bless you all,

*Ken D. Wall*

P.S. Love the newsletter. Perhaps I will be able to travel back east for one of the nationals some day.

[Editors Note: Don Cable was hoping to meet Ken and his family at Roseville, CA. Hopefully one (or both) will write a report for us..]

1/18/94

Dear Jeannette,

Allison showed me her letter from you asking if I would consider running for Eastern District Director. I'm honored.

Allison and I have been raising Ameraucanas for two years. We are still in the learning process. We just had our Eastern States Congress Show (the big show in this area) and Allison was the only one who showed Ameraucanas out of 2500 birds. I would love to see these birds become more popular. Right now we ware competeing with ourselves.

The nice part is that Allison had two birds take Best in Show and State Champion in two shows. That shows promise for these birds.

P.S. I wish I had know about Vit B sooner; I'm pretty sure I lost two of my best birds to the deficiency. Thank you for the information.

Suzanne Morgan

Well, I'm 12 years old and I am probably the only person in 6th grade that likes chickens as a pet. I have noticed that when you wash your birds the day before a show, you get good prizes and a lot of points. That's how I got my big ribbons and trophies. I raise, of course, Ameraucanas. Every afternoon I go up to the barn and feed and water them. In the winter I go up there in the morning and give them water. In the afternoon I break the ice, give them water and food. I raise the black, white and wheaten. The odd thing is that I bred four self blues/splash. I also bred a beautiful silver/black. She has a twin sister who is a golden/black. I wish these were standard colors. I have a sister who has no interest in chickens what so ever. My father loves Ameraucanas and thinks they have great personalities. My mother helps me with them and she says that every time she goes to a show she finds out more info. I love chickens and embroider them.

Some of my favorite subjects are Science and Social Studies. I hate math. Of course I like Gym and Art. I hate Health.

P.S. I would like to thank Ted Brassard for his help to teach "The Fine Feathered Friends." (Ted is my 4-H leader.)

ABC member

Allison  
Morgan



The following are comments sent with memberships. I thought I'd share them with you.

"I would like to see breeders of large fowl strive to breed birds that are good layers of blue eggs and have good body size. I will not breed a good show-type bird that does not lay well. Let's not ruin the practical qualities of this dual purpose breed."

Raises: Large Fowl Ameraucanas" Black, Red, Wheaten..working on developing large wheatens that lay well and have good size and full muffs.

Richard Gilbert  
1700 North Russell Road  
Bloomington, IN 47408

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"Someone complained awhile back about too much personal material in the newsletter. I disagree! It's the personal things that give the name a personality. Only then does the name become a person! - and only to a person can there be any feelings of concern, friendship or family - even the Ameraucana family."  
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I commented to one member who was renewing about his silver pheasants and received the following answer...

Dear Jeannette,

I have about 10 hens! They raise like chickens. Have to get rid of some. Don't show them. Have over 200 chickens, also guineas. Have had chickens since I was five years old. I am 83 and in good health. Also raise Appalosa horses and 100 beef cows, Angus. Have 600 acres in land; 1,000 oil wells. Life is good to me.

Would give you a silver hen if you would come and get her and a cock to go with her. They are beautiful. Lots of golden pheasants.

You are doing such a good job.

(It is letters like the ones above that make this job such a pleasure. Thanks..you know who you are. JF.)  
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John McGrath - RR1 Box 33V, West, TX 76691 commented on his membership form:

"I would like to purchase a variety of Ameraucanas."

Can you help him?  
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Dear Ms. Frank,

I am very interested in Wheaten Ameraucanas. Could you please send me any information you have on breeders that I might be able to purchase show quality birds from.

We seldom see them in this area and I would like to be able to show some in hopes that more people would become interested in them.

Sincerely,

Amelia McBrandee  
1019 N. 11th  
Nebraska City, NE 68410



12-14-93

Dear Jeannette,

Good idea to let the big boys know we all make mistakes. I agree 100% on the changes to the standard, if it can be done. It seems at times they don't care about a word here or there. We all know better and thank all the fine people who try and get no thanks for many hours trying to do a good job.

Mike and I went down to Wayne's place. As we pulled in I figured Mike was lost and was going to ask for help. Not a bird in sight, not even a sparrow, robin or crow.

Wayne was putting out hay for some black cattle and Mike had said he had white faced.

Then to a pole barn he took us. What a picnic for one to see. Like a poultry show of America. Males, I have never seen so many at any breeders place in 58 years of doing grading for the large breeders and testing.

Over here in a pen of large fowl males, say 75 or so. I drooled over some young blacks. What, no females? What a shame.

Oh! They are over here. So on to this long chicken coop we slid on ice to see the better half. All colors, You take a pick. These are the old hens.

Then we start toward his house and stop..Bantams. Late hatch..7/8 grown. He keeps going and up a ladder in another building. Loft above horse stalls are his pullets..large on one side, bantams on the other.

Mike and I picked a few prospects and put them in a cage and looked again. It's like a kid in a candy shop.

Wayne must have 500 ±. It seemed like we had died and gone to heaven..chicken heaven. We filled our boxes and started for home. Had a trip to recall for many years.

Better stop and write a check to get my dues in before '94 comes and goes and we take another trip.

Thanks to all who keep the work and the club going.

John B. Bashaw

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My two daughters and I have recently started showing chickens. They have plenty to show but I was looking for a breed to show in AOCCL class.

I saw your breed in the APA Standard. I really like the looks of the wheaten and as far as I know there is noone showing them in my area.

Would you please send me a list of breeders and maybe some more information on your breed.

Thanks,

Pic Roberson

Rt 3 Box 294

Rogersville, AL 35652

[Ed. note; This letter came in just as I was putting this newsletter together so thought I'd let some of you answer it. I'll send some names and newsletters.]

SHOW REPORTS

Washington Feather Fanciers....Monroe, WA

October 16-17, 1993

Bantams - Wheaten - 1, BV C; 1 H

B. Baldwin (Not a member of ABC)

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Central Florida..Tampa, Florida

November 13-14, 1993

Large Fowl - Silver H

J. Haywood (Not a member of ABC)

Bantam Buff BV C

J. Haywood

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Virginia Poultry Breeders Assn., Richmond, VA

Nov. 20-21, 1993

Large Fowl = Silver Duckwing 1P  
Black 1H

John Marshal (Not a member of ABC)  
Claude McAllister (Not a member of ABC)

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Hart Co. Bantam..Hartwell, GA

Dec. 11, 1993

Ameraucana - Wheaten 1BB, 2RB P

SKM Cleveland (Not a member of ABC)

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Oklahoma State

Dec. 11-12, 1993

Large Fowl Blue 1-2K, 1BV, BB P; 2RV RB P  
Jr. Division -LF - Blue AH AOSB P: R P

Jennifer Terry (Not a member of ABC)  
Jennifer Terry

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Idaho Bird Breeders Association...Caldwell, ID

Nov. 6-7, 1993

Judges: John Thomforde (LF), Bill Holland (Bantams)

Champion Ameraucana - Wheaten bantam hen  
Reserve Ameraucana - White large fowl cock  
Champion Large Fowl - White cock  
Reserve Large Fowl - White pullet  
Champion Bantam - Wheaten hen  
Reserve Bantam - pullet

Koralyn Kibbee, Manhattan, MT  
Larry & "

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" " "

Koralyn Kibbee  
Koralyn Kibbee  
[All of above are members..The Jenkins  
joined after the show. Thanks, Koralyn]

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New Members of Ameraucana Breeders Club:

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Welcome to all of the above and please don't hesitate to let us know how we can help you.



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 ITVELYIIECAEYKYLNETMYNCASMINORCAMYUWACEY Andalusian  
 OTCYCM TICADETCSTO IUMTDCADPMTYCAETCAEOPEI Araucana  
 REXCITYYSEUQINIMODJEA KERIBYCDCWMTCTINWM Australorp  
 MNECUI TBJGKEIGEXAJEFILKWINIAARTYJECTSCYL Barnvelder  
 UTEUDMEUTRUAUTUSLMTUJU IRBEELKEGADEVEECMTY Belgian  
 GRATNMEITUMTESCYSWOPESMBSEYAMTCNOERYOITC d Anvers  
 PTSEAYALABUCMETXTETIMERACMMETDNRYUCMSD Belgian  
 PNWSIMEGEMECTCACEHOLLANDIEGEXECORNISHKED d Uccle  
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 MWAUBESREVNADNAIGLEBNNETANTEPHOENIXMKWOI Cochin  
 MENAKDNCKSMEOSEASHOACYMETACEAMGECTEXNMME Cornish  
 METYUOWCAEKRNETISWRHODEISLANDREDSXXOGHA Delaware  
 MEEETIREGEETKMNTNNANSKIOTEUSITUIEISWTONN Dorking  
 MTGHBEMJRFRIZZLEITVWOMETUORSUSSEXSSGMEA Dominique  
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 Welsummer  
 Wyandotte  
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REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIG SKY COUNTRY -

One of the pleasures of being sec/treas/editor of ABC is hearing from the members (and future members) - and receiving small packages with big surprises in the mail. [Thank you, RN. They are beautiful]

Membership dues are coming in slowly - so if there is a check mark here [ ] your dues haven't been received and this could be your last newsletter.

The ABC 1994 National Meet will be in Illinois at the Illini Show this fall. Details in forthcoming issues of the newsletter. This gives you time to start working on those champions.

Anyone interested in a club ad page in the ABA 1994 Yearbook? If so, I need your ad and \$\$ by the end of February. The cost per ad for member on club page is \$12.00..maximum of six per page. Several of you have expressed an interest in this yearbook..so here is your chance.

As a matter of interest (or maybe not) I just got new lenses in my glasses..they still are not right. I may go back to my old ones..I have already had them adjusted and changed four times. Anyway, that's my reason for all the mistakes in the newsletter this time.

On to business...club elections are coming up this fall. Any paid adult member can be nominated for an office. If you choose to nominate someone you must have their written permission to do so. Offices are: President, Sec/Treas., District Directors of each District.

The cartoons used in this edition of the newsletter were sent to me by Paul Robinson. Thank you, Paul. Letter on it's way.

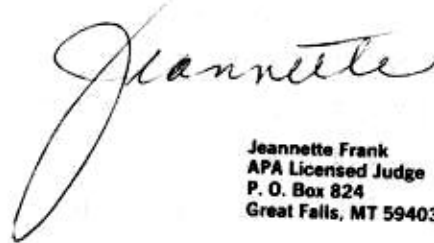
The cover came from a calendar given to me by my youngest daughter. It is called Carousel Animals. February happened to be: "BIG BIRD" Spillman Engineering Rooster, c. 1905. Large, well carved rooster from a great Spillman machine from the New Jersey area."

On the more personal side...my daughter-in-law underwent surgery on Feb. 3 to repair the aneurysm in her head. Today (2/6) she went home from the hospital. Not bad for someone who was 6½ hours in surgery just three days earlier. AH!! Youth!! I want to take this moment to say "Thank You" to all of you for your concern and most importantly ..your prayers..they do help.

Well, to be honest, I can't think of much to say. Bet you never thought you would hear (read) me say that. It happens. Some of you did send extra \$\$ with your dues to help with the expense of the newsletter. Thank you. Very much appreciated.

I try to send receipts and membership cards within 24 hours of receiving dues. And a note. I am asking each member to send an article..on yourself, your family, your interests, your birds or what ever you think would be interesting to the rest of the members. I have generally had good response. I am still waiting for a couple of junior members who promised me at Mason City that they would write an article for me and JB..I haven't received yours for 1994. Just for the record.. I don't mind if any/all of you write more than one item/article for the newsletter. Makes for a more interesting newsletter if you contribute more. Something else that you might keep in mind...articles or cartoons relating to poultry in general are of interest to all of us.

Happy Heart Day to all.....



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For the record -

There were no negatives on the changes for the Standard -  
Hopefully the Standard Committee will okay the changes.



The Montana Poultry Fanciers invited me to judge at their Winter Show in Bozeman, Montana on January 28, 1994. I was tickled over the idea. My mother was born in Bozeman. Her family helped settle the area many many moons ago. I have only been there a couple of times.

When the club found that I had passed my test and was a license judge they joined APA so this could be my first sanctioned show.

My husband, my father-in-law and I left Great Falls on Jan. 27 and headed south (actually Southeast and south...we wanted to check out some future fishing areas on our way). The further south we went the more snow we saw.

Arrived without any problem and got checked into the motel, found a nice restaurant and then the fellows dropped me off at the barn. The weather was starting to turn cold and the barn was unheated. I met several of the club members but didn't hang around very long because they were busy.

Woke up the next morning to 3" of white fluffy, slick snow and colllldddd. After a hearty breakfast I showed the fellows how to find the Museum of the Rockies and sporting good stores and they dropped me off at the barn and disappeared.

I had a chance to meet a really great group of people and judge some fantastic birds. I met Koralyn Kibbee, an ABC member. Didn't spend very much time chatting. I was busy all day.

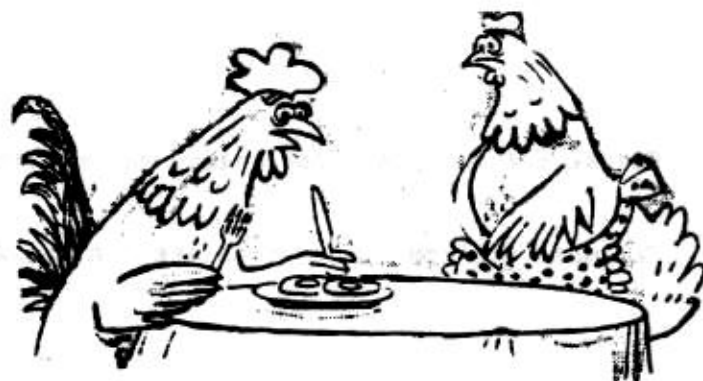
Generally I don't show my emotions easily (except when I'm driving a U-Haul to Arizona or going to a poultry show or fishing) but I was elated when I signed my name on the APA show report where it says judge's signature. My husband said I came out of the barn about 6" above the ground.

I didn't see Koralyn's poultry set-up but I did get to judge some Ameraucanas. There were a handful of large fowl and three bantams. The large fowl whites were generally good. One had willow legs and was disqualified. The other hen lacked adequate muffs and beard. The other three were not good Ameraucanas. As for the bantams...the wheaten hen was lacking the black feathering and one male was a blue wheaten..coloring was good but he lack some other necessary characteristics. Over all the show had some very good quality poultry...and the people were of outstanding quality.

Jennifer



"Well, I was coming in low over this badminton game..."



"Eggs?"

**1994 AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM**

Dues: Family \$10.00 Individual \$7.50 Juniors \$5.00 (All dues due by 1/1)

name: \_\_\_\_\_

address: \_\_\_\_\_

city: \_\_\_\_\_ state: \_\_\_\_\_ zip: \_\_\_\_\_

phone #: ( ) \_\_\_\_\_

If you are paying for a family membership would you please list family members names & ages?

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(Use additional paper if necessary.)

I (WE) raise and breed the following AMERAUCANAS  
LARGE FOWL:

**BANTAM:**

I (We) will sell: Hatching Eggs \_\_\_\_\_ Chicks \_\_\_\_\_ Started Stock \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Birds \_\_\_\_\_

Will you ship any of the above? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes..which? \_\_\_\_\_

Will you deliver to shows any of the above? \_\_\_\_\_ What shows? \_\_\_\_\_

Please list below other breeds of poultry you raise, breed, show. Be sure to state if they are Large Fowl or Bantams, Bearded/nonbearded and varieties. Thank you.

Please use the space below for your comments, thoughts, ideas or general information about you or your family. Any suggestions for future newsletter articles would be appreciated.

Please return this questionnaire and membership dues to:

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Remember ALL membership dues are due the first of each year.