

Jeannette,

Thanks for trusting me with these pictures.

I do have the Standard, but as I mentioned before, it does not contain many good illustrations of ameraucanas.

It seems from previous newsletters that there are many others who have the same problem as I do. Maybe we could get together and start our own ameraucana "standard" in the form of an in-color magazine. If there is enough interest we may be able to do it at a reasonable cost. What do you think?

Sincerely,

Michelle Atkins



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SHOWTIME IS APPROACHING

As mid-summer is upon us , you have no doubt had your eye on the developing young birds and those that display a potential for the upcoming show season. Those few showing the most promise should be isolated from their broodmates so that they can be worked with on an individual basis and prepared to show at their best. It is now that you can begin to concentrate on the training, feeding and the final grooming necessary to compete with success.

If possible, these birds should be handled every day so that they become accustomed to it and do not panic in the hands of some future judge. If your birds are naturally docile, so much the better, as this will make your job much easier. A bird that is wild and flighty may never tame sufficiently to show at his best. Cooped in smaller pens and separated by sex so that aggressive cockerels do not mar the pullets plumage nor the pullets pull facial feathering from promising cockerels generally gives best results. Individual pens would be ideal and introduction to show cages prior to the upcoming show might help considerably.

Isolating your show prospects will also cut down on the expense of special feed that you will not have to provide for the entire lot of young birds. Using special foods to improve feather quality can also be used as a reward in training birds to pose and be handled. Foods high in oil content such as fish products in catfood and the grains high in oil such as safflower help to put that fine sheen on hackles and saddles especially, but will help establish a fine gloss on wing and tail feathers as well. Virtually all varieties will benefit from these foods, but dark colors seem to respond the best, especially black with its green sheen.

Having trained and fed your showbirds properly, grooming will provide the final touch and a well groomed bird may be the difference between best of breed and reserve. A bath for light colored birds, especially white, is a given, but placing your bird in the show cage without a last minute cleaning of face, shanks and feet can lead to failure in spite of your hard work in preparing the bird up to this point. A master at last minute grooming is Bernard Kellog, of Wisconsin, who has served this club so long and well. Bernie spends time with every bird he enters by preparing them before he places them in the show cage and his success as an exhibitor is testament to these last minute preparations. I will not attempt to describe what methods Bernie uses but will challenge that master showman to do it himself in some future issue of this bulletin. How about it, Bernie?

Don Cable
On the Go

Know and Respect Those Araucanas and Ameraucanas

Well, folks, the fall mails brought much of the usual mail, but as time went on I was compiling quite a file of gripes about judges with regard to placement of the Ameraucanas and Araucanas. They came in the form of several letters from DIFFERENT fanciers, and from DIFFERENT parts of the country. Maybe there is something here to consider. The main points seemed to draw from two significant problems - judges didn't seem to know the very basics of breed characteristics, and perhaps worse was the uncaring attitude and perceived disrespect for the birds. Let's tackle the first point first.

The APA struggled for many years over what to do with those blue egg chickens, especially after the dominant gene had been transmitted to a wide variety of essentially mixed breed chickens. Eventually standards were drawn up that chose the Araucana type more or less from the 1927 National Geographic Society illustrations and other sources. They are rumpless. They have tufts. NO BEARDS OR MUFFS. They have pea combs. RECOGNIZED COLOR PATTERNS were designated. While there is still some confusion between the APA and ABA Standards with regard to leg color, judges still need to be sharp in their knowledge and apply the Standard as appropriate. Araucanas come in five recognized varieties - Black, White, Black Breasted Red (patterned after the color of Black Breasted Red Cubalayas, so they should be of a Wheaten nature), Silver and Golden Duckwing. It seems odd that the Black Red version is wheaten while the Silver and Golden Duckwings match the pattern with stippled females, but that's the way it reads. I've seen the stippled "Black Red" Araucana females, and there you have a dilemma right away. This may be good ground for the Revision Committee to explore with the breed club! Slightly more confusing is that the Black Red Araucana legs can be pinkish white

OR light yellow. The Duckwings have WILLOW shanks and toes, and the Whites are supposed to be YELLOW.

On the Ameraucana side, the Standard varieties are a little more complex, but the leg color issues are more straightforward. The eight recognized Ameraucana varieties include: Black, White, Blue, Buff, Wheaten, Blue Wheaten, Silver (like the Silver Leghorn) and Brown Red. Usually one will run into the Wheaten, Blue Wheaten and White Bantams, and few large fowl are shown. Ameraucanas emerged after carving out a consistent type from the spectrum of mixed chickens laying blue eggs. They have MUFFS, NOT TUFTS. They have tails. They have pea combs just like their Araucana cousins. I have personally seen Ameraucanas at regular shows placed Best of Breed that had no recognizable color pattern, much less a Standard one. It may be argued that at some fairs or youth shows that some leniency is in order, but in the long run that much leniency doesn't help either breed. Leg colors are easier to recollect for Ameraucanas as they all are more or less a version of slate with white bottoms of the feet and toes. I attended the APA Annual in Columbus when they had the qualifying meet for the Ameraucanas, and the fanciers who promoted them for Standard admission did a very credible job of laying down classes in the respective colors, even in the large fowl. Our responsibility as judges is to use the Standards they fashioned to the best of our ability, so that we can continue to make progress away from the mongrel hordes and reward those fanciers who breed to the Standard.

Another concern that has been highlighted deals with the color of Ameraucana earlobes. Under the variety descriptions all of the text points to red face, comb, wattles and earlobes.

Under the breed description, however, the word "pale" is included when describing the earlobes. Evidently some judges have been disqualifying Ameraucanas which do not have good red earlobes, and this is causing conflicts with exhibitors. Now in many of the red-lobed breeds with muffs or beards, such as Faverolles, Belgian D'Anvers and the Ameraucanas, the presence of the beard has often seemed to diminish the vibrancy of the red in the earlobes, particularly in the females. The earlobes often take on a pale attribute and essentially approach the color of the skin (a pale beige) rather than the red of a typical exposed earlobe. My own view is that the disqualifying criterion for "earlobes other than red" was placed in the Standard to counter those breeds where enamel white often crept into the red lobes when it wasn't desired. I think most if not all of us have given the benefit of the doubt to some of the American or Mediterranean breeds that look a little pale in the lobes due to general condition or stage of egg laying. I find it hard to imagine the reasoning behind disqualifying Ameraucanas for this reason, but without seeing the birds themselves it is difficult to say for certain. In addition, perhaps this is a place where Standard revision might help to make the picture clearer. Maybe the variety descriptions for the Ameraucanas need to somehow indicate the paler earlobes in the female descriptions. In the meantime, those of you that draw the Ameraucana classes need to be clear on the requirements. Disqualifications need to be applied if they exist, but as judges we need to know when those disqualifications are appropriate. If we display a clear knowledge of the Standard requirements, and show respect for the exhibitor's birds, even if they are a little far from center, then things should go well. Don't just write them off as blue egg laying chickens that you don't know or care about.

If any of you have other words of wisdom to share on either the Araucanas or Ameraucanas,

please share them with the rest of us. I know Jerome Pratt was instrumental in fashioning the Araucana Standard, so he may be able to provide some of the historical aspects that resulted in the Standard we now have. Some of the rest of you may see more Ameraucanas or Araucanas than I do, and we'd appreciate your sharing any real experiences.

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COLOR PHASES OF THE WHEATEN AMERAUCANA

Between the resplendent orange and black plumage of the adult Wheaten Ameraucana bantam cock and his initial appearance as an off-white, cute as a button chick, lies a continuum of "ugly-duckling" color phases. With assorted and mixed feathers of light tan to brown and dull black, the adolescent wheaten male shows little promise of the future beauty that will, with proper rearing, eventually be his.

Having observed the growth and development of bantam wheatens for more than 20 years, I'm still amazed at the metamorphosis that occurs over their first 6 to 8 months of life. Sometimes I wonder how many would-be Ameraucana fanciers have given up on this variety prior to its final moult.

As hatchlings, baby wheatens and blue-wheatens display little evidence of their ultimate coloration. Along with white chick down, the baby's shanks and toes are at first pink or some shade between pink and yellow. Usually by 10 days to 2 weeks of age the dark pigment begins to appear. For a time, shanks may appear to be willow, but by 8 to 10 weeks the required bluish slate color should be evident. Any birds that still have willow green shanks at 10 weeks may be safely and humanely culled. The serious breeder should never breed from willow shanks, as the genetic factor for yellow must be genetically pure (homozygous) in order to be manifested, and these birds will pass on the yellow factor to 100% of their offspring.

Yellow shank epidermis combined with the dark under-layer of skin, the dermis, results in willow (some call it green) shanks, which is a disqualification. If in doubt between willow and slate, one might check the bird's beak coloration. Yellowish beak color, especially under the lower mandible, is a clear sign that a particular bird carries a gene or genes for the undesired trait.

Another common source of consternation is unwanted black in the hackles of immature males (and oftentimes females for that matter). This unsightly ticking or striping may remain present until the final moult. If it is still evident in a cockerel by the time muffs and beard turn fully black the bird should be eliminated as a show specimen, and should be culled altogether unless needed, otherwise, as a "female line" breeder. Presence of black in the hackle means the bird is weak in "columbian restrictor" genetics.

However, this unwanted black is in all probability linked genetically to, and thus necessary for, the best wheaten female tail and wing coloration. Personally, I prefer to use perfectly clean-hackled males as breeders, but will tolerate just a bit of black ticking in the female hackle if that is what it takes to produce females with exceptional tail and flight feather coloration.

As previously alluded to, the wheaten male's muffs and beard will sometimes remain very light colored or mottled until the final moult, although to what degree this is true depends upon the particular strain being bred.

Immature female wheatens and blue-wheatens nearly always exhibit feathering which is much darker than that of the final adult stage. The back, wing, and body feathers will lighten gradually with each successive moult during the growing-out period. Since all the feathers are not moulted at the same time, this leaves them with an unsightly mottled appearance. Not until all the adult back and body feathers are in will the desired uniform shading be achieved.

But don't give up! With wheaten Ameraucanas, as with many other areas of life, perseverance is usually rewarded. Newcomers to this variety are advised not to cull in haste for color traits. After a long and seemingly discouraging period of development, bantam wheatens and blue-wheatens will provide ample rewards to the patient breeder.



Koralyn Kibbee

A-7-95

FROM THE OZARKS

THINGS ARE SLOWLY FALLING INTO PLACE SINCE JIM'S DEATH IN MAY. AFTER SOME MINOR AND MOST AGGRAVATING TRIALS AND TRIBULATIONS I CAN KEEP THE GRASS CUT. THINGS ELECTRICAL AND PLUMBING HAVE ME BESTED THO. AND ALONG WITH EVERYTHING ELSE ON THE EVE OF JULY 4 WE HAD A TERRIFIC STORM. WHEN I WENT OUT THE NEXT A.M. A HUGE TREE WAS ALMOST DOWN - IT WAS OVER THREE OF MY BUILDINGS WITH WIRES AND IT WASN'T A MATTER OF IF IT WOULD FALL, BUT HOW SOON. ON THE THIRD CALL I GOT A TREE SERVICE TO COME OUT AND TAKE IT DOWN. THEY CAME OUT ON FRIDAY AND TOOK ALL THE LIMBS OFF AND BACK SAT. TO FINISH UP. THEY CHIPPED THE BRUSH AND CUT THE TRUNK INTO STOVE LENGTH PIECES. JUST ONE MORE EXPENSE I SURE DIDN'T NEED.

I HAVE A SLEW OF LITTLE PEEPERB. I'M BEGINNING TO THINK THEY ARE COMING OUT OF THE WOODWORK.

ALL IN ALL, I'M GETTING ALONG PRETTY GOOD. NEEDLESS TO SAY, MY SHOWING AND GOING DAYS ARE OVER SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANYONE TO "BABY SIT".

THERE WILL BE MEETS AT NORTH IOWA, NEW ULM, MN, WISCONSIN... LAND OF THE BLACKHAWK AND THE OHIO NATIONAL, AS WELL AT THE '85 NATIONAL WITH THE BAY CITY CLUB.

WE'VE HAD A CRAZY YEAR - RAIN AND MORE RAIN IN MAY AND JUNE - THEN HOT AND DRY. WE'VE HAD SOME SHOWERS, BUT NOT A GOOD SOAKER - EVEN THO IT RAINED OFF AND ON LAST WEEK (THE FAIR WAS ON). WE ONLY ENDED UP WITH 3/10THS OF AN INCH. SURE WILL BE GLAD WHEN IT STARTS COOLING OFF IN THE EVENINGS - 80° AT 10 O'CLOCK IS THE PITS!

LUCK TO ALL AT THE SHOWS THIS FALL. WISH I COULD BE AT SOME OF THEM.

THANKS TO THOSE OF YOU WHO SENT CARDS AND REMEMBRANCES.

MARY LOU PHELPS
CENTRAL DISTRICT DIRECTOR

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JEANNETTE.

I THOUGHT I BETTER WRITE AND LET EVERYONE KNOW HOW I AM. MAY 27TH WE HAD A FLASH FLOOD AND I LOST MANY OF MY BIRDS. THE WATER WAS UP AND BACK DOWN IN ABOUT TWO HOURS. IT HAPPENED AT NIGHT AND THERE WAS NO TIME TO SAVE MUCH. LOST ALMOST ALL MY YOUNG BIRDS. I HAVE ENOUGH BIRDS TO CONTINUE MOST LINES. ONLY ONE BIRD IN MANY BUT MATED TO RECESSIVE WHITE I CAN STILL GET THE COLORS.

WE HAD ABOUT 4 INCHES OF WATER IN THE MAIN LEVEL OF THE HOUSE AND HAVE BEEN BUSY GETTING EVERYTHING FIXED UP AND BACK TO NORMAL. IT SEEMS TO BE A NEVER ENDING JOB.

WE PLAN TO START BUILDING A NEW HOUSE ON HIGH GROUND NEAR HERE NEXT YEAR. THE CHICKENS WILL BE A LOW PRIORITY AGAIN NEXT YEAR.

I HAVE STARTED HATCHING CHICKS AGAIN. I WILL BE TAKING GROWING CHICKS INTO FALL AND WINTER. NOT MY FAVORITE SITUATION BUT IT CAN'T BE HELPED.

I PLAN TO ATTEND THE NATIONAL SHOW BUT MOST LIKELY WILL NOT SHOW. IF ANYONE HAS A SILVER COCK OR COCKEREL IN LARGE FOWL I COULD USE ONE.

SINCERELY.

JERRY

JULY 7th-95

DEAR JEANNETTE,

HOW ARE YOU? WE ARE DOING JUST PRETTY GOOD.

FIRST OF ALL YOU ARE PUTTING THE WRONG ZIP CODE ON OUR NEWSLET-
ter. IT IS 51573, IT TAKES ABOUT 10 DAYS TO TWO WEEKS FOR US TO GET IT.
THANKS.

BERNARD IS DOING REAL GOOD AFTER HAVING RECEIVE 39 RADIATION TREAT-
MENTS LAST WINTER.ON APRIL 25th THE DOCTORS TOLD HIM THAT THEY HAD
GOTTEN ALL OF THE CANCER.HE HAD VERY LITTLE SIDE EFFECTS FROM THE
TREATMENTS.

OUR DAUGHTER DARLENE WHO IS IN THE NAVY CAME HOME TO DO THE DRI-
VING FOR HER DAD. THEY GAVE HER FIVE WEEKS EMERGENCY LEAVE. SHES
AT EL PASO TX, SHE HAS BEEN IN 18 YEARS LAST FEBRUARY,
I DON'T SEE HOW WE COULD HAVE GOTTEN ALONG WITHOUT HER, BEFORE SHE
CAME I HAD HAD THE FLUE TWO TIMES ,WHILE SHE WAS HERE I GOT PNEU-
MONIA. I WAS TREATED AT THE RED OAK HOSPITAL AS AN OUT PATIENT WITH
AN I V IN THE BACK OF MY RIGHT HAND. DARLENE WOULD DRIVE HER FATHER
TO CRESTON, IA IN THE A M AND THEN TAKE ME TO THE RED OAK HOSPITAL
ABOUT 4PM. IN THE AFTERNOON TO GET MY I V THAT WAS 7TIMES ONCE DAILY.

IT WAS AVERY LONG WINTER WITH THE FLUE TWICE, PNEUMONIAAND SINUS
INFECTION,NOW I HAVE PHELBITUS IN MY LEFT LIMB.TAKING ANTIBIOTICS
FOR A WEEK , IF NO BETTER HE MAY PUT AN UNABOOT ON.

I SURELY DIDN'T GET MUCH CROCHETING DONE LAST WINTER.I HAVE CROCHET
25 OR MORE AFGANS IN THE PAST TWO YEARS. THEY DON'T LAST LONG WHEN
THE KIDS ALL SEES THEM. THIS FALL AND WINTER I WANT TO QUILT SOME
QUILT TOPS THAT MOTHER MADE IN 1934. then she would take the CATTLE
OUT ALONG THE ROAD SIDE AND FIND A SHADY SPOT AND WOULD MAKE THE
QUILT TOPS BY HAND.

BERNARD'S L F AMERAUCANA EGGS HATCHED ABOUT 60%, HIS BANTAMS EGGS
HATCHED ABOUT 20%, THE WHEATON BANTAMS, 4 HENS AND 1 C., HE DIDN'T
GET A FERTILE EGG.YET HE KNOWS THE ROOSTER WAS OK, SURELY SOME OF
THE HENS WERE OK.

HE HAD ALL OF THESE BANTAMS IN SEPERATEPENS, THE BLUES, BUFF(1) HEN
AND WHEATONS ALL IN A ROW OF PENSUNDER THE SAME ROOF, THE PENS WERE
5x6 AND AT LEAST 5 FT TALL. THE BLUES HATCHED REAL GOOD & THE BUFFS
ABOUT 50% WHILE THE WHEATONS DIDN'T HATCHED AT ALL. HE FEED THEM ALL
THE SAME FEED, WHICH IS A SPECIAL MIX THAT COST ME AROUND \$84,FOR
1100 LBS.HE ALSO SPRINKLES LAYING MASH ON THE TOP OF THIS FEED

HE HAS BEEN USING IVOMEC FOR TWO YEARS AND DO NOT HAVE A SCALY LEGGED CHICKEN ON THE PLACE.

HE ALSO HAD ONE BLACK JERSEY GIANT C AND TWO H'S WHICH HE KEPT IN THE PIGEON PEN 15x20. THESE TWO HENS LAYED SOME 40 EGGS, WHICH I INCUBATED AND GOT 35 OR 36 CHICKS. ALL OF THESE EGGS WERE FERTILE. SO HE WILL NO DOUBT HAVE A FEW WHITE L F AMERAUCANAS TO SELL THIS FALL., THAT IS IF MY CUSTERMERS WITH IN 50 MILES AROUND DON'T HAVE ME BOUGHT OUT.

WE WERE LUCKY THIS YEAR ABOUT NOT HAVING THE FOXES AND COYOTES AROUND NOT BOTHERING US. WE HAVE TWO NEW NEIGHBORS. ONE ON THE SW AND THE N W OF US.

HE GAVE THE SEBASTOPOL MAMMA (WE CALL HER) GOOSE ABOUT 8 EGGS ONE AM AND WENT OUT THE NEXT AM AND SHE WAS DEAD , STILL SETTING ON THE EGGS. WE HAVE A TWO YEAR OLD MALE (WE CALL PAPA) HE FOLLOWS US AROUND CHATTERING AWAY SAYING HE WANTS A PARTNER.

ITS 4PM AND THE TEMP IS 94 degrees.

OUR SON MARK AND FAMILY WERE HOME THE LAST OF MAY, THE TWO GRAND CHILDREN HAVE REALLY GROWN. HADN'T SEEN THEM IN FOUR YEARS , THEY ARE 7 AND 9 YEARS OLD NOW. OUR TWO DAUGHTERS AND THERE FAMILIES WILL BE COMING HOME THE 14th AND THE 16TH OF JULY. I AM ANXIOUS TO SEE DARLENE'S DAUGHTER, 5FT 7 INCHES TALL WT 101 lbs. OUR 3 GRANDSONS ARE NOT TO FAR FROM BEING 6 FOOTERS.

WE WANT TO THANK EVERYONE FOR THERE PRAYERSTHAT THEY REMEMBERED BERNARD IN THEY TRUELY DO HELP.

BERNARD WAS WELL PLEASE WITH THESHOW AWARDS THAT HE RECEIVED LAST MAY FOR HIS AMERAUCANAS IN BOTH THE LF & B'S. HIS BLACK JERSEY GIANTS THAT HE TOOK THE CKL , B,B, & B.V .. THE HEN TOOK RB, & RV. THESE 2 BIRDS WERE ENTERED IN OUR SONS NAME MARK, FROM HORNBECK LOUISANA (LA) WHO CAME UP FOR THE SHOW.

YOU MAY USE ALL OR ANY PART OF THIS LETTER THAT YOU WISH TO PUT IN YOUR NEWSLETTER.

THANKS AGAIN FOR ALL OF YOUR KINDNESS.

We enjoy the newsletter, keep up the good work.

YOURS TRUELY

BERNARD AND GLADYS CONKLING

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIG SKY COUNTRY

AN APOLOGY FOR THIS NEWSLETTER BEING SO LATE, ALONG WITH A VERY BUSY
BUMMER I HAD MY RIGHT WRIST OPERATED ON AND A COUPLE DAYS LATER THE BLOOD
VESSELS ON THE TOP OF MY LEFT HAND BROKE. LOOKED LIKE I HAD BEEN IN A
FIGHT AND LOST. IT WAS AT LEAST A WEEK BEFORE I COULD USE MY LEFT HAND
WITHOUT PAIN AND MY RIGHT HAND STILL GIVES ME TROUBLE IF I DO TOO MUCH
WRITING OR TYPING. WE WON'T EVEN TALK ABOUT WHAT EFFECT ALL THIS HAD ON
MY FISHING.

MONT. STATE FAIR IS JUST A MEMORY NOW. WE DIDN'T HAVE A LOT OF
BIRDS, JUST ABOUT 200, BUT THE QUALITY WAS BETTER. KORALYN KIRBEE OF
MANHATTAN, MT WAS THERE SHOWING HER FINE AMERAUCANA BANTAMS. SHE IS
PLANNING ON ATTENDING THE SHOW IN UTAH THIS COMING MARCH. HOPEFULLY WE
CAN MAKE THIS OUR WESTERN DISTRICT MEET.

THE JUDGES STICK FOR JULY, 1995 HAD A GOOD ARTICLE FOR THE JUDGES
REGARDING THE AMERAUCANA AND ARAUCANA. PLEASE READ IT. I HAD PERMISSION
FROM SAM BRUSH, EDITOR, TO SHARE THIS WITH ALL OF YOU.

SOMETIMES THE OLDER MORE EXPERIENCED EXHIBITOR/BREEDER FORGETS THAT THE
KNLEDGE THEY HAVE ACQUIRED THRU TRIAL AND ERROR OR FROM OTHER BREEDERS
IS NOT COMMON KNOWLEDGE TO ALL. SO TO ALL OF YOU, ANY EXPERIENCES YOU
HAVE, PLEASE DO NOT BE AFRAID TO SHARE IT WITH THE REST OF US. WE ARE JUST
LEARNING AND APPRECIATE YOUR SHARING.

TO EACH OF YOU WHO HAVE SENT ARTICLES, THANK YOU. MAKES A
MUCH BETTER NEWSLETTER. PLEASE DON'T STOP, KEEP SENDING THEM.

MARY LOU SENT HER ARTICLE IN BEFORE THE DEADLINE BUT THE SURGEON DECIDED
TO OPERATE BEFORE I HAD A CHANCE TO TYPE THE NEWSLETTER. TALKED TO MARY
LOU ON AUG. 27. SHE SAID IT WAS SO DRY AND HOT IN HER AREA THE CHICKENS
WERE AFRAID TO WALK THRU THE TALL GRASS FOR FEAR OF SPARKS FROM THEIR
FEATHERS STARTING A FIRE. HOPE SHE HAS RECEIVED SOME RAIN BY NOW. WE NEED
MOISTURE TOO.

HOPE LOTS OF YOU ARE PLANNING ON ATTENDING AND SHOWING AT THE 1995 ABC
NATIONAL IN ALMA, MICHIGAN IN OCTOBER. ANY OF YOU PLANNING ON SENDING
PLEDGES TO MIKE SHOULD CONTACT HIM. MEANTIME I BIT AND WAIT FOR YOUR
REPORTS.

JEANNETTE

John - I'll send extra news letters in
the next week - and some other club
items - let me know what you want -
hand books, etc. - wish I could be there.
J.

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