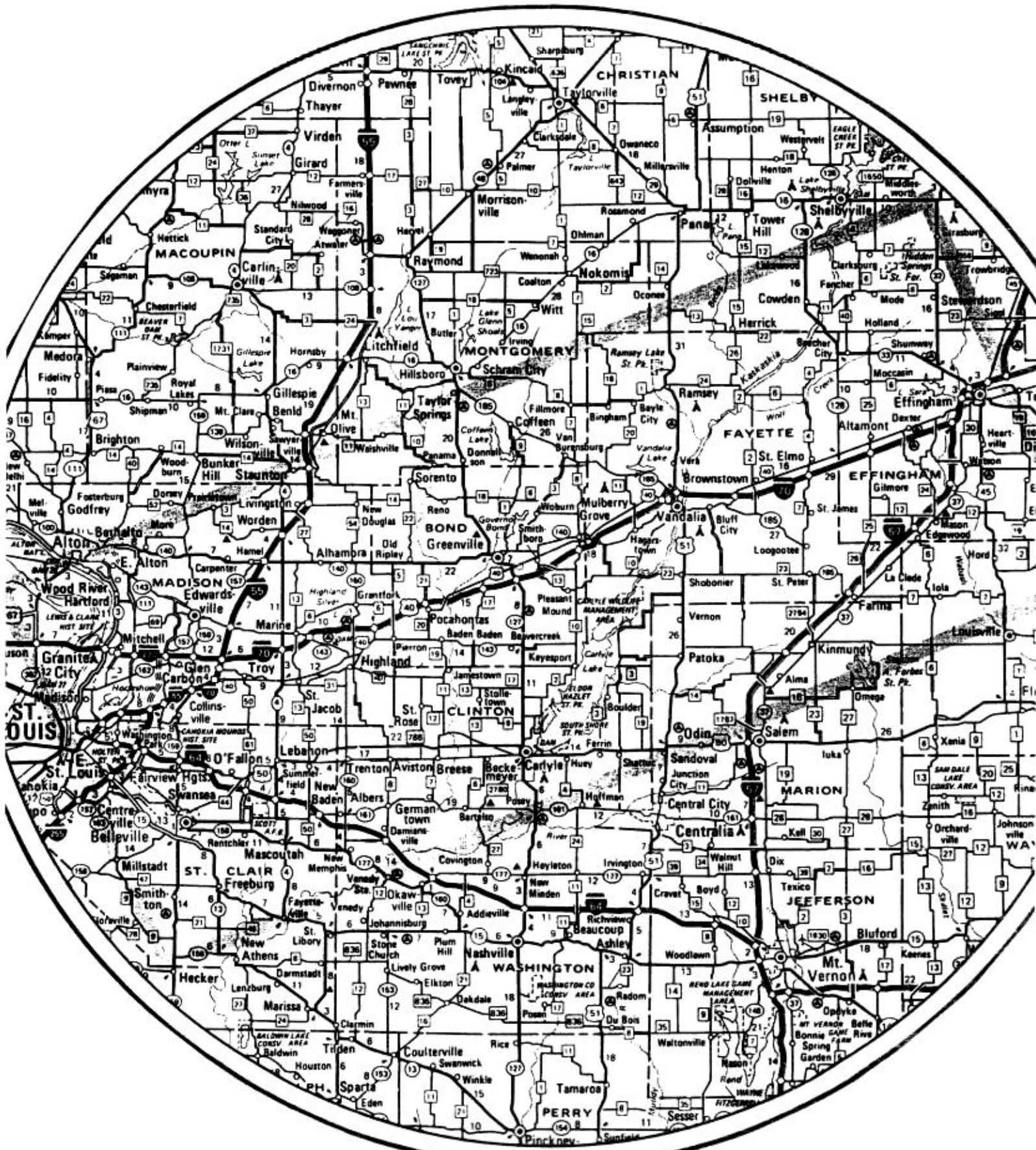


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NOTES FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN

We went from cold to hot. Last week wood fires, highs of 45° now we have 80° plus and dry. The forecasters say it is to be another hot dry summer.

I'm a very happy person at the moment. I have behind me in two big boxes - 30 or so large fowl Ameraucana chicks. Thanx to Beverly Fledderjohann of Ohio. She met me at the Centreville Show last weekend with these chicks from my stock. I was down to only 8 LF AMs. Beverly got eggs from me last spring, hatched some and now a year later was able to return the favor even better with chicks. Of the 30 I can see some fine looking blues beginning to develop. Then today UPS delivered to me at work, eggs from Mary Lou in Springfield, MO... also of my stock. It looks like I am and will be back in business. That is one thing I have found about our club...everyone is so willing to help each other, when they can. Steve Tressler, hold on. I'm saving eggs for you. I have only five hens and they tend to hide their eggs but eggs you will get. I don't know about other breed clubs - I have heard rumors that people aren't all that helpful to each other - but I do know our club is great.

I also know that anyone going to our National at Highland, IL this November will bring any spares to help those who need them in the club. I urge any and all of you who are able, need a break, desire an enjoyable weekend, whatever..attend this show. Jeannette will be there, I'll be there (17 hour drive for me), Mary Lou, Don Cable, Bernard Kellogg, Mike Gilbert, John Wunderlich, Tom Lippincott, Don Davis maybe. I don't know who all else but it will be a good time and a time for us to meet each other and get our AMERAUCANA breed going even better than it is. I have my Highland Fund stash already started.

As most of you know, I wait tables in a family-type restaurant. I get lots of change as a tip. I have an ongoing quarters stash. I saved them and purchased a Roll-X incubator. It was a bit expensive (\$317) but it is quite a machine. The temperature is kept precisely on 100°, the humidity at 55%. The first two dozen eggs are due in ten days. Things look very promising and I would highly recommend it. It is so precisely gauged you really don't have to do much...just keep the water bottle filled.

Last weekend was the Centreville, MI Show. I went with only two large fowl. I had two bantams signed up but "Mini" and her mom, "Sally" got critterized. Many of you expressed interest in "Mini" but "Mini" is just [gone]. I have looked everywhere...no feathers, no body, no nothing. I am sad and angry. She was so good. We all could have used help from her.

Bernard Kellogg and Beverly Fledderjohann were at the show. Beverly, as I said, brought me chicks. Bernard and Rande Buske showed two white Ameraucana bantam hens and they were both the right "shape" (Mini's shape.) Small, cobby, flat head, fan tail, big beards. Rande, I almost hennapped the one hen. That is "THE SHAPE". I did get Best Ameraucana on my Gorgeous George #2. He is a large fowl and truly beautiful - he has the same shape - broad chest, flat head, big beard (but his is black & red). I've had several like him. He is a show stopper..like our wheaten bantams. We do have a problem..how do we get wheaten large fowl females? That is a question we've tossed around before. Something to put on the agenda for Highland's meeting.

In addition to Beverly's chicks I came away from Centreville with five more Ameraucanas. My friend, Tim found a person selling a group of Araucana chicks. We sorted through them and found five good ones. These were just several days old but even at that tender age defects or "oops" may be spotted...single combs, no beards and yellow legs. We picked out a couple who appeared to be wheaten. We shall see.

As we were sorting Tim showed me something I didn't know. When chicks are just several days old you can sex them by spreading their wings. Maybe some of you know about this but I sure didn't. When you spread the wing..boys will have all feathers of even length, girls will have longer primary feathers and shorter feathers closer to the body. That is a good thing to know. Tim showed me and there really is a definite difference. I have a hard time with the large fowl Ameraucanas until they are fairly grown with all black and pea combs. It is hard to tell sometimes. If you are dying to know if you have 85% cockerels or not..just check the wings.

Heard from my buddy, Tom Lippincott. He's hatched 150 large fowl so far. If you recall he was badly critterized last year also. Looks like we're both back in business. His wife, Kay, is in the hospital..not well at all. We all send you our best wishes, Kay. Get Well. Maybe we will see both of you at Highland.

NOTES FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN - continued

Bernard Kellogg is ready to get our picture board ready for Highland. We need photos of you, birds, you and birds, whatever. It will be part of the club display. Send photos to: **Bernard Kellogg, P. O. Box 152, Readstown, WI 54652.** Then come to Highland to see what Bernard did with them.

Hope you all got some champs hatched and plan on showing in your area. Don't be afraid. You'll never know how you match up unless you do show. Most of us are too hard on ourselves..we find one tiny thing wrong and won't show. Maybe that tiny thing is just a 1/2 point off but the overall bird is great. I say show that bird. We must show the Ameraucanas. This area is doing nice things for us because I keep showing up with AM's.. nice ones that they can't ignore. My GG and my black hen were front row at Centreville.. not hidden way in the back as they used to be. At Bay City in January, John Blehm and I had eight or so wheaten bantams...eight in a row is a show stopper and people stopped to look, asked questions and then wanted some. I can hardly wait for Highland. We should have over 100 Ameraucanas...that really would be something! By all means, get those birds to your area shows. Take what you think is best and don't be afraid to ask questions of the judge...after he/she has finished judging. Judges are willing to discuss why the birds are judged as they are. It can be scary at first but if you don't ask you will never know.

Some of the drawings in this bulletin are done by my good friend, Pat. Thank you, Pat. Pat got a surprise the other day. She's had an Ameraucana bantam and a Silkie sharing the same nest. They hatched four chicks. We have no idea what these chicks will be...Silkie, Ameraucana plus she has a WC black Polish cockerel, too. These chicks may warrant a spot on BK's picture board.

I have a pair of Toulouse goslings in my kitchen nursery. Couldn't resist them at the Centreville Show. They may be a big help when they grow up. Critters seeing these big things roaming around might have seconds thoughts on "critterizing". That was my justification for getting them.

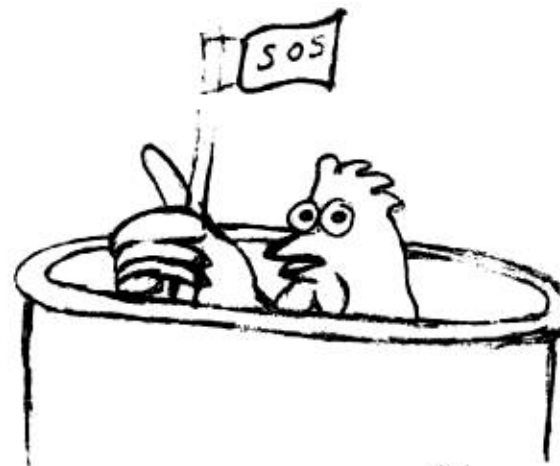
Hope to see many of you at Highland. Start a \$ stash. I have! **SHOW THOSE BIRDS!!!**

Jeanne Trent (May 18, 1989)

SHOW REPORTS:

S.E.Kansas Poultry Assn.-Girard, KS, March 25, 1989
 Judge: Jay Miller, New Mexico
 Four exhibitors = 19 Bantam Ameraucana

Barred (1) = 1C	Carl Fosbrink
Black (2) = 1H BV-RB	2H Carl Fosbrink
Blue (1) = 1H	Carl Fosbrink
Silver Blue (1) = 1C	Carl Fosbrink
White (1) = 1H BV BB	Carl Fosbrink
Blue Wheaten (8) = 2C 1K= BV	Cliff Ikenberry
	1P RV 2P 3P Cliff Ikenberry
	1C 1H Mary Lou Phelps
Wheaten (5) = 2K 3P	Eugene Barnard
	1K RV 2P Mary Lou Phelps
	1P BV Cliff Ikenberry



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Phoenix Show, Phoenix AZ
 Judge: Bill Holland, Jerome, ID AMERAUCANA LARGE FOWL
 Multicolor = 1H BB Kristina Barmes

Judges: Jeff Halback & Ben Wilson AMERAUCANA BANTAMS
 Wheaten = 1C BB Jason Springer

SIERRA SLOPE

IN THE BEGINNING - PART II

Having been accepted by the American Bantam Association, Mike Gilbert and I then turned our attention to recognition by the American Poultry Association and found an entirely different ballgame. Where opposition to acceptance by the ABA had been vocal and obvious, we were to find our opposition in the APA subtle, devious and in the person of one key officer.

The late Bertha Traver served as APA secretary at that time and was very co-operative, providing us with the materials and procedures to follow for recognition. The required time frame indicated that we could easily meet all of the criteria and so we planned our qualifying meet to be held with the APA National Show at the Ohio National in Columbus in the fall of that year. All of the paperwork was submitted, including the required affidavits and our request for the APA qualifying meet. The chairman of the standard committee was kept informed of our plans from the beginning of this endeavor and we all took great care to make certain he was aware of our intentions and progress every step of the way.

In November of that year, Mike Gilbert and Dave Horman drove down from Wisconsin with their birds and those of Bernard Kellogg. Jerry Segler came in from Illinois with a truckload. Jack Fugate came up from Tennessee. Ray Gywnes came from down in Georgia. I flew in from California with a dozen bantams in a converted steamer trunk. We met or exceeded every requirement for a qualifying meet, including 75 Ameraucana bantams - a number yet to be surpassed at any of our club meets - at the largest poultry show ever held in the United States. Corky Higbee of Oklahoma judged the meet and everything seemed to be going well as we headed for the APA general meeting.

We sat through the meeting waiting to hear some mention of our qualifying meet but were disappointed in this regard. Assuming the final details were being put together Mike Gilbert and I strolled over to the APA booth to find out how the meet results were progressing. The secretary indicated that she had received and processed all of the paperwork, but that we would have to contact the standard committee chairman for details, since she had no word from him regarding the qualifying meet. It was a spooky moment. When we asked where we might find him at the show, she told us that we were too late - he had taken a flight home as soon as the APA general meeting had ended!

When the numbness had wore off I was determined that all of the many months of effort and considerable expense by so many would not be wasted in such a mean-spirited act by one man. On the flight back to California I began to compose a letter to the chairman of the standard committee that when completed the following day stated our case in just two typewritten pages, carefully documenting each point and using direct quotations from his own letters so as to leave no doubt in the minds of the neutral parties just where the truth lay and where basic decency and fair play had been compromised. I have never put this kind of effort in a written piece and when completed copies were sent to every APA officer and director. In the following months I never received a reply from either the Chairman or any other APA officer, but at the termination of the next APA National held in Michigan the following year, I received a letter from the President of the American Poultry Association indicating that we had been accepted by a unanimous vote of the board of directors.

So what's the bottom line? The officers of the American Poultry Association acted in a fair and responsible way to right a wrong and they have my thanks and support as a member. We have APA recognition. 'Nuff said.

Don Cable

Well, here comes spring after a very mild winter. April was the rainest, cold month, temperatures mostly 40° in the day and 25° to 30° in the night. First hatch out of the incubator April 11th and it's been one or two heat lamps with each brood. One day around the 15th it got up to 78° and the next day down to 38°. This first brood are feathered and just the size of robins.

Got five days in a row without rain and planted a field of oats and alfalfa on the 17th. Just pulled out of the field when it rained like Niagara Falls. My neighbor has had 50 bushels of seed oats sitting in the barn to this day (May 1st) and never gotten them in the ground.

Our beef cows have been having calves all month - lost two that never got dry or warm.

So due to our loss to the mink and foxes we are sitting out the good Ohio shows for the first time in 12 years. We passed up Ohio Northern at Findlay (April 29-30) and will pass up the Loudonville Show the last of May and Delaware the 7th of May and Dayton Show at Greenville in June and Ross County Show at Piketon, OH on July 2nd.

Have some nice Fawn & White Indian Runner Ducks - two months old and three Rouens.


Setting some Ringneck Pheasant eggs in one tray in the incubator with some SS Hamburg bantam eggs.

The cold wet April sure made our tulips tall and healthy. We have eight beds in our yard. They are 18 - 24" tall. We are now setting out 75-100 gladiolus bulbs and 50-60 plants - perennials (delphiniums, foxglove, lupines, columbine and sweet peas). We both love flowers.

Have a good summer. We will be baling hay between rains. If we have a good hay season we will winter our beef cattle.

Tom & Kay Lippincott

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SHOULD WE GIVE MORE CONSIDERATION TO OUR JUNIOR EXHIBITORS?

It's almost May - just five more days of April. Spring is always such a beautiful time of year. Many of us have our chicks around the brooders...hoping to raise a few blue ribbon winners for our shows. Our Southern Missouri Show is a week later than last year's show and will be some help to us that get our chicks hatched in April-May.

I so much enjoyed all the friendly helpful articles in the newsletter and I can sympathize with you members that have lost poultry to animals. My difficulty is with both animals and chicken thieves.

I reported to you all in earlier letters about the beautiful flocks of large fowl Ameraucanas I have found near here in the Midwest. They look as if they have been culling and breeding them for years, yet they are not interested in the poultry shows. There is a demand of the hatching eggs to the hatcheries.

I believe the future is in the bantams for exhibition purposes in our shows, especially with our junior exhibitors. It seems to me many of the poultry shows listed in Poultry Press are giving the junior exhibitors more consideration. Our Missouri State Poultry Club has begun a new program to help junior fanciers. They call their new department ADOPT-A-CHICKEN. Juniors that meet the requirements in their poultry work receive a trio of purebred bantams. I hope to give one junior boy or girl a trio of Silver Ameraucana bantams. They most likely will be from the ones I plan on entering in our Fall Show.

I believe it time for a few sincere compliments to the officers and the charter members of this Ameraucana Breeders Club. I have never been in any poultry club where the officers seemed so dedicated to helping the members. President, Vice-Presidents, Sec/Treas and Directors. Now, we members can do our part. I suggest you elected officers and directors who work so hard tell us your opinion as to how we - as members - can help the club grow.

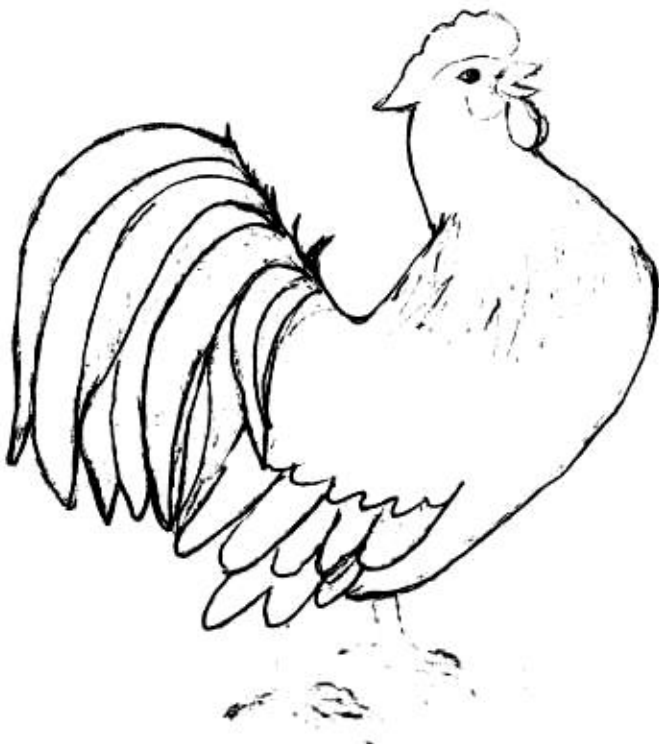
I believe it is through the junior (4-H) work mostly. What is your advice? I believe the juniors names should be listed on the show report - with their winnings (not just say a junior won 1st or whatever). Our juniors are the future of our work. In our Southern Missouri 1988 Fall Show an eleven year old girl entered a pair of white Ameraucana bantams raised from chicks hatched from hatching eggs of Jerry Segler's. They were perfection. She won Best of Breed plus a cash prize. Her name should have been listed on the show report.

Now, her family has built her a new poultry house and she is making big plans for her Ameraucana Bantams. She has a younger brother who loves her chickens. He is a future poultry man. No doubt there are many other families like Lesilanne Aldridge's family that have juniors in 4-H work. If we can get them supplied with Ameraucana bantams to raise and exhibit at our shows soon we will see more Ameraucanas entered in shows.

Wishing you all a successful poultry season and many blue ribbons.

Elva Hemphill

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CHICKENS

There's chickens that are  
fluffy  
Some are just so-so soft  
Some are white and look milky  
They all perch in a loft  
Some of them are frizzled  
And it looks like feathers  
That are sizzled.





## Capillary Worms - Make Chickens "go light"

Capillary worms can cause a lot of problems in poultry.

There are six species of these worms, some infect the crop and esophagus while the other species are parasites of the intestines and cecum. When birds are infected they become droopy, weak and very thin. The birds will stand around with their heads drawn in close to their body.

The "earthworm" that is the host for capillary worms the chickens eat. Earthworms passed out through the droppings and then the earthworm eats the capillary worm eggs in the droppings and the chicken again eat the earthworms and thus is infected with capillaria or "going light".

Capillaria are a thin "hairlike" worm, white in color. You have to use a magnifying glass to see them in the crop, intestines and cecas.

Chickens that do not run loose on range, very rarely go "light".

A chicken's tastiest treat is to scratch out a nice fat earthworm and gobble it down. So worm every 60 days.

Piperazine wormer will not kill capillary worms, so use a good worm-all tablet.

Best litter to brood chickens on is concrete sand. The chicks get grit out of it and scratch so keep it stirred up and it doesn't pack down and get wet. Use it instead of ground corn cobs, shaving or straw as all of these get into the waterers and feeders when chicks scratch it.

Tom Lippincott....

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LARGE FOWL AMERAUCANAS as described in the APA Standard of Perfection:

Shape - Male

Comb - Pea, relatively small  
Beak - Strong, curved  
Face - Nearly hidden by muffs  
Eyes - Expressive, relatively large  
Wattles - Very small, if present at all  
Earlobes - Small, oval  
Muffs & Beard - Full, well-rounded, ~~medium~~ length, forming three separate lobes  
Head - Broad, relatively flat on top, medium size  
Neck - Well-arched, medium length  
Hackle - Full, flowing well over the shoulders  
Back - Medium length, broad, carried slightly elevated at shoulders  
Tail - Well spread, medium length, carried at 45° above horizontal, sickles well-curved  
Wings - Fairly large, tips carried above the hock joint, fronts concealed by the hackle  
Breast - Prominent, well-rounded  
Body - Medium length  
Stern - Well tucked up  
Legs & Toes - Medium length, set apart, four toes straight & well spread

Shape - Female

Comb - Pea, small  
Beak - Strong, curved  
Face - Nearly hidden by muffs  
Eyes - Round, relatively large  
Wattles - Very small, if at all  
Earlobes - Small, oval, pale  
Muffs & Beard - Full, well-rounded, <sup>medium</sup> ~~medium~~ length, forming three separate lobes  
Head - Broad, relatively flat on top, medium size  
Neck - Medium length, slightly arched  
Hackle - Full, moderately long  
Back - Medium length, relatively broad, slightly elevated at the shoulders  
Cushion - Fairly broad but does not break the backline  
Tail - Medium length, well spread, top two feathers slightly curved, carried at 40° angle above horizontal  
Wings - Fairly prominent, carried well folded above the hock joint  
Breast - Full and well rounded  
Body & Stern - Full but trim, fluff well tucked up  
Legs & Toes - Legs set well apart, medium length. Toes well spread

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Varieties accepted in Large Fowl are: Black, Blue, Blue Wheaten, Brown Red, Buff, Silver, Wheaten, White.

Descriptions for these varieties can be found in the Standard of Perfection.

Disqualifications: Presence of ear tufts, absence of beard and/or muffs.

Economic qualities: General purpose fowl for the production of meat and eggs. Eggs have a distinctive blue shell.

Weights: Cock = 6½ lbs; Cockerel = 5½ lbs.; Hen = 5½ lbs.; Pullet = 4½ lbs.

There are definite requirements for AMERAUCANAS - large or bantam..!

Be sure you read the standard before entering your birds (of any breed) and know the requirements and disqualifications.

I will be glad to run variety descriptions in the newsletter if the membership wants...for your record. Or if any of you have a particular request in this column...let the editor know. If you have an article to be printed..send it in.