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AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB

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Hi to all, and yes, I'm running behind. Just where the time goes one only knows. I just finished packing 3 boxes of hatching eggs for 3 members who have been very patient - Candy Patene in NY, John McKuhn in PA (he called me today at work and I was happy to say they were ready to mail) and Lauren Jeschonek in FL. The bulk of my birds are still at Howard's. He's been good about saving eggs for me. Poor Howard - he's a novice and really doesn't know what to do but he is a big help and I've managed to fill five orders. Pat & I were over to Howard's on Monday to gather eggs and found some serious mothers to be. We left them setting. I wanted to bring at least one MTB home with her eggs but realized it was daylight and was afraid of upsetting her and ruining the whole setting - so nixed that idea. She seemed serious enough with a normal clutch.

Howard has a great chicken house - large rectangular building with a wall in the middle. There is a double row of nest boxes on the dividing wall. There must be 40 nest boxes. One of my best moms is a Bette Jr. Jr. - non bearded - incorrect color pattern - but a great mom. I never let her hatch her own eggs - always give her some of my stash eggs. Strange how some hens are just great moms and others can never keep track of chicks and lose them one way or another. My Bette of 3 years ago hatched and raised a brood of 15 or so. Bette would never make it in a showroom but her kids do and did. Bette Jr Jr is as far as I've gotten with hatching so far this year. Roll-X hasn't been fired up yet. I'm planning on the next batch of eggs going in my Roll-X..even if it is late. I've filled all my promised egg orders.

Weather here has been so up and down - 82° one day and 32° the next. I know it's been crazy all over the country. Last week I made a wood fire each night so there isn't much wood left.

Pat & I had planned to fix the fence over Memorial Day weekend and work on the flower beds. I started a fire at noon (May 29). The fellows went fishing. Weather was more like Nov. - crummy cold & rainy. They didn't catch a single fish - all they caught was cold & wet. All Pat & my outdoor plans were scratched. We potted some houseplants and after a good pot roast dinner the four of us played Euchre by the nice wood heat. We beat the guys 2-1 and we all had fun in a nice warm house.

Last two months have really been crazy. I feel I've been more gone than here. The Jeep has earned it's keep. My Dad passed away April 1 in Florida while visiting Aunt Jean, his sister, in Tampa...a long way from Deckerville, MI. Mom had a long, hard week. My brother, Pete, flew down to help. Mom is okay on the farm. My sister, Bonnie, and other brother, Colin, are close by.

Dad had met many of my poultry friends from Michigan at the Bay City shows. He knew about all of you and was proud & interested in what we do and stand for. Dad loved going to the show and seeing all the birds. Our group of friends would go to the Pizza Hut and Dad loved talking to Rusty, Tim and all the others because poultry people know about so many other animals. Dad loved that. Dad was proud of me and my chickens and all the great friends I had made because of chickens. As you can imagine, I got my love of animals and all from Dad. Tradition carries on —

Because Dad had a horse he was going to work on this summer. She's a registered Quarter horse - three years old. And by the end of June she'll be here to be my horse. I lost my two mares Dad had helped me with. I'd had them 22 years. So now I'll have Dad's last best horse. Pat's horse is already here - he's four. Pat & I will be able to ride together again. Thanks for listening. I felt I had to tell you the story. Dad instilled in me the love of land and animals. He enjoyed fairs, horse shows and all of that. He was happy I enjoyed all of it too. He used to tease me about my show coat - he'd say, "You look so official. Do you have time for us?"

Jeannette also has had a loss. Mother-in-law..another kind of shocker. Things were going great. Then just the end. She's been really busy as well - all the arrangements and so forth. So, dear friends, this newsletter may be a little bit late but I'm sure all of you will understand. We haven't even had time to get in touch with each other and that is real unusual. Just know we are fiercely proud of this club and feel like we are all family.

Just got the PP today. Our ad is back in its usual spot. I was late getting it in so was missing for a couple issues.

NOTES FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN - continued

We've only gotten a few renewals on membership since the last newsletter. The important ones are still with us - that's what counts. I've been getting all kinds of sweepstakes stuff in the mail. If I win any of what they say the club will benefit too. I must be in a computer somewhere - I've been getting all kinds of deals.

Centreville is always a busy show for me. Rex's family are near - can never leave at a decent time so we drive all night. Brother Pete lives near there so there's another visit - everybody is 50 miles one way or the other - so lots of driving. We had 20 bantam Ameraucanas - variety of colors and most looked really good. I never did find out who judged - none of us did. Mike Gilbert, Bernard Kellogg, Rande Buske, John Blehm, Carl Fosbrink, Matt Betz and I had birds there. Matt wasn't there - Carl was and much more relaxed - he didn't have all the things to do like he did in Highland. Matt & Carl got BB on a really nice white cock bird. Mike got RB on a nice wheaten. BK & Rande's girls looked great. My two from Rande looked great but the judge didn't like them. We all had a great time. John Blehm and Mike had a good time chatting. They had never really met but John had gotten eggs from Mike years ago. BK says he's done - retiring but we just said sure - okay. It was a cold, rainy rotten weekend. I was wearing so many clothes I couldn't put my showcoat on. The upper part of me was warm but my feet got cold. The ladies sold gallons of bean soup, biscuits & gravy and coffee.

Most of the 20 Ameraucanas had the shape we want - big beard, flat broad head, fanned tail, short back, full, round body - just a couple of the 20 we decided weren't correct - wing carriage too low - d'Anvers looking & tail carriage on the males - too high.

I had bathed my two and set them by the wood stove to stay warm and get dry. We had blizzard conditions that week.

I clerked for the first time at Centreville. Mixed feelings about that. Danny Jones was the judge. I had never heard of him and didn't know anything about him. He was kind of quiet. We were assigned the Large Fowl Rocks, Leghorns, RI Reds. I'm not very knowledgeable about those breeds. The judge started off being real quiet then after a while I thought - well, gee, if I'm going to do this I'm going to ask questions. I might as well learn something. So I did - ask questions. He looks for type, condition and then how they show. The classes we had weren't very good. He'd take them out and thoroughly check them. I was carrying birds back & forth to cages so he could compare. I was impressed. He finally decided on a really nice white Rock - looked great but we didn't like his head but so far he was the best. Then we got to the RI Reds. Didn't like any of those. There were 3-4 rosecomb RI Reds. He fell in love with one of the hens. "Best we've seen all day" Then he got so mad - she was great - good everything - rich color. I don't like rosecombs - I'm used to pea combs - but this hen was nice. Then we found stubs. He was so mad. "he could spit". Too bad the owner hadn't seen the stubs and pulled them. By then it was noon and I had done my job. I wanted to spend some time with the Ameraucana folks so I handed in my paper work.

Just remember when you are showing a bird - check everything - stubs, toe nails, beaks, for wrong feather colors. If a bird isn't near perfect & clean it won't place. Broken tail feathers, broken wing feathers will keep a bird off show places. They don't have to be Standard picture perfect - just close to it - healthy, clean, alert, shiny and mature. Beautiful to look at.

I took only two white bantams. I have some large fowl but noone looked good so they stayed home. I didn't want to embarrass me or the club. The two I took looked great - they didn't win but they looked good and I was proud.

I've rambled long enough. I think summer is here so I'll get brave & plant a few flowers.

I have a new hairy dog. She ignores the chickens and doesn't chew up everything in the Jeep. Good traveler. She's a cock-a-poo named "Cissy". Maybe you'll meet her in '91.

Jeanne Trent



OUT WEST

In a letter I received recently, the writer indicated that so-and-so is having poor fertility this spring with wheatens - any suggestions? Yes, a few.

First of all, it is probably his wheatens, since they are as a variety, as fecund as any of the varieties of Ameraucana bantams and we can rule out infertility as inherent in the wheaten variety. In our attempt to fix certain obvious characteristics in Ameraucanas and improve on these points over the past decade or so, we may have overlooked the fact that without good fertility as a major priority, we may just be painting ourselves into a corner.

Two of the most common flaws in flock management are improper feeding and a lack of accurate keeping of records. The difference in price between a good quality gamebird breeder mix and most poultry laying mixed is not great for most small scale breeding programs, yet the difference in fertility and hatchability can be well worth the few extra dollars spent on the superior feed.

Record keeping is often given a great deal of lip service, but few practice it with any real degree of thoroughness or regularity, depending instead upon familiarity with the flock and a "never fail" memory. It is possible to get by for many years on an adept eye for selecting the best from each years hatch, and many indeed, are doing this. Sooner or later, however, unless accurate records are kept upon birds within a limited gene pool, fertility problems may come knocking on the chicken house door.

Typically, bantams are bred in trios or more frequently pens of up to a half dozen females headed by the best male of type and color available and eggs gathered and set without regard to which female produced what. In such a scheme it is possible to produce chicks not only with mediocre type and color, yet having a superior reproductive inheritance but also chicks with outstanding show potential, and which will have problems reproducing themselves in adequate numbers the following years. Any breeder worth his salt can pick out the best show prospects in his flock, but who have you met lately that can tell you which among this flock are the most prolific producers of fertile eggs and viable chicks? Judges select by what they can see, not reproductive qualities, so it is not difficult to imagine which birds survive the inevitable culling by the breeder unless he keeps a reasonable balance in his flock through ongoing, reliable records.

All of this, however, is not helping the bantam breeder who is having difficulty with fertility this spring. If management problems can be ruled out and infertility persists within a small flock, an outcross on distantly related stock might prove a short term solution and provide immediate opportunity for improved fertility and long range planning.

Fortunately, excellent birds related to virtually every wheaten flock in the U.S. are available - probably in severely limited numbers until Fall - from two of our best breeders of wheatens and blue wheatens, Mike Gilbert, of Wisconsin, and Mary Lou Phelps, of Missouri.

If I were going to start a flock of wheatens tomorrow, I would go to one or both of these individuals without hesitation. They are the best and they have the best.



Don Cable

- FROM THE OZARKS -

After what seems like days and nights of storms and heavy rains, this morning is bright and sunny. In just the past two days we have received over 5" of rain. The garden looks like a swamp. It's been too wet this spring to do anything with - so far.

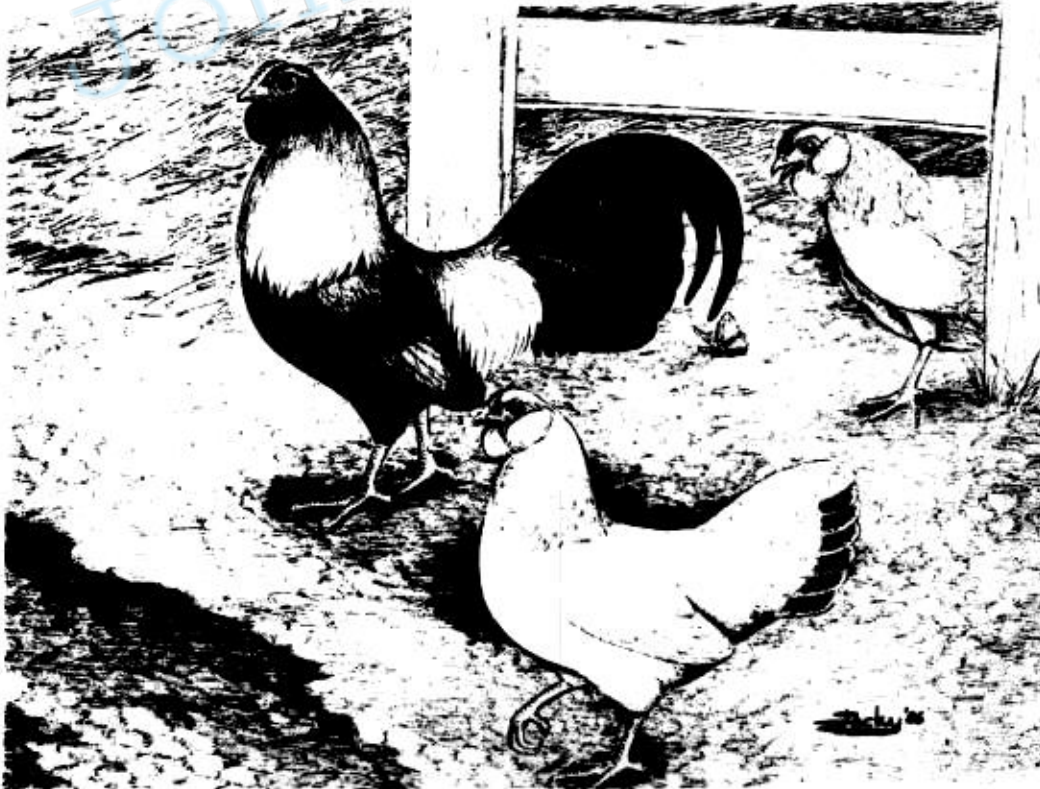
The first Purple Martin came back on April first and the barn swallows on April 15th. Everybody is busy building nests now. With all the rain the barn swallows remind me of mud dabbers. And, unfortunately, the first mosquito put in an appearance yesterday - SWAT!

I'm working five days a week in the gift shop at our zoo, so my time has really been limited. There are six new "wheatie" babies - "Mom" is very proud of them. And some eggs in the incubator. I missed the first two shows I planned to attend - SE Kansas and Sedalia - but will be at the Central District Meet in Hampton, IA. in Sept. Last year, North Iowa gave Castleberry plaques for Champion Ameraucana Bantam and Large Fowl. Come on, you guys up there in Wisconsin, let's see you down there this fall.

And just think, it's only 15 months or so until our next National Meet. I'm really looking forward to that.

I hope all goes well with you and those bright-eyed little future champions are hatching all over.

Mary Lou Phelps
Central District Director
5/17/90



I have a collection of show reports...please do not expect them to be in order. I am trying to catch up - I do not guarantee accuracy.

WISCONSIN INTERNATIONAL/WISCONSIN STATE POULTRY BREEDERS ASSOCIATION Sept. 30-Oct. 1, 1989

Ameraucana - Bantam: White - D. Bandomir: 1 c BV BB 3 h; 1 k; 1 p; 1 yng trio
R. Buske: 2 c; 2 RV, 4, 5 h.

Black - M. Betz: 1 RV, 2, 3, h; 1 BV, 2, 3, p.

Blue - R. Buske: 1 h.

Silver - R. Buske: 1 h.

Jr. Bantam White - D. Bandomir: 1 RB h; 1 BB k; 1 p.

Reichert: 1 c; 2 h.

Schwandt: 2 k; 2 p

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CENTRAL PENNSYLVANIA AVIAN CLUB

Ameraucana - Large Fowl - Blue Wheaten - R. Powell

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KANSAS STATE FAIR Hutchinson, KS Sept. 17, 1989

Ameraucana - Large Fowl - LaRosh: 2 h; 2 p.

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HOOSIER POULTRY BREEDERS Oct. 21-22, 1989

Ameraucana - Large Fowl - Black - Matt Betz: Champ AOC; 1 h BV, RB 2; p 1, RV RB

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VIRGINIA POULTRY BREEDERS

Ameraucana - Bantam - White - Matt Betz: 1 BV BB, 2 h; 1 k

Blue Wheaten - C. Bass: 1 BV RB c; 1 RV h; 1 k; 1 p.

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SO. MO. POULTRY CLUB

Ameraucana - Large Fowl (4) - Blue - Pullet - Champion Large Fowl

B. Conkling: 1 BV BB p.

Bantam (43) Black - S. Hawkins: 1 p.

Wheaten - M.L. Phelps: 1 c; 1 RV h; 1 BV BB, 3 k.

S. Hawkins: 2 k.

B. Conkling: 1, 2 P

Blue Wheaten - M.L. Phelps: 1 BV RB c; 1 h; 1 RV k; 1 p.

Jr. Bantam

Lemon Blue - Lisel Aldridge: 1 p.

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PERMIAN BASIN FAIR & EXPO Sept. 16-17, 1989

Ameraucana - Bantam - B T Buff - Larry Carey: 1 BV BB p.

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CENTRAL OKLAHOMA POULTRY ASSOCIATION Guthrie, OK 11/11/89

Ameraucana - Bantam - Wheaten - D. Davis: 1 BV BB k, 1 RV RB p.

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WOODSTOCK SHOW - Woodstock, VA

Ameraucana - Bantam - Best - Brown Red - k - R. M. Craft

Reserve - Blue Wheaten - k - R. M. Craft

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SOUTH KENTUCKY POULTRY CLUB SHOW - Nov. 25-26, 1989

Ameraucana - Large Fowl - Blue Red - Russell Warren: BV c; 1 h.

Bantam

Matt Betz: 1 BV BB, 2 H; 1 RV RB, 2 p.

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WHITE RIVER POULTRY CLUB - IN Sept. 9-13, 1989

Ameraucana - Bantam - Black - Matt Betz: H 3; P 1, 2.

Blue - Matt Betz: H 1.

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SUSSEX CO. POULTRY SHOW New Jersey Oct. 21-22, 1989

Ameraucana - Large Fowl - Wheaten - S. R. Powell

AOC - Barbara Charles

SHOW REPORTS - continued

OHIO NATIONAL - Columbus, Ohio Nov. 10-12, 1989

Ameraucana - Large Fowl - Black - Tom Lippincott
Brown Red - Tom Lippincott
Blue - Tom Lippincott
Bantam - Black - Matt Betz
White - D. Zolber

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BOONE COUNTY POULTRY BREEDERS SHOW - IL

Ameraucana - Bantam - Wheaten - (2c, 4 h, 3k, 6p)
Brunschons Poultry - 1c BV BB; 2,3,h; 1,2k; 1 RV RB,
2,3,4, p.
Art Rupert - 2 c; 4 h.
Chris Wright - 3 k.
Betsy Hyland - 5.6.p.

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NORTH IOWA POULTRY EX. Sept. 16-17, 1989

Ameraucana - Bantam - Wheaten - M.L. Phelps: 1c; 1 BV BB Champion AOCCL h; 2,3 h;
1 RV, 2 k.
Blue Wheaten - M.L. Phelps: 1 RV c; 1 BV RB, 2 h; 1 k.
White - Kellogg/Buske: 1 BV c.

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AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB NATIONAL SHOW - Highlan, IL

Ameraucana - Large Fowl - Blue Red - J. Trent: 1 BV k.
ML Phelps: 2 RV k.
Blue - J. Trent: 1 BV, 2 RV p.
Black - J. Trent: 1 BV BB p; 2 RV RB p.
White Splash - J. Trent: 1 BV p.

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The report of Bantam BB and BV, RB & RV was reported in the Winter, '89 ABC Newsletter.

There are four kinds of "bones in every organization...

There are the "wishbones" who spend their time wishing someone else will do the work and go to the meetings.

There are the "jawbones" who do all the talking but little else.

There are the "knucklebones" who knock everything anyone else tries to do.

There are the "backbones" who get under the load and do the work.

We hope you will become a "BACKBONE" of the Ameraucana Breeders Club.

L.M. Boyd

EGG WHITES

NAKED CHICKENS

Q. How many eggs per year does an egg-farm chicken turn out?

A. About 250. Used to be about 120. But growers started breeding only the best egg layers, the top 10 percent. So the egg count per chicken is still going up.

Q. What does photography owe to the chicken farmers?

A. Plenty. And vice versa. At least in the beginning of photography. Somebody a century ago found out eggwhite worked in a dandy manner in the making of photographic contact paper. In 1886. Great Britain alone was using a half million hens' eggs a month to turn out albumen paper.

Q. If featherless chickens have 16 percent more meat, why aren't we raising nothing but naked birds?

A. They catch cold. Need warmer coops. Cost growers more in electricity. That's the barnyard explanation. The laboratory explanation talks about "controlled climatology" and "environmental vulnerability."

"Well, here I am - stuck in another strange cage in another strange building surrounded by a flock of strange birds. Boy, am I hungry. Guess I had better clean up this feed on the floor of my cage. I won't be fed until I'm judged now. There are a few drops of water left in the water dish...maybe enough to wash down this old poultry scratch - must have been left from the last show.

"People sure are bustling around. Wish they'd close that big door. The draft is cold on my neck. Hope they turn off the lights pretty soon. After that long ride I'm tired and I need a good night's rest to look my best before the judging starts in the morning. Yawn.

"SQUAWK! Is it morning already? Seems like I just got settled and my eyes closed. Must be...listen to the roosters crowing. Like little boys trying to outdo each other. Boys will be boys.

"Best hurry and get a dust bath - in this old sawdust. Ugh! It will have to do. There - now a good shake. Feels better already. Now to preen my feathers a bit...oh... here come some people - got to look classy.

"Huh! They just kind of threw that hen in her cage. Look at the poor thing! She is in a moult - she should be home resting in her own coop. Don't her people know how much stress she is going thru without all the added stress of a show? Not to mention how vulnerable she is to any stray germs floating around. Poor dear. Well, she won't stand a chance with that row of biddies! Look at them strut and preen.

"Oh, Dear! What is that terrible noise? Oh, no - some kids running up and down the aisles. Sure hope they don't bump any cages. How can their adult people turn them loose like that? Don't they realize the running around like that is going to upset a lot of birds ... not to mention what it is going to do to the owners! Some of those high strung uppity breeds are already starting to fuss. The Leghorns are starting to climb the sides of their cages...that will sure mess up some pretty tail feathers. And the Polish...listen to them. They get rattled at any strange sound or movement. If those were my chicks running loose they sure would be in line for a spanking. That's the trouble with this world today - not enough spanking at the right time in the right place. Just listen to the uproar those children have caused. Oh, good. Someone finally put a stop to the running.

"My, My, My! Listen to that gossip. The henhouse was never as bad as these backyard judges. They all think they know a champion when they see it. Am I glad they can't put a hand on me. I don't think I'd like them checking my so called finer points. Look how rough they are with that poor pullet. It's probably a good thing I can't understand what they are saying. Oh, well. The real judge should be along pretty soon.

"Goodness me...what is that noise? I'll stand tippy-toe and look around. If I didn't know better I'd think some hen had her flock of little ones with her. Where is that peeping coming from? I'll have to stretch my neck a bit more ---

"Cluck! Cluck! Cluck! I don't believe my eyes! Why those poor little tykes are hardly old enough to be out of the brooder. What in heavens name are they doing in those cages. Maybe they are just there until their momma is judged...tho why anyone would bring a bidy with chicks to a big show like this is beyond me. Strange - I can't see any mothers fussing.

"I can't believe my eyes. Those poor little tykes are entered! I can see the coop tags. Poor babies...they are hardly out of their down. Some people. Well, maybe it will be a good experience for them. Show them what they have to look forward to as an adult. Too bad tho. They really should be allowed to enjoy what chickhood they have...it is short enough. Oh well, some people expect too much too soon.

"Good here come my people. At least I'll be pampered for a little bit. Ummm. That feels so good..having that soft cloth rubbed over my back and wings. Sure makes my feathers shine. Yuk! I'll close my eyes while they are putting that stuff on my comb and wattles. I'm glad they trimmed my beak and toenails before we left our coop.

"Oh! Oh! Here comes the judge. Good thing they put me back in my cage when they did.

"Hey! Don't be so rough! Don't you know you are supposed to handle me gently?"

Views from a showroom cage..

by: A Little Bidy

When a dear friend
Has left your life
No matter the how or why
There is still an emptiness
Felt inside the being
Despite the condolences
And words of sympathy
That loss is strongly felt
For there is a spot
Just off to the side
Once filled with a presence
Now nothing but memories
But such sweet memories
Held deep in the soul
To be treasured and loved
For the rest of eternity.

Cynthia Cay



I recently learned of the death of one of our members.. Robert C. Crawford in Canton, Ohio. Mr. Crawford passed away in Feb., 1990. He thoroughly enjoyed the ABC newsletters and his Ameraucanas for the past few years. He will be missed by his family and friends.

Jeanne Trent lost her dear father the end of March of this year. Colin Innes, Sr. was visiting his sister (our Aunt Jean) in Florida at the time of his death. Aunt Jean asked that we express to all what a wonderful brother Colin was. We all know how much he meant to Jeanne.

My mother-in-law suffered a stroke the end of April. She was a lively, full of life 80 year old lady. Her progress was good and she was looking forward to going home in a couple of weeks by the end of May. A sudden and unforeseen change took her from us in a matter of 24 hours.

Our sympathy to all who have lost a loved one.

I know there have been other of our members who have lost loved ones in the past few months. To each of you..my apology for not having sent you the club's sympathies before now.

Please let me know if you or someone in the club knows of or hears of the death of a member or a family member of one of our members.

Jeannette Frank

REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIG SKY COUNTRY -

WHEW! Have you ever kind of held your breath but not really held your breath? Seems like I've been holding my breath for ages - today (May 22) I could finally exhale - a little. A Montana State Veterinarian came out to blood test my chickens for pullorum. All tested were negative! And now I am authorized by the state to do the blood tests. I realize that most all of you are sure your birds are clean...so was I...but! MT is striving to become the 40th pullorum free state and I'm trying to do my part.

I haven't hatched any bright-eyed future champions yet. My poultry (and the newsletters) have kind of been shoved on a back burner while I've been coping with some personal and family matters. Hopefully the next few months will prove to be more relaxing for all.

I would like to take a few lines to stress to many members who feel we have been neglecting the show reports and more specifically, the large fowl Ameraucana breeders - it has not been the purpose of the editor or other contributors to this newsletter to ignore any Ameraucanas - large or small. Sometimes the response is great in articles for the newsletter and there is a limit to space. And I'll be honest with you - my time schedule leaves me very little spare time to search the printed show reports in Poultry Press. If **anyone** would volunteer to do the show reports regularly for the newsletter I'd be very grateful. And I'm sure the other members would be appreciative also. Anyone wish to volunteer?

It is easy to sit in an easy chair and find fault with what someone else does. I am thankful for all who have called or written to express how much they enjoy the ABC newsletter. I am always willing to listen to what you (the members/readers) have to say - be it a kind word or criticism. The only way we can know what you want is for you to tell us. Any time any of you wish to contribute an article - please do not hesitate to send it to me. I'm still working on the tape Jerry Segler sent me. Be patient, Jerry. You have contributed volumns but I haven't got it all typed yet. I'm working on it - honest! In my spare time (whatever that is).

I didn't receive any nominations for any office for the ABC election in October and Jeanne didn't either. The deadline is June 1, 1990. Roster of the nominees in the next newsletter...due to be in the mail by August 24, 1990 (Jeanne...did you read that?). We need Eastern and Western District Director nominations. Any Suggestions?

Nice thing - telephones. I just called Jeanne to see how the membership dues were going. Several of you won't be reading this newsletter because you didn't renew. I am truly sorry to lose you as a member.

Please do keep in touch..all of you. Feel free to give me a call or drop me a line - I do answer letters. Sometimes sooner than other times. I imagine most of you are starting to get geared up for fairs and shows. Be sure to keep us posted on what Ameraucanas you see or have. Good showing and good hatching to all.

Jeannette Frank

I have been president of AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB for going on four years. And, no, I'm not soliciting you votes - however, I do hope you will let me be your president for a few more years. I enjoy my place in your club. It gives me a chance to get to know the members as people. I truly enjoy the letters and phone calls from the members. Most of them are full of good words for the club and the newsletters. And sometimes a member feels comfortable telling me what they don't like..in a newsletter or what the club is doing. That is important to all of us. I belong to several organizations and I can honestly say that the ABC is the first club where the members are honestly willing to help one another. I hope we never loose that special quality in our members.

One thing I would like from all of you...is to know more about you, your family, your occupation. No, I'm not being nosy. I'll be willing to write a bio on me if you will write one on you. I think it is important for us to understand one another.

How about it...will you send me your bio so I can start a getting to know you column in the next newsletter? J. Frank, P. O. Box 824, Great Falls, MT 59403-0824

1990 AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB MEMBERSHIP FORM

Dues; Family \$10.00 Individual \$7.50 Junior \$5.00 (All dues due 1/1)

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

CITY: _____ **STATE:** _____ **ZIP:** _____

PHONE #: () _____ .

If you are paying for a family would you please list family members names and ages:

Use additional paper if necessary.

I (WE) raise and breed the following **AMERAUCANAS**.

LARGE FOWL:

BANTAM:

I will sell: Hatching Eggs _____ Chicks _____ Started Stock _____ Adult Birds _____

Will you ship any of the above? _____ .

Will you deliver to shows any of the above? _____ .

List other breeds of poultry you raise or breed, please. Be sure to state if they are Large Fowl or Bantams, Bearded or Non-bearded and varieties, please.

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

Please return this questionnaire and membership dues to: JEANNE TRENT
RR 1 Box 196H
Central Lake, MI 49622

Remember ALL Memberships are renewable on January 1, 1990.



Sometimes the Dragon Wins
That's why there's such a shortage of White Knights