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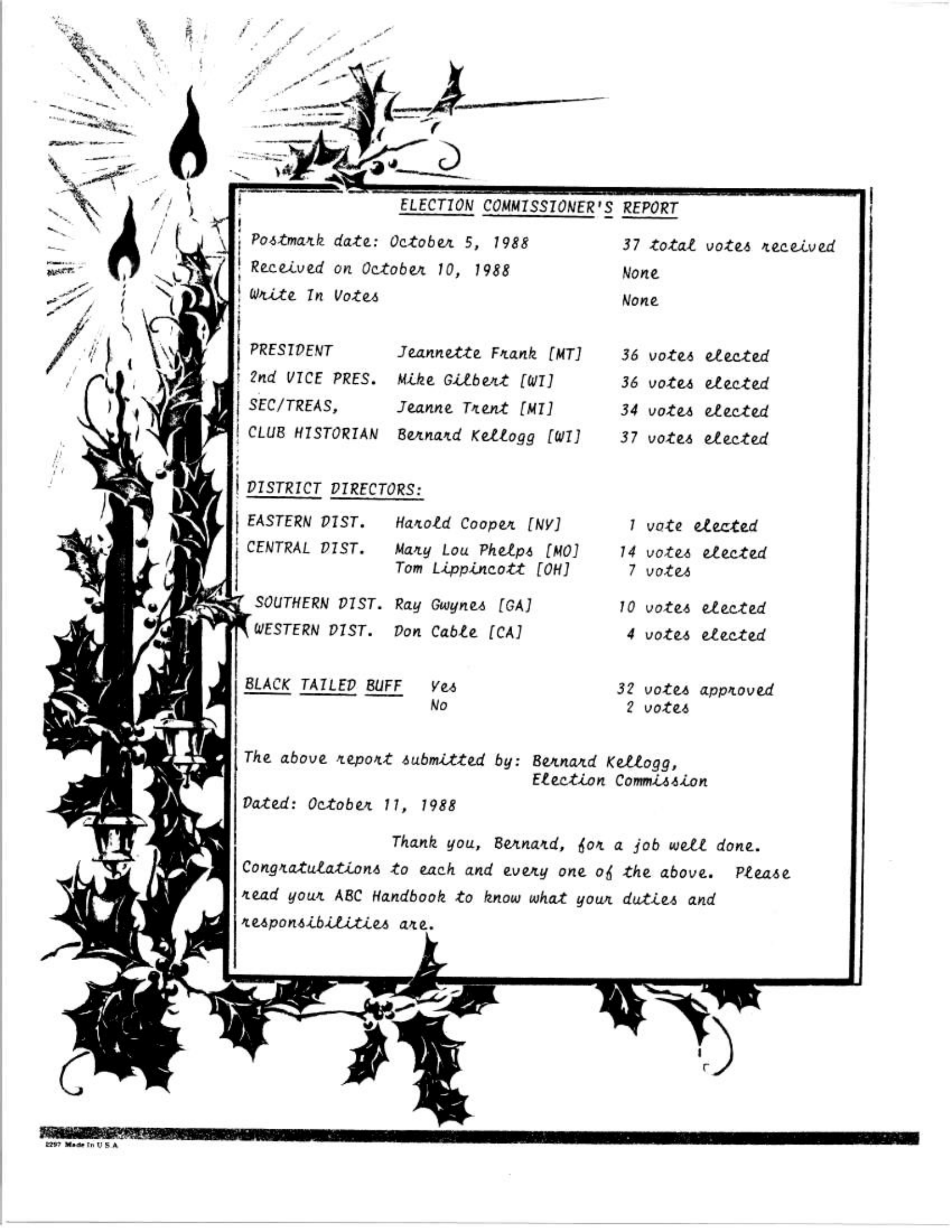
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" WOULD YOU BELIEVE "

"Twas the night before Christmas when all thru the coop,  
Not a creature was stirring 'cause they were all in a group.  
The stockings were hung by the nest box with care  
In hopes that St. Chickolas soon would be there.  
The chicks were nestled all snug in their straw,  
While visions of sugar corn danced in their craw.  
And Ma Hen in her kerchief and I in my cap,  
Had just settled down for a long winter nap.  
When out on the run there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from my roost to see what was the matter.  
Away to the door I flew like a flash,  
Tore open the hatch and fell with a crash.  
The moon on the crest of new fallen snow  
Gave a lustre of egg whites to objects below.  
When what to my wondering eyes should appear  
But a teeny sleigh and eight banty Brabanter.  
With a little old driver so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moult it must be St. Chick!  
More rapid than chicken hawks his coursers they came  
And he whistled and shouted and called them by name:  
Now Scratcher! Now Cackler! Now Crower and Glitzen!  
On Crummet! On Coopid! On Duster and Pipzen!  
To the top of the perch, to the top of the wall!  
Now, dash away, dash away, dash away all!  
As dry straw before the wild hurricane fly,  
When it meets with an obstacle, mount to the sky.  
So up to the coop top the coursers they flew,  
With a sleigh full of toys and St. Chickolas, too.  
And then in a twinkling I heard on the peak  
The clucking and crowing of each little beak.  
As I drew in my head and was turning around,  
Down a hole in the roof St. Chick came with a bound.  
He was dressed all in fur from his beak to his spur  
His feathers were all tarnished, very dirty they were.  
A bag full of toys he had slung on his back,  
And he looked like the feed man, just opening his sack.  
His eyes how they twinkled! His wattles how merry!  
His earlobes were like roses! His comb like a cherry!  
His droll little beak was drawn up like a bow  
And the feathers on his chin were as white as the snow.  
The stump of his pipe, he held tight in his beak  
And the smoke it encircled his head as it reeked.  
He had a broad face and a round little belly  
That shook when he hopped, Oh, that Silkie was silly.  
He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf,  
And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself.  
A wink of his eye and a flap of his wing  
Soon gave me to know I had nothing to sing.  
He clucked not a crow but went straight to his work,  
After filling all the chicks' socks, he turned with a jerk,  
And laying a feather aside his beak  
And giving a nod up he went like a streak.  
He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a click  
And away they all flew like the down of a chick.  
But I heard him crow as they drove into the sky,  
"If you believe all of this - you'll believe any old lie!"





ELECTION COMMISSIONER'S REPORT

Postmark date: October 5, 1988 37 total votes received  
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Write In Votes None

PRESIDENT Jeannette Frank [MT] 36 votes elected  
2nd VICE PRES. Mike Gilbert [WI] 36 votes elected  
SEC/TREAS, Jeanne Trent [MI] 34 votes elected  
CLUB HISTORIAN Bernard Kellogg [WI] 37 votes elected

DISTRICT DIRECTORS:

EASTERN DIST. Harold Cooper [NY] 1 vote elected  
CENTRAL DIST. Mary Lou Phelps [MO] 14 votes elected  
Tom Lippincott [OH] 7 votes  
SOUTHERN DIST. Ray Gwynes [GA] 10 votes elected  
WESTERN DIST. Don Cable [CA] 4 votes elected

BLACK TAILED BUFF Yes 32 votes approved  
No 2 votes

The above report submitted by: Bernard Kellogg,  
Election Commission

Dated: October 11, 1988

Thank you, Bernard, for a job well done.  
Congratulations to each and every one of the above. Please  
read your ABC Handbook to know what your duties and  
responsibilities are.

# Season's GREETINGS

I sit here - late on a soggy Nov. evening. It has been raining steadily all day. Rex & I have been trying to temper a wood stove to keep off the chill but not get too hot...a difficult task at best. Wood heat is either too hot or not. Where was all this rain last summer? I have roses in bud and allysum blooming. What a crazy year!

By the time this reaches you I will have been to the APA National at Columbus, OH and back...Rex to deer camp and back. From what I know now there should be at least ten ABC'ers at Columbus. That will be just marvelous. You can be sure we will have a get together and chat. Me to a chicken show. Rex to his deer camp. My Jeep will get her first big test.

Deer camp is when the boys go off for a few days to hunt white tail deer. There are lots of white tail deer in Michigan. The big story is that we really do chickens but I'm not so sure they stick strictly to deer.

Our club election results are in this Newsletter. Bernard Kellogg was quite pleased with the number of completed ballots. Thank you to those of you who voted. Hopefully next election [1990] more of you will vote or even run for an office. To you new members - hopefully by the next election we'll all know each other better. Jeannette & I want to thank all of you who voted for us. We'll keep the ball rolling - apparently you think we are doing okay. Even tho we are "cross the US of A apart" we keep in constant communication. We had hoped to do this newsletter together at JF's cabin in Craig, MT. However, my boss wouldn't allow me enough time off at one time to go to MT and back. So once again we are doing the newsletter by long distance.

We are planning on being at the ABC National Meet at Highland, IL in Nov., 1989. I'm telling you this now so you can start working toward being there. You can start stashing egg money, clear your calendar, let your boss know way ahead of time. Think about hatching those Champions this spring so they will be ready by next November. We are hoping for a really great showing of birds and members. Hutchinson was great in 1987 but we are hoping Highland in 1989 will be grand.

Our club members are special - here is another example of what fine people we have. My AM bantam population went from 4 to 13 - thanks to a fellow MI member...John Blehm. I had received a letter from him in early spring telling me of the many chicks he had/was hatching. I wrote to him, he called me at work to tell me he had some wheaten bantams I could have. And he promised to save them for me. I wasn't able to get down to his place until mid-Oct. because of an unusually busy tourist summer. Pat & I finally had a day off together so we hopped in my Jeep truck and off we went - a three hour drive. [That Jeep certainly takes to highway driving. I really have to watch my speed.] In no time we were at John's lovely home in a sort of rural Flint/Saginaw. John was at work but his wife, Kathy, was expecting us. So Pat & I went to the chicken pen to get our treasures. John had seven wheaten females for me. Lucky Day!!! Hopefully by next spring I'll be back in show business. Kathy pointed out a pen of whites some lady was coming to get for the (horror of horrors) stew pot! Pat & I thought all of those can't be culls. There were about 15 birds in the pen. We picked out two nice pullets. We'd probably found a few more but I had only brought two carrying cages - not knowing he had so many for me. We left with nine kind of crowded together but it was a cool day and a short drive. THANK YOU, JOHN. All are doing well. Some other time I will tell you about John's nice set up. All his birds are healthy and happy. Plenty of room, an easy set up to work with and didn't appear to be expensive or hard to construct. [John, would you be so kind as to tell us about your set up?] It was a fun day for Pat & me. We had worked hard all summer so just one short day for a chicken adventure was great. Reminds me - I'd better get this off for the newsletter. In 24 hours Pat & I are off for a four day adventure to Columbus.

If you are in need of birds or eggs check the past newsletters for a member near you and drop a line. You never know - you might find a new friend as well as birds or eggs.

## OTHER NEWS, BITS & PIECES:

We still have quite a few club patches. Many of you new members are unaware of that. They are \$4.00 embroidered patches with the club logo.

Those of you who are APA members have received the Yearbook. Did you see the ABC full page ad on page 264? I thought it looked rather impressive and was proud to see us in the APA Yearbook. Maybe more of you would like to be included in the 1989 one. It isn't that expensive. Details next bulletin.

## STIERRA SLOPE

With the holidays fast approaching, we are about to complete our first decade as an organization. Ten years! Where has the time gone?

There are some really great memories to savor, some bittersweet, some not so great, but all in all, certainly worth the effort, and what great people I have met along the way! I remember picking up Poultry Press one day and thumbing through it, came across a picture of a dark-haired young fellow from Iowa holding what appeared to be the type of bantam I had been working on - with mixed success - for a couple of years. Moreover, the color appeared to be wheaten, a variety that I have always admired. A phone call soon verified that it was indeed, wheaten, and yes, he would send me a trio. The fellow was Mike Gilbert, and the rest, as they say, is history.

There has never been a really detailed account of the formation of this club and this breed, but fortunately, there are several of us still around and we now have an official historian - Bernard Kellogg, grand poobah of the Readstown Coffee Boys - who can keep me honest, so I thought perhaps I should jot down the details as I remember them at the risk of boredom for all and sundry in this column next year.

Poultry Press is marking its 75th anniversary this year in the December issue and I am looking forward to receiving it. I have my 50th anniversary issue as well and it will be interesting to compare the two. This paper has been very supportive of our endeavors from the beginning and I cannot imagine our great pastime without it. Think about it.

It is my understanding that we had more participation in our club election than in past years, which is gratifying. Results are posted elsewhere in the bulletin, but the fact that more members cast ballots this time around is very encouraging. Perhaps this will translate into more participation in club meets, get-togethers and support for the quarterly bulletin. You have no idea of just how difficult it can be to get members to write for the bulletin! I hope that this will change and that we will hear from a broader spectrum of our membership, including newer members. Let us hear from you!

There is a Pacific storm blowing in a good, soaking rain and we all hope that this means an end to the severe drought we have been in. The wild creatures - deer, rabbits, squirrels and many kinds of birds came to my deck throughout the dry months for water which I had set out for them, but do not seem to have had a reproductive setback, as the quail broods were quite large and I have never seen so many sets of twin fawns. Unfortunately, my garden was probably the only patch of green for a quarter of a mile in any direction this summer, so I had to play host to a variety of freeloaders. Lots of snow is expected down to the four thousand foot level, so more critters will be coming down from the high country in the next few days and I need a fence around my winter garden if I want to have fresh salad makin's in the weeks ahead.

Phoenix seems to be shaping up as a super show and I am looking forward to meeting some of our club members there. Come on down for some sun.

My very best wishes to each of you for the Holiday Season! Don Cable - 1st VP; Western DD

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ABC club  
patch -  
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# Greetings

THOUGHTS FROM NORTHERN MICHIGAN continued....

Those of you who receive PP watch for the club ad in the Anniversary edition coming in December. These PR ads are important for us. Our club is ten years old this year but we are a relatively new club still struggling for the recognition, acceptance and pride for our breed. If you are at a show and see a PP representative stop and take out an ad..it doesn't have to be expensive. Just mention the Ameraucana Breeders Club, please. [Saw your latest ad, ML. Thanks].

One more money item. DUES are coming up as of January 1st. We need your support for the club to continue. Many of you have written about how much you like the newsletters. These newsletters just don't appear without money. It is nearing the end of the year so the coffers are getting low. Dues are still \$5.00 per year. Several of you sent extra money last year - it really helped and was greatly appreciated. I tried to write any and all who did this but I may have missed you. So let me take this time to say " THANK YOU " belatedly. If you feel so inclined we will gladly accept your kind contributions.

Guess that's it from here. It is still raining but the forecast says 5" of snow by morning. My Jeep may have to do it's 4 x 4 thing.

Happy Holidays to all. Talk to you again in Feb. or so. Remember - each and everyone of you are more than welcome to write whatever you'd like to share - opinions, breeding tips, feeding tips, hatching thoughts, housing suggestions, show ideas, anecdotes, whatever. Don't be shy. Think about it and then do it!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS & GOD BLESS ALL OF YOU. JT



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COMMENTS FROM MIKE GILBERT --

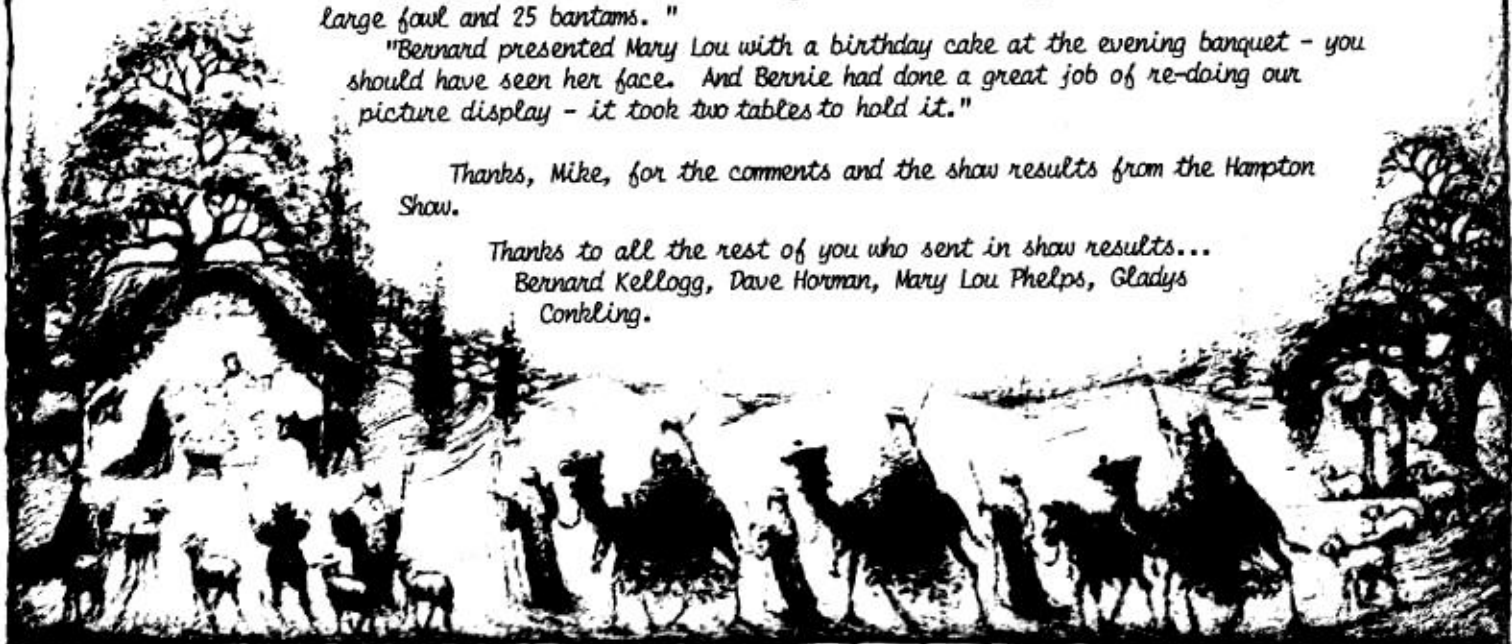
" I must say the last newsletter was tops. To have so many members contribute is a first in the history of the club - at least in my memory. Incidentally, Bernard had my election ballot within eight hours of my receiving it on Friday, Sept. 16th, as I hand delivered it to him at Hampton."

"The Central District Meet was a great success with five members showing five large fowl and 25 bantams. "

"Bernard presented Mary Lou with a birthday cake at the evening banquet - you should have seen her face. And Bernie had done a great job of re-doing our picture display - it took two tables to hold it."

Thanks, Mike, for the comments and the show results from the Hampton Show.

Thanks to all the rest of you who sent in show results...  
Bernard Kellogg, Dave Horman, Mary Lou Phelps, Gladys Conkling.





## SHOW RESULTS

### South Iowa Show Report

Bernard Conkling - 1st C; BOB H  
 Jo Kasper - 2nd C; 2nd H; 1st H BB  
 Chris Simpson - 1st C  
 Steven Simpson - 1st H

### Central District Meet Results [Eugene Barnard - Judge]

Large Fowl: All Blacks by Duane Urch  
 1 cock; 1 BV hen; 2 hen; 1 RV, 2 pullets  
 [no cockerels]

Bantams: [12 wheaters, 7 Blue-wheaten, 6 White]  
 wheaten - ML Phelps 1 C; 1,2,3 H; 1 RV K  
 1 BV BB, 2, 3, pullets

Mike G. 2 C; 4 H; 4, 5 P (No K)

Blue wheaten - ML Phelps 1 BV RB C; 1 RV H

Duane Urch 2 C; 2,3 H; 1,2 P

White - B. Kellogg 1 BV C; 1 RV H; 1 K; 1 P  
 D. Horman 2 C; 2 H

### Southern Missouri 12th Annual Fall Show

October 15 - 16, 1988

### Ameraucana Breeders Club State Meet

Bantams: All Wheaten - seven shown

ML Phelps - 1 C; 1,2 H; 1,2,3 P; 1 K  
 BV BB P; RV RB K

Large Fowl: 1 P..disq.

Judged by Pat Malone, FT Worth, TX

2 bantam white AM's shown by a Jr. non member

### Wisconsin State Poultry Breeders Show

Special Meet - Milwaukee, WI

October 1-2, 1988 [20 birds - 4 exhibitors]

Bantams: White - Kellogg - 1 C; 1 H; 1 RV K; 4 P

Buske - 2 C; 1 BV P; 2 H

Fosbrink - 2, 3 P

Silver - Buske - 1 RV C; 1 BV H

Golden - Fosbrink - 1 BV H;

Wheaten - Debbie Boehm - 1 BV P

Blue - Buske - 1 BV P

Self Blue - Fosbrink - 1 K

Black - Buske - 1 K; 3 P

Fosbrink - 2 P RV; BB, BV 1 P

[Won plaque from WI State  
 Breeders Club]

### Ameraucana Breeders Club - WI State Meet

Sponsored by: Badger Poultry Club, Inc.

Dairyland Classic - Richland Center, WI

June 25-26, 1988

Judged by: Grant Malone

Champion Bantam: White Cock - Bernard Kellogg

Reserve Bantam: White Hen - Mike Gilbert

Best White - Cock - Bernard Kellogg

Best Black - Pullet - Bernard Kellogg

Best Blue - Hen - Bernard Kellogg

Best Silver- Hen - Randal Buske

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REFLECTIONS FROM THE BIG SKY COUNTRY



Election returns are in - And with them my personal *Congratulations* to everyone - OFFICERS, DISTRICT DIRECTORS, CLUB HISTORIAN - but most of all - to you - THE MEMBERS - for taking a few minutes to vote and mail in your ballots. And thank you for voting to keep me in as your President for another two years. I hope I can serve the club well. Remember I am here - for any of you who has a thought, idea, suggestion, gripe or complaint. I do answer letters promptly.

I had intended to write a personal letter to each of the District Directors but as you can see this is as far as I have gotten. Remember it is up to you for the placement of shows in your district. If any of you need a membership list for your district let Jeanne or me know. We will get one out to you. And please remember YOU are the personal P.R. person for the club.

Every quarter we try to get a newsletter out to all of the members. The last Newsletter gave us a tremendous amount of compliments. Do you know why? It was because 85% of the material in that newsletter was from the members...about members. It is always more interesting to read about what is going on with you. Please don't *hesitate* to continue to send in your thoughts, ideas and articles. WE ALL APPRECIATE THEM.

I would like to take this time to ask the District Directors to please send in a quarterly report on your district and what is going on. You know what I mean...show plans, results, what you are doing. And show reports...anyone can send those in. It only takes a few minutes when you are at a show to go down the Ameraucana section and list what bird, color, placing and exhibitor. Send it in to Jeanne or me so the rest of the club can see what's going on where.

Before I get on my soapbox [how else would you know I wrote this article?] I want to wish each and every one of you a " **HAPPY HEALTHY HOLIDAY**". The cover for this newsletter is a special favor to me by my oldest daughter, Mona. It corresponds with the verse on page two...as a special favor to a special person. ENJOY!

The word search is just because ... my gift to all the club members. Have fun.

Now - a few months ago at a show some of our ABC'ers were "cornered" by a person who demanded to know why our club did this or that. Put them in a tight spot. How can they answer for the actions of the officers of the club? Please, all Members, if you are ever put in a spot regarding the club do not hesitate to hand the enquirer my address and/or phone number.

We have another year beginning shortly. REMEMBER ALL DUES ARE DUE BY JANUARY 1st. Our dues are still \$5.00 per person per year.

Another thought - or two - before I sign off....

Phoenix in February is really going to be a biiiig shooow! Western Director, Don Cable, mentioned he will be there. Look for him. Central DD, Mary Lou Phelps, is hoping to be there. If I play my cards right and Santa is good to me you might see me there. Bernard Kellogg, are you and the twins still planning on flying down? One never knows just who one might see at a show.

And if you can't make it to Phoenix just keep showing and winning with those AMERUCANAS. Good practice for our next National Meet...Highland, IL...November, 1989. Details in the next two newsletters.

See you in 1989.

Jeanette Frank, President

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