



ART BEELER, of the Decatur Hatchery, left, and Joe Sicer, right, Purdue University extension specialist, question Raymond Reinking, center, concerning the results in two years of chicken-raising on slat floors. Also on the trip, but not pictured here, was county agent Leo Seltzert. Beeler guided the group to most of the slat floor poultry houses in Adams and Wells counties so that Sicer could get local opinions on the value of slat floors in poultry raising.

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Poultry Specialist Of Purdue Inspects Farms

Field work in the evaluation of slat floors for poultry houses was done in Adams and Wells counties Thursday by Joe Sicer, Purdue University extension poultry specialist, in a tour of farms in this area.

Sicer was accompanied by Leo N. Seltzert, county agent, and Art Beeler, local poultryman, who guided the group to the farms where slat floors are used.

Several years ago poultrymen

decided that work could be saved, space used better, and eggs kept cleaner if the floor of the chicken house was raised about $1\frac{1}{2}$ feet above ground level, and a slatted floor installed. The slats, about half an inch apart, would allow the chicken droppings to fall through. The birds would then walk on the clean slats.

Several of these chicken houses have been in use in this area for two years or more. Sicer, who is now evaluating the program, talked to each farmer who had this arrangement, asked him detailed questions concerning raising poultry on slatted floors.

No decision was reached on the basis of the dozen or so farms visited in this area, but detailed notes were made to be used in the completed survey.

Perhaps the best way to sum up the results in Adams and Wells counties is to describe an actual operation on a farm here. The Raymond Reinking farm is located on the Preble township-Roof township line, about $\frac{1}{4}$ mile north of U. S. highway 224.

Reinking installed his slat floor poultry house two years ago. He estimates that it cost him about \$80, or 60 cents a square foot. If the floor lasts awhile, Reinking feels that his investment will pay



RAYMOND REINKING, Preble township farmer, is shown here feeding some of the 800 chickens he is raising in a slat floor poultry house. This new type floor was installed two years ago at a cost of about 60 cents a square foot. The floor of the house is made of slats, spaced about half an inch apart, so that chicken droppings fall on the floor 18 inches under the walking level. The idea is to produce cleaner eggs, and cut down on the handling of chicken manure.

(Staff Photo)

off. However, if the floor or its supports wear out, it may be too expensive for the money he saves.

Reinking figures that he can raise more birds, 900 of them, in the slatted floor house, than he could in a conventional house of the same size. The eggs are cleaner, he says, but they still have to be washed.

One main problem he has had is that his birds, which are banded on the leg, occasionally slip a foot between the slats, and cannot extract it because of the band. This leads to the death of the hen. He estimates that he has lost a dozen birds that way this winter alone. Reinking said that he plans to either band the birds on the wing next year, or raise unbanded birds.

Reinking report that he removes the chicken manure from under the floor once a year, which saves him much labor over the old method. He has a dirt floor, rather than a cemented one. He found that the birds kept warmer with the floor raised, and the additional birds in the same area.

One problem, that of insects, has not bothered Reinking as much as some farmers who have changed to slat floors. Birds on slat floors seem to have a tendency towards cannibalism, scratching the feathers off each other. Only one farmer in the area raising birds in this manner was not troubled, and he used special feedings of fish oil to provide vitamin B12 for the chickens. This vitamin, found in chicken droppings, seems to be lacking in birds raised on slat floors.

Sicer and Seltzert stated that they were well pleased with the information they obtained on the fact-hunting expedition. Information gathered in this fashion from farms all over the state is available to farmers through the extension service, and the local county agent.

The Child's Rights

Collins, a Protestant father of four children, said he recognized the birthright of religious faith, but added:

"The great and good God of all of us, regardless of faith, grants to every child to be born: First, the right to be wanted and secondly, the right to be loved."

The Ellises, he said, had fulfilled these rights for Hildy.

The kidnaping charges filed 14 months after the Jewish couple fled Massachusetts with Hildy were legally "synthetic," Collins said.

The executive decision cannot be appealed. Collins denied Massachusetts authorities permission to file additional briefs.

The Ellises have filed proceedings in a Miami circuit court of adoption of Hildy under Florida laws.

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59 Finish Course In Driver Training

A total of 59 finished the drivers' training course at Decatur high school in the ninth year of the project, Sylvester Everhart, instructor, said today.

The class, mostly sophomores, must complete six hours of actual driving, and 36 hours of classroom work. The classwork consists of an explanation of the motor, movies on driving, text readings, and tests.

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Slight Damage Done In Auto Accident

A car driven by Richard Lee Myers, of 700 North Second street, was damaged to the extent of \$150 early Thursday morning, when it rammed into the rear of a car driven by Harry Staley, of 821 North Second street.

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Glen L. Chronister etux to Edgar L. Archer etux, $\frac{1}{2}$ acre in St. Mary's Twp.

Louis F. Bultemeier to Harold Gallmeyer etux, inlot 11 in Preble.

George Millington etux to Jorden F. Sammann etux, inlot 112 & 113 in Decatur.

Stratton Place, Inc. to Denzil L. Dowell etux, land in Washington Twp.

Arnold Lumber Co., Inc. to James C. Basham etux, inlot 90 in Decatur.

Raymon G. Mathys etux to Earl Dawald, inlot 340 & $1\frac{1}{2}$ 341 in Geneva.

Stratton Place Inc. to Cornelius L. Schirack etux, land in Washington Twp.

Frederick Oliver etux to Verlyn R. Geyer etux, inlot 13 in Blue Creek Twp.

Betty J. Feasel etvir to Eular H. Hill etal, inlot 23 in Decatur.

Ruth Johnston etvir to Fredia Lehmann, 79 acres in French Twp.

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12 Men Admitted To Methodist Ministry Admitted On Trial At Church Conclave

WABASH (UPI)—Twelve men were elected to admission on trial in the Methodist ministry Thursday by the North Indiana Conference of the Methodist Church at its annual session here.

In addition, an executive session of ministers approved the retirement of 11 Methodist ministers.

Admitted on trial were Joseph W. Adams, Anderson; Wayne Baxter, Economy; Riley Case, Geneva; Richard Clark, Muncie; Herschel Dyer, Jalap; James Gieve, Markleville; Mark Graham, Philadelphia; August Lundquist, Two Mile; Clayton Miller, Kokomo; Bill Springfield, Salem; Leonard Thompson, Fort Wayne; and Richard Turner, Windsor.

Retiring ministers include the Revs. Garry Brown, Somersett-Peoria Circuit; Victor E. Stoner, Selma; Alva P. Peter, Gas City; J. Harvey Brown, Pennville; Clarence J. Kerlin, Muncie; Thurman Mott, Avilla; Claude M. Fawn, Akron; Ralph C. Plank, Huntington; Walter H. Brumbaugh, Marion; John B. Sparling, Marion; and Roy S. Brown, Poneto.

Syria And Egypt In Attempt To Renew Old Time Alliance

By WALTER LOGAN

United Press Staff Correspondent

The Syrian government has ordered the withdrawal of its troops

from Jordan in the start of a new

Syrian and Egyptian campaign to

restore their old alliance with

Saudi Arabia and Jordan, Middle

East dispatches reported today.

Syria's announcement it was

withdrawing 3,000 troops from Jordan at the request of King Hussein

coincided with Cairo dispatches

that Syria and Egypt were trying

to save their old alliance and pre-

vent a new pro-Western alignment

of the Arab states.

Syria sent some 3,000 troops into

Jordan at the time of Israel's inva-

sion of the Sinai Desert last

October when an invasion of Jordan also was feared.

A note from Hussein to the Syrian government

thanked it for the "military assist-

ance" and said the troops were

"no longer necessary."

Syrian press reports said the

troops withdrawal would be com-

pleted today. Hussein was reported

to have asked the troops with-

drawal at the height of his recent

political crisis but Syria appar-

ently refused.

Both Saudi and Iraqi

troops moved up to the borders in

event of Syrian intervention in Jor-

dan.

Since then King Saud of Saudi

Arabia and King Feisal of Iraq

held a series of meetings in Bagh-

dad which some Middle East

sources believed would end Saud's

old ties with Egypt and Syria and

bring him into a new pro-Western

alliance with Iraq. Jordan and

Lebanon.

Egyptian political figures denied

in Cairo today that the alliance

had been weakened, but the same

dispatch said President Shukri El

Kuwaiti of Syria sent an emissary

to Cairo for talks with President

Gamal Abdel Nasser aimed at "re-

viewing" the "neutralist" alliance.

Saudi Arabian Minister of Com-

munications Emir Sultan, a brot-

er of King Saud, arrived in Cairo

and denied reports that Saud was

planning to enter a new pact. He

said rumors Saud and Nasser were

"estranged" were untrue.

Complaint Filed

A complaint on account has

been filed by the Monroeville Co-

operative Equity Union Exchange,

Inc., against L. R. Miller. A sum-

mons has been ordered issued to

the sheriff of Adams county for

the defendant, returnable June 7

Citation Ordered

An affidavit for citation has

been ordered issued to the sheriff

for Richard Leon Velez, defendant

in a divorce suit filed by Rachael

Ester Velez. The citation is re-

turnable May 25, at 9:30 a.m.

Offered for Probate

The last will and testament of

Elmer Beer has been offered for

probate, and placed on record. The

probate value of the estate in-

cludes \$36,900 in real estate and

\$7,500 in personal property. Len-

da M. Beer, widow of the deceased,

is the sole heir.

Real Estate Transfers

Robert S. Anderson Admr. to

Adrian G. Burke etux, 100 acres

in St. Marys Twp. \$8800.