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'N Saak van die Allerhoogste Belang : A Matter of Vital Importance.

In hierdie uitgawe kom daar 'n welkome boodskap van die Sekretaris van Landbou en Bosbou voor en ons is ontug daarvan dat elke boer hierdie boodskap op die hart sal dra.

In verlede maand se uitgawe het die Hoof Pluimveebeampte in sy boodskap nadruk gelê op die belangrikheid van doeltreffende bemerking; nou kom Dr. Viljoen voor met verder nadruk op die feit, dat sulke doeltreffendheid, vir die bevestigende uitvoer van boerdery, essensieel is. Doeltreffende prosieke, ekonomiese aankoop van voeding stowwe en die vermindering van struifgevalle is belangrike items, maar hulle is almal tervergrens, as bemerking geen versekering kan gee van 'n besoning, wat bo koste van produksie is nie. Bemerkings is dus die vernameste sy van boerdery en van die grootste belang vir elke boer. Dit is die bedoeling van die Redaksie Komitee om 'n spesiale artikel oor hierdie saak te publiseer, en hulle kan, nou dat dit deur die Sekretaris van Landbou en Bosbou onderskryf word, die saak aanpak met die versekering dat dit aan 'n werklike behoefte voldoen.

Hedendaagse bemerking is steeds baseer op die metodes toegepas toe voorrade die aanvraag nie kon voorsien nie, en produkte in groot aanvraag was. Versneling van transport, vermindering van produksie en ontwikkeling van moderne besigheid, het oostandighede so verander dat 'n verandering in metodes dus aangebring moet word, om hedendaagse vereistes te voorsien.

This issue contains a welcome message from the Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry, which we are sure every farmer will take to heart. The importance of efficient marketing was stressed in the message given to us last month by the Chief Poultry Officer; Dr. Viljoen emphasises its necessity for the successful carrying out of farming activities. Efficiency in production, economical purchasing of foodstuffs, and low mortality are important items; but all are of no avail if marketing fails to bring in prices which are above costs of production. Marketing is therefore the crux of farming operations, and of the greatest importance to every farmer. The Editorial Committee had intended to make a special feature of this matter, and with the endorsement of this policy by the Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry, will proceed with the intended programme the more assured that a real need is being met.

Marketing methods of to-day are still based upon those evolved when commodities were in short supply and consequently in great demand by consumers. Rapidity of transport, growth of production, and developments of modern business have altered conditions, and methods must be altered to meet present-day requirements. Handling a perishable product and living at great distances from markets, farmers are forced to depend upon others to do their selling.

Where Co-operative Egg Circles exist, producers are enabled to participate in any profits of sales, otherwise selling is in the hands of agents or firms who are

Omdat boere, groot distansies van die markte bederf-hare produkte produseer, is hulle gedwing om hulle verkopings aan ander oortelast. Waar daar Ko-operatiewe Eerkringe is, kan produsente in enige profyte deel neem, andersins is verkopings in die hande van agente of firmas wie gewoonlik ook groothandel verkopers is. In laasgenoemde geval vind ons dat die prys wat aan produsente toegeken is, is, en bly, alhoen 'n saak van onder-geskikte belang. Gemadelose prys-vermindering om kontrakte te verkry, en die pogings om die grootste moontlike omset te verkry, is sake van sentie belang vir die betrokke firmas, en die producent is gedwing om 'n onekonomiese prys vir sy produkte te neem. Die bemerking van plaasprodukte is in direkte teenstelling met dié van die nywerbede. Hier vind ons dat die produseerende firma die prys vir die verbruiker neem, en die prys is baseer op koste van primêre produkte, werkskone, bedryfs- en ander koste plus profyte. Die boer moet teen hierdie terme koop, d.i. 'n aankopers mark, terwyl hy op 'n verkopers mark moet verkoop, waar die prys deur die koper aan die boer voorgeskryf word, sonder om sy belange in enige aanmerking te neem. Hierdie sitlegging gee die rede aan waarom daar aanboudende mislukings met boerdery is, maar dit is nou in die hande van die boere om 'n verandering teweeg te bring. Die Bemerkingswet verskaf die meganiek om die pryse van Landbou produkte, volgens koste van produksie, vas te stel, en om die bekwaame boer 'n redelike wins vir sy arbeid te verseker. Die koste van voedingstowwe sal dus sy teverdigte plek in die vaststelling van lewens koste inneem.

Om hierdie wenslike resultaat te bewerkstellig, sal boere van die Unie moet organiseer en hulle ook aan georganiseerde bemerking oorgoo. Die vaststelling van pryse beteken beheer van verkopings en heelwaarskynlik in die toekoms, 'n mate van beheer van produksie.

Doeltreffende boerdery moet die basis van prys vaststelling wees, want die prys vir die verbruiker mag nie onredelik hoog wees nie. Oortollige, sowel as ongeskikte verkoop kanale, moet uit die weg geruim word en as ons gemadelose prysvermindering, wat produsente ruineer, wil uitskakel, moet daar oor die verkoop kanale, as ook oor die pryse vir verbruikers, behoer wees, en pryse moet vaagstel word op redelike koste vir distribusie. Onder teenwoordige omstandighede is daar geen ander weg oop om die producent 'n redelike prys te verseker nie, en die bestaande kwaad kan ook nie soos gewoos, behandel word nie. Met verandering van omstandighede, ingesluit die skertheid dat binne die onmiddellike toekoms daar beheer oor die prys van voedingstowwe sal wees, beveel die Sentraalraad aan, dat pluimveeboere 'n Beheer Raad vir Pluimveeprodukte stig, sodat pryse vir hierdie goedere op hulle beurt aan verbruikers vasgestel kan word.

Dit is aan die hand gegee, dat 'n studie van die Bemerkingswet gemaak word, en 'n begin op 'n uit-legging sal in die volgende uitgawe verskyn.

S.A.P.V. TELERSREGISTER.

Bestel U Pluimvee, ingesluit Gevestigde Staat- en Tropiese van Lede van die Register. Lys van Lede word, op aanzoek, vry deur die REGISTRATEUR, Postbus 1798, Johannesburg, verskaf.

also generally wholesalers. In the latter case we are faced with the fact that price to producers is, and has been, a secondary consideration. Cut-throat competition to secure contracts, and the endeavour to secure the largest possible turnover being matters of primary importance to the firms concerned, the producer has been forced to accept an uneconomic price for his products. The marketing of farm produce is in direct contrast to that of products of industry. Here the producing firm dictates the price to the consumer, basing it upon costs of primary products, wages, overhead charges and other costs of production plus a profit. The farmer has to buy on these terms, i.e., a buyer's market, whereas he sells on a seller's market where the price is dictated to him by the buyer and with no consideration of the farmer's interests. This explains the reason for the constant failure of farmers to make ends meet, but it is now in their power to alter things.

The Marketing Act provides the machinery which allows for the price of agricultural products being based upon costs of production, and for the efficient farmer being assured of a reasonable return for his labours. The cost of foodstuffs will therefore take its rightful place in determining the cost of living and be upon the correct basis. To secure this desired end the farmers of the Union must organise and submit to organised marketing methods. Price fixation implies control of sales and perhaps in the future some control of production. Efficient farming must form the basis of any fixed selling price, as price to consumers must not be unduly high. Redundant channels of sales must be eliminated, likewise the inefficient, while if cut-throat competition with its ruinous consequences to producers is to be eliminated, there must be control of channels of sale and of prices to consumers, determined upon fair working costs of distribution. In no other way under present conditions can the producer be assured of a fair price for his products, nor can the existing evils be dealt with as desired. With the changing conditions, including the certainty of controlled prices for feeding stuffs, the Central Board recommends to poultry farmers the establishment of a Control Board for Poultry Products so that prices for these commodities can in turn be fixed to consumers. A study of the Marketing Act is therefore recommended, and an explanation will begin in next month's issue.

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A Message from the Secretary for Agriculture and Forestry.

During the past twenty years poultry keeping has developed from a mere haphazard and unregulated affair into a scientific enterprise on many farms, and in many cases has even been placed on a complete commercial basis.

Not so long ago there were no poultrymen or organised poultry farms in South Africa. Poultry wandered about on the farms in search of food. To-day, however, poultry keeping has become an important and profitable sideline on many of these farms where scientific knowledge is applied.

Certain officers of the Department of Agriculture and Forestry are continually investigating the problems of the poultry industry, such as rations, feeding practices, housing, breeding, and health precautions, including the control of internal and external parasites and poultry diseases in general. The information obtained through such experiments is made available to the public through the Department's Extension Officers and its Publications. The Department therefore welcomes any new ally, such as your Journal, in the dissemination of information which may be of value to poultrymen.

The issue of this new Journal is justified, not only because of its aid in spreading information on management and production, but also because of the marketing information which it could supply to poultrymen. Marketing problems have come to the fore especially since the inauguration of the "National Mark" Scheme and the passing of the Marketing Act, which affect not only the livestock and grain farmers, but also poultrymen. I trust that your Journal will also devote particular attention to this aspect of the matter and keep your readers informed on the general trend of marketing, and I am, therefore, availing myself of this opportunity of wishing you every success in your new venture.

P. R. VILJOEN.

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'n Boodskap deur die Sekretaris van Landbou en Bosbou.

Gedurende die laaste twintig jaar het pluimveeboerdery op menige plaas van 'n yare ongereelde en ongeregelende affêre tot 'n wetenskaplike onderneming ontwikkel, en is in baie gevalle op 'n volledige kommersiële basis geplaas.

Kort gelede was daar geen pluimveeboere of georganiseerde pluimvee plaas in Suid Afrika nie. Pluimvee het vir kos rondom die plaas gedwaal. Vandag vind ons dat waar wetenskaplike kennis toegepas word pluimveeboerdery 'n belangrike en winsgewende slym op menige van hierdie plaas geword het.

Sekere beamptes van die Departement van Landbou en Bosbou is gedurig besig met ondersoek insetel in die probleme van die pluimveebedryf, soos rantsoene, voeding metodes, behuising, teling, en gesondheid voorsorg, ingesluit die beheer van interne en uitwendige parasiete en algemene pluimveesiektes. Die mededeling van die informasie versamel deur sulke ondersoekings is aan die publiek deur die Uitbeleidings-beamptes en publikasies van die Departement verskaaf. Die Departement vervolkom, dus, enige nuwe kanaal, soos u Blad, vir die verspreiding van inligting wat tot die voordeel van pluimveeboere mag wees.

Die uitgêre van hierdie nuwe Blad is regverdig, nie alleen deur die hulp vir die verspreiding van informasie aangaande bestuur en produksie nie, maar ook vir die bemerkings inligting wat daardeur aan pluimveeboere kan verskaaf word. Bemerkingsprobleme het tot die voorlig gekom, vernameklik sedert die stigting van die "Nasionale Merk" Skema en die deurgang van die Bemerkingswet wat pluimveeboere sowel as vee- en graanboere aflekteer.

Ek vertrou dat u Blad besonder nadruk sal lê op hierdie kant van die saak en u leers met die algemene markposisie op hoogte hou, en dus wil ek van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om u, met u nuwe onderneming, alle geluk toe te wens. (Vertaling).

P. R. VILJOEN.

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Ja—vyf duisend—dit is die getal kopieë van hierdie Bulletin wat maandeliks uitgevoer word. U kan dit zeker besef dat hierdeur word hierdie blad U beste advertensie middel. Probeer dit en merk die resultate op.

CHANGE OF OFFICE.

Will intending visitors to the Association Secretary please note that the Headquarters of the S.A. Poultry Association are now at 403-4, Maslin House, c/o Harrison and Marshall Streets, Johannesburg.

Meeting of the Central Board.

Minutes of the Meeting of the Central Board of the South African Poultry Association held in the Office of the Secretary, 403-4, Mainie House, cr. Harrison and Marshall Streets, Johannesburg, on Friday, the 15th and 16th October, 1937, at 10 a.m.

PRESENT: Messrs. G. Hibbert (Chairman), W. Callender-Easby (Bloemfontein), E. Southworth (Bloemfontein), L. F. Foesyth (Pietermaritzburg), H. T. Slatter (Durban), A. J. Lucas (Johannesburg), A. E. Vickery (Johannesburg), A. A. Colville (Capetown), and M. S. Letty (Secretary-Treasurer).

APOLOGY: The Secretary tabled an apology for inability to attend from Mr. Colin Campbell (East London), which was accepted.

BY INVITATION: On the invitation of the Board, Mr. F. E. O'Grady, co-opted member of the Finance Committee and Marketing Committee, attended the deliberations.

MINUTES: (1) The Minutes of the meeting of the Central Board, held in Bloemfontein on the 9th June, 1937, were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

(2) The Minutes of various Sub-Committee meetings held subsequent to the previous meeting of the Board were taken as read, confirmed and signed.

ARISING OUT OF THE MINUTES:

(1) *All-round Certificates for Judges:* With slight amendments the meeting unanimously adopted the recommendations of the Judges Association Committee as to the granting of All-round Judges' Certificates, and the following was recommended to the Annual General Meeting for approval:—

(A) All-round Sectional Certificates be granted:

1. Heavy Breeds to approved holders of three Certificates for any variety in 3 Heavy Breeds, Indian Games to be included in heavy breeds.
2. Light Breeds to approved holders of three Certificates for any variety in 3 Light Breeds.
3. All Games, and Game Bantams, excluding Indian, to approved holders of a Certificate secured for a special examination embracing all Games.
4. Bantams, other than Games, to approved holders of a Certificate secured for a special examination embracing all Bantams.
5. Waterfowl to approved holders of Certificates for one Heavy Breed Duck, one Light Breed Duck, and one Goose.
6. Miscellaneous (Turkeys, Table Poultry and Eggs) to approved holders of one Certificate for Turkeys and one for Table Poultry and Eggs.

(B) That an All-round Certificate for both Heavy and Light Breeds be granted to approved holders of five Certificates, these to be three for one section and two for the other.

NOTE:—(1) Judges under (a) and (b) to have completed the examinations as at present in force and names to be submitted to the Judges' Association by Show-holding Clubs.

(2) Certificates held must be in separate breeds.

(C) Judges other than (a) and (b) above to receive sectional certificates without examination if (i) they have judged two or more breeds at at least five Club Shows held at any of the following centres: Pretoria, Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, East London, Port Elizabeth, Capetown, Bloemfontein, Kimberley or at other approved Shows. (ii) They are recommended by the Club of which they are a member, and if possible approved by specialist Clubs concerned.

(D) These Certificates will only be granted when the application is approved by any Annual General Meeting of the Judges' Association and upon the payment of a fee of 10s. 6d. for each sectional certificate or £1 1s. for an All-round Certificate.

(E) That the necessary amendments to the Rules and Regulations be effected.

The meeting further decided that Clubs should forward to the Association the names and addresses of such persons for approval by the next Judges' Association Annual General Meeting.

(2) *Government Egg Laying Tests: Storage of Crates:* (a) The question of the storage of crates at Government Egg Laying Tests was considered, and the Secretary informed the meeting that to date he had received no reply from the Government to his letter submitted on the 28th June last. The meeting decided to leave the matter over until a later date.

(3) *Judging of Old English Game Bantams:* The meeting unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Judges' Association Committee that Official Judges of Old English Game be granted Judges' Certificates for Old English Game Bantams upon the payment of a fee of 5s. for the extra Certificate, after approval of the Annual General Meeting.

(4) *The Marketing Act:* The question of a Poultry Products Control Board was further discussed, and the completion of the drafting of a scheme left to the President for later consideration.

The meeting unanimously agreed that:

(1) In view of the importance of the Poultry Industry in S.A., the Government be urged to give this industry representation on the Marketing Producers' Committee, and that the matter also be strongly brought to the notice of the Transvaal Agricultural Union.

(2) Mr. G. Hibbert was recommended as the Representative of the Poultry Industry.

(3) *Railway Facilities for Championship Show:* In terms of the resolution passed at the previous meeting of the Central Board relative to the application to the Railway Administration for excursion rates for all visitors to the S.A.P.A. Championship Show.

The Secretary tabled the reply that the Administration could not agree to the concession being granted, nor could the commencing date of the winter excursion be fixed as from the 1st of June each year. The reasons given were carefully debated, and the meeting agreed

that wherever possible the dates for the Championship Show should be fixed to fall in with the winter excursions.

(6) *Government Schools of Agriculture*: The Secretary informed the meeting that the Breeders' Register Committee was still in communication with the Government on the question of the sale of stock from Government Schools, and the meeting decided to leave the matter over until a later date.

(7) *National Mark*: At this stage in the deliberations, upon invitation, Mr. C. H. Spenser (Officer-in-Charge, Bureau of Domestic Markets) and Mr. A. Owen-John (Senior Inspector) both of the Division of Economics and Markets, attended the meeting and explained the progress and working of the National Mark Scheme, and answered many questions on the subject.

The meeting later recommended to the Local Marketing Committee that the question of compulsory grading in Johannesburg be seriously considered.

(8) *Pigeon Judging*: The meeting agreed that in view of the many difficulties experienced by Clubs in obtaining the services of Pigeon Judges, the Flying Clubs of the Union be asked to submit to the Association the names of such of their members whom they can recommend as being suitable to obtain Judges' Certificates for Flying Borders, and that Poultry Clubs be asked to submit names relative to fancy pigeons.

Minute No. 69/1937—Finance.

The Secretary-Treasurer tabled the Financial Statements for May, June, July, August and September. These were certified and approved.

Minute No. 70/1937—Estimates for 1937.

The revised estimates of Revenue and Expenditure for 1937 were very carefully considered and discussed, and the meeting unanimously agreed that:

(a) The Board record its thanks to Mr. O'Grady for the sacrifice of time and energy in the preparation of the estimates.

(c) The Railway Administration be approached in an endeavour to obtain the agricultural implement rate to apply to the conveyance of Show Pens.

Minute No. 71/1937—S.A.P.A. Poultry Bulletin.

The publication and distribution of "The S.A.P.A. Poultry Bulletin" was extensively discussed, and the importance of co-operation by affiliations was stressed.

Minute No. 72/1937—Government Replies to Conference Resolutions.

The meeting discussed the Government replies to Conference Resolutions, and after making various comments thereon confirmed the Secretary's reply.

Minute No. 73/1937—S.A.P.A. Marketing Agency

After several hours' debate, with particularly exhaustive and detailed enquiries by the Free State Delegates, the meeting unanimously agreed to the establishment of a S.A.P.A. Market Agency in Johannesburg outside, but controlled by, the S.A. Poultry Association. The following members were nominated to the Committee, and given the sanction of the Board to proceed with the establishment thereof: The President, Mr. Lucas and Mr. O'Grady.

Minute No. 74/1937—The Mealie Position.

The present mealie position was discussed, and the members unanimously expressed their dissatisfaction in the difficulties experienced in securing supplies under the quota system. It was finally resolved to submit the following resolutions to the Government:

1. "That the S.A. Poultry Association strongly press for an alteration of the Co-operative Act to permit of Agricultural Co-operative Societies acting as the link between producer and consumer."

2. "That in the Quota Act, Poultry Farmers with at least 100 head of poultry be regarded as bona fide farmers irrespective of their occupations."

At the close of the discussion the meeting extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Callender-Easby and Mr. Southworth for their representations on behalf of the Association at the Mealie Conference held in Bloemfontein on the 4th August, 1937.

Minute No. 75/1937—General.

Algoa Poultry Exchange: The Secretary tabled an application from the Algoa Poultry Exchange of Port Elizabeth for affiliation to the Association, and this was accepted by the Board with pleasure.

The meeting terminated at 12.30 p.m. on the 16th October, 1937.

MARCUS S. LETTY,

Secretary.

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Vergadering van die Sentraleraad.

Notule van die Vergadering van die Sentraleraad van die Suid-Afrikaanse Pluimveevereniging, gehou in die Kantoer van die Sekretaris, 403-4, Mainlin Gebou, Harrison en Marshall Straats, Johannesburg, op Vrydag en Saterdag, 15 en 16 Oktober, 1937, om 10 uur v.m.

TREKWOORDIG: Mnr. G. Hibbert (Voorsitter), W. Calender-Earby (Bloemfontein), E. Southweth (Bloemfontein), L. F. Forsyth (Pietermaritzburg), H. T. Slatter (Durban), A. J. Lucas (Johannesburg), A. E. Vickery (Johannesburg), A. A. Colville (Kaapstad), en M. S. Letty (Sekretaris/Penzingswester).

VERSKONING: Die Sekretaris het 'n verskoning vir afwesigheid van Mnr. Colin Campbell ingedien en dit was aangeneem.

UITNODIGING: Op 'n uitnodiging van die Raad het Mnr. F. E. O'Grady, bygaande lid van die Finansiële-Komitee en Bemerkings-komitee, die besprekings bygewoon.

NOTULE: (1) Die notule van die vergadering van die Sentraleraad gehou op Bloemfontein op 9 Junie, 1937, was as gelees geneem, bekragtig en onderteken.

(2) Die notule van verskillende onder-komitee vergaderings, gehou na die vorige vergadering van die Raad was as gelees geneem, bekragtig en onderteken.

VOORTVLOEEND UIT DIE NOTULE.

(1) **Algemene Beoordelaars Sertifikate:** Met klein veranderinge het die vergadering die voorstelle van die Beoordelaars Vereniging Komitee, aangaande die uitreiking van Algemene Beoordelaars Sertifikate, aangehoor, en die volgende was tot die jaarlikse Algemene Beoordelaarsvereniging Vergadering, vir hulle goedkeuring, verwys.

(A) **Algemene Seksionele Sertifikate** word toegeken:

1. Swaartasse aan goedgekeurde besitters van 3 sertifikate vir enige soorte in 3 swaartasse. Indiese Veghoenders uitgesluit.
2. Ligte rasse aan goedgekeurde besitters van 3 sertifikate vir enige soort in 3 ligte rasse.
3. Alle veghoenders, en Vegbantams, uitgesluit Indiese, aan goedgekeurde besitters van 'n sertifikaat verkry deur 'n spesiale eksamen vir alle Veghoenders.
4. Bantams, ander as Veghoenders, aan goedgekeurde besitters van 'n Sertifikaat verkry deur 'n spesiale eksamen vir alle Veghoenders.
5. Suemvoëls aan goedgekeurde besitters van Sertifikate vir een Swaartasse eend, een Ligterase Eend en een Gans.
6. Allerlei (Kalkoene, Tafelpluimvee en Eiers) aan goedgekeurde besitters van een Sertifikaat vir Kalkoene en een vir Tafelpluimvee en Eiers.

(B) Dat 'n algemene Sertifikaat vir beide Swaartassen Ligte-rasse toegeken word aan goedgekeurde besitters van 5 Sertifikate, wat 3 in een afdeling en twee in die ander afdeling insluit.

NOTA: (1) Beoordelaars volgens (A) en (B) moet die eksamens, soos op die oomblik in werking, afgelees het, en name moet deur Tentoonstellinghoofderde klubs ingestuur word.

(2) Sertifikate moet in afsonderlike rase wees.

(C) Beoordelaars, ander as (A) en (B) hierbo, om sonder eksamen Seksionele Sertifikate te ontvang, as (i) hulle 2 of meer rase op, ten minste, 5 klub tentoonstellings, gehou op die volgende plekke, beoordeel het: Pretoria, Johannesburg, Pietermaritzburg, Durban, Oos-Londen, Port Elizabeth, Kaapstad, Bloemfontein, Kimberley, of op enige ander goedgekeurde tentoonstelling. (ii) Hulle, deur die Klub waarvan hulle 'n lid is, voorgestel word, en waar moontlik deur die betrokke Spesialisasie Klub goedgekeur word.

(D) Hierdie Sertifikate sal slegs uitgereik word wanneer die aansoek die goedkeuring van enige Jaarlikse Algemene Vergadering van die Beoordelaars Vereniging wegdra, en op ontvangs van 'n foel van 10s. 6d. vir elke Seksionele Sertifikaat of £1 1s. vir 'n Algemene Sertifikaat.

(E) Dat die nodige veranderinge van die Reëls en Regulasies aangebring word.

Die vergadering het verder besluit dat klubs aan die Vereniging die name en adresse van sulke persone instuur, vir die goedkeuring van die volgende Jaarlikse Algemene Beoordelaars Vereniging Vergadering.

(2) **Goewernment Eierbedryfde Stoor van Kratte:** Die vraag van die stoor van kratte by die wedstryde was bespreek, en die Sekretaris het die vergadering verwittig dat tot datum by geen antwoord van die Goewernment op sy brief van 28 Junie, 11, ontvang het nie. Die vergadering het besluit om die saak tot 'n later datum oor te laat.

(3) **Beoordeling van Ou Engelse Veg Bantams:** Die vergadering het eenspurig die voorstel van die Beoordelaars-komitee aangehoor dat aan Offisiële Beoordelaars van Ou Engelse Veghoenders 'n Sertifikaat, op betaling van 'n foel van 5s., vir Ou Engelse Veg Bantams toegeken word, na goedkeuring deur 'n Jaarlikse Algemene Vergadering.

(4) **Die Bemerkings Wet:** Die kwesie van 'n Pluimvee-produkte Beheerraad was verder bespreek en die voltooiing van 'n sketsa aan die President oorgelees.

Die vergadering het eenspurig besluit dat:

(1) Weens die belangrikheid van die Pluimvee-bedryf in Suid Afrika, die Goewernment ernstig versoek word om hierdie bedryf verteenwoordiging te gee op die Bemerkings-produksie Komitee, en dat die saak tot die ernstig aandag van die Transvaalse Landbou Unie gebring word.

(2) Mnr. G. Hibbert voorgestel word as die verteenwoordiger van die pluimveebedryf.

(3) **Spoorwegtariewe vir Kampioenskap Tentoonstelling:** Volgens die besluit aangeneem om die vorige vergadering van die Sentraleraad, met betrekking tot die versoek aan die Spoorweg Administrasie aangaande ekskursie tariewe vir alle besoekers aan die S.A.P.V. Kampioenskap Tentoonstelling, het die Sekretaris die antwoord ingedien dat die Administrasie nie aan die goedkeuring van die versoek kon voldoen nie, en ook

die aanvangs datum van die winter ekskursie nie kon vaststel soos vanaf 1 Junie elke jaar nie. Die gegewe redes was noukeurig bespreek en die vergadering het besluit dat, waar moontlik, die datum vir die Kampioenskap tentoonstelling vasgestel sal word binne die perke van die winter ekskursie.

(6) *Goewerment Landboukolle*: Die Sekretaris het die vergadering verwittig dat die Telegister Komitee nog in verbinding met die Goewerment was in verband met die verkoop van toelhoeders van Goewerment Skole, en die vergadering het besluit om die saak tot 'n later datum oot te laat.

(7) *Nasionale Merk*: Op hierdie stadium in die bespreking het Mnr. C. H. Spamer (Hoofbeampte van die Buro van Binnelandse Merke) en Mr. A. Owen-John (Senior Inspektur) beide van die Afdeling Ekonomie en Merke, op uitnodiging die vergadering bygewoon, en die voorsitting en werking van die Nasionale Merk Skema verduidelik, en het ook verskillende vrae beantwoord. Die vergadering het later aan die Plaaslike Bemerkingskomitee voorgestel dat die kwessie van die toepassing van gedwonge gradering in Johannesburg ernstig oorsig word.

(8) *Beoordeling van Duiwe*: Die vergadering het besluit dat wens die moelikhed in verband met die verkry van die dienste van beoordelaars van duiwe, dat die Posduwe Klubs van die Unie gevra word om name van lede, wat volgens hulle mening, geskik is om Sertifikate vir Posduwe te verwerf, in te stuur, en dat Pluimveeklubs gevra word om name in verband met siet-duiwe in te dien.

Notule No. 69/1937—Finansies.

Die Sekretaris/Penningsmeester het die Finansiële State vir Mei, Junie, Julie, Augustus en September ingedien. Hulle was aangeneem en goedgekeur.

Notule No. 70/1937—Beramings vir 1937.

Die beraming van die Inkomste en Uitgawe vir 1937 was hersien en noukeurig bespreek, en die vergadering het eenparig besluit dat:

(a) 'n Mosie van dank aan Mnr. O'Grady ingestel word, vir sy opoffering van tyd en moeite in die voorbereiding van die beramings.

(b) Die Spoorweg Administrasie genader word in 'n poging om die Landbougroenheid tarief vir die vervoer van tentoonstelling hoëke te verkry.

Notule No. 71/1937—S.A.P.V. Pluimvee Bulletin.

Die publikasie en distribusie van "Die S.A.P.V. Pluimvee Bulletin" was volledig bespreek en die belangrikheid van samewerking deur affiliseerde liggare was beklemtoon.

Notule No. 72/1937—Goewerment Antwoorde op Konferensie Besluite.

Die vergadering het die antwoorde van die Goewerment op die Konferensie Besluite bespreek en na verskeie aanmerkings was die antwoord van die Sekretaris bekragtig.

Notule No. 73/1937—S.A.P.V. Mark Agentskap.

Na etlike ure van bespreking met besonder noukeurige en omstandige vra deur die Vrystaatsse Verteenwoordigers, het die vergadering eenparig toegestem tot die stigting van 'n S.A.P.V. Mark Agentskap in Johannesburg, hoëke, maar onder die beheer van, die S.A.

Pluimveevereniging. Die volgende lede was tot 'n komitee aangestel, en die goedkeuring van die Raad vir die opsigting daarvan ontvang: Die President, Mnr. Lucas en O'Grady.

Notule No. 74/1937—Mielie Posisie.

Die teenwoordige mielieposisie was bespreek en die lede het eenparig hul ontevreedenheid uitgespreek oor die moelikhed om voorrade onder die kwota sistiem te verkry. Dit was uiteindelik besluit om die volgende voorstelle aan die Goewerment voor te lê.

(1) "Dat die S.A.P.V. 'n ernstige versoek doen om 'n verandering aan die Ko-operatiewe Wet aan te bring, sodat Ko-operatiewe Landbougenootskappe toegelaat mag word om te dien as die skakel tussen produsent en verbruiker."

(2) "Dat onder die Kwota Wet, pluimveeboere, met tenminste 100 pluimvee as *Bona Fide* Boere beskou son word wat hulle bedrywighede ook al mag wees."

Met die afsluiting van die bespreking het die vergadering sy dank aan Mnr. Callender-Easby en Mnr. Southworth oorgedra vir hulle verteenwoordigings ten hefte van die pluimveebedryf op die Mielie Konferensie, gehou op Bloemfontein op 4 Augustus, 1937.

Notule No. 75/1937—Algemeen

"*Algoa Poultry Exchange*": Die Sekretaris het 'n applikasie vir lidmaatskap aan die Vereniging van die "Algoa Poultry Exchange" van Port Elizabeth ingedien, en dit was deur die Raad met goedkeuring aangeneem.

Die vergadering het om 12.30 n.m. op 16 Oktober verdrag.

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Culling applies principally to the general farmer and commercial egg producer, but is naturally also practised by the specialist breeder. The purpose of Culling is the elimination of the non-profitable egg producers, and concerns the bottom 20 to 30 per cent. of the layers.

Progress really lies in the use of males of known pedigree, and here the stock, supplied through the Breeders' Register Organisation, is the farmer's safest purchase.

BASIS OF CULLING.

Males are culled on their failure in physique and activity, after the assurance of correct breeding, while females are culled on their period of development, and lack of persistency in late summer and early winter, as indicated by paragraphs 2, 3, 4 and 5, following:

- (1) Early or late maturity.
- (2) Pigmentation Changes.
- (3) Body Changes.
- (4) Molt.
- (5) Temperament.

(1) EARLY OR LATE MATURITY.

The pullet which comes on to lay at four months of age in light breeds lays a small egg and generally drops into a moult when eggs are most needed. Her elimination from the flock as soon as she stops laying her first batch of eggs is an advantage. On the other hand, the bird which develops slowly and does not lay any eggs before nine months of age, in light breeds, is unprofitable. In addition to the higher cost of carrying to this age, she misses the higher prices for winter eggs and her egg record is low.

(2) PIGMENTATION CHANGES.

In Leghorns and the so-called American breeds, i.e., Rhode Island Reds, Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, etc., yellow, in the form of fat, is found in varying amounts throughout the bird, and is most noticeable in the legs, carotides and beak. This yellow is due to the pigment Xanthophyll, obtained from certain foods, principally yellow mealies and green lucerne.

During egg-laying this yellow pigment is deflected to the ovaries, causing the bleaching of the parts of the body, leaving the naturally yellow sections white or pinkish-white in colour, and immediately egg production ceases the pigment returns.

The fading of the pigment takes a definite order: first from the vent, then the eye-ring, each after a very few eggs have been laid; next follows the ear-lobe after

about 2½ weeks' laying, then the beak after about 1½ to 2 months, and lastly the shanks after about five or six months' production.

It must be remembered that the fading is due to regular laying, and not necessarily due to heavy production.

The pigmentation test in culling can be applied as a means of ascertaining how long the bird has been in production, but the fact must not be lost sight of that the ration used has a marked influence on the intensity of the pigment. Lesser factors are the amount of fat stored up before production commenced, the rapidity of the blood circulation, and the size of the bird concerned.

(3) BODY CHANGES DUE TO LAYING.

LAYING HENS.	NON-LAYING HENS OR POOR PRODUCERS.
	<i>Comb.</i>
Large, full, plump, smooth and waxy.	Limp, dry small, hard and covered with white scales.
	<i>Beak.</i>
White or well bleached.	All or partly yellow. Yellow at base and extending towards the tip.
	<i>Eye-ring and Ear-lobe.</i>
White or well bleached.	Yellow or tinted.
	<i>Feet.</i>
White (well bleached), large, soft, moist, oval (upper part overhanging).	Yellow or tinted, small, hard, dry, round, puckered and contracted.
	<i>Moult.</i>
Sheds feathers rapidly and late.	Sheds feathers early (before January) and slowly.
	<i>Pelvic Bones.</i>
Thin, pliable and relatively far apart.	Thick, blunt, and relatively close together.
	<i>Abdomen.</i>
Loose, pliable soft, full and deep.	Tight, hard, tucked up, no depth.

(4) MOULT.

With correct treatment the later a hen moults the better the hen, and the saying, so often heard, that the hens are not laying because they are moulting is wrong, and should rather be correctly stated that the hens are moulting because they are not laying.

There are three main kinds of moulters, and the culler should make the utmost use of this factor.

The early moult stops laying in November or December, thus only having a short laying period, generally she lacks vitality, laying capacity and inherited production, and should be culled.

The medium moult starts laying about January, and the question of culling her depends upon market conditions, the average production of the flock and the other factors for culling which must be given careful consideration.

The late moult, i.e., February, March, or April, is the best bird; she molts rapidly and heavily, grows feathers quickly, and is soon again in production.

The manner in which birds moult must always be noted, as the rapid shedding of feathers is correlated with a short molting period.

(5) TEMPERAMENT.

It will generally be found that the best layers are tame, talkative and not in any way wild or flighty. They do not squawk and flutter when handled. They have a decidedly bright and intelligent appearance.

WHEN TO CULL.

Now is the time to commence your culling operations, but first be sure that your feeding and management have not been at fault, otherwise good birds may be unnecessarily eliminated.

If you are not satisfied on this score, first feed and treat the birds correctly for about six to seven weeks, then discard all underweight birds and the physically defective, those that are overfat and all diseased specimens, then balance up the following characters according to the season, feeding, etc., Pigmentation, Mouth, Head, Body-type, and Abdomen.

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QUOTA FREE MEALIES.

The Association has obtained a ruling from the Department of Agriculture and Forestry that stock feeders are permitted to have Quota Free Mealies delivered direct to millers from producers without contravening the Mealie Quota Act.

For the benefit of our members we have obtained from the Government and append hereto, a list of Mealie Producers quoting f.o.r. prices for sizes (Yellow Mealies).

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- H. J. de Vos, Welgevonden, P.O. Wonderkop, at 8/6 per bag.
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- H. C. Eksteen, Pietersgilt, P.O. Eensgevonden, at 8/6 per bag.

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Doodgaan van Plaaspluimvee

—(Vervolg van Oktober Uitgawe).

Coccidiose is nie alleen onder voëls gevind nie, maar wel onder ander diere en omdat dit 'n taamlike algemene siekte is, is daar 'n groot verlies van hoenders elke jaar deur hierdie siekte.

As 'n voorbehoedmiddel teen 'n uitbreek van hierdie siekte moet alle kuikens toerusting besonder skoon gehou word.

'n Simptoom van Coccidioses is dat kuikens slaperig wordstaan met hangende vlerke en uitgerekte nekke, maar word weer helesmaal wakker as hulle opgeja word. Op lykopening, vind 'n mens dat die dun derm ontstok is en dat dit 'n bloederige inflammasie vertoon, en die blindderm is baie vergroot en dotaker-rooi van kleur. Ander organe is gewoonlik normaal. As 'n Inlysmiddel, in geval van 'n uitbreek, gee die kuikens engelse sout as 'n pynsake in die hoeveelhede van 1 lb., engelse sout in die sagtekas van 400 kuikens van 4 tot 6 weke oud, en in groot hoenders, 1 lb. vir elke 150 voëls.

Om hierdie siekte te bestry moet streng maatreëls toegepas word. Eers moet gesorg word dat die krikekruise en kamps daeliks skoon gemaak word en alle uitwerpsels moet verbrand word, en vir minstens twee jaar moet kuikens nie op besmette grond grootgemaak word nie.

Roep wat sy ontstaan het is 'n gewone verkoue kan vermy word deur die versekering dat hoenders nie in trekke slaap nie en ook dat hulle nie in huise gesit word wat sleg geventileer is nie. Roep is baie aansteeklik en besmette voëls moet onmiddellik van die gesonde hoenders weggehoer word. Vir die bestryding van Roep kry van 'n apteek die volgende:—

1 oz. Kalium permangenaat; 1 oz. Kopersulfaat; 1 oz. Ystersulfaat; 1 oz. Aluin.

Los dit dan goed op in een wyabottel water en was die oë en neusgate daarmee uit.

Kuikenspokkie is 'n baie algemene siekte onder hoenders en Kalkoene, en die oorsaak is, onder andere, dieselfde as die van die Roep. Die simptome is gewoonlik goedbekend deur die vratjies op die kam, helle en greig van hoenders. Hierdie siekte is doeltreffend bestry deur 'n entstof uitgereik deur die Departement van Veeartsenydiens.

Basilliese Wit Diarree is 'n siekte wat byna deur die hele Unie versprei is, en as gevolg daarvan, is die sterftesyfer aan hierdie siekte baie hoog. Alle pogings is deur die Departement van Veeartsenydiens aangewend om hierdie siekte te bestry, en met samewerking van die Suid-Afrikaanse Pluimveevereniging, het die Departement 'n skema vir die toets van troppe in werking gestel, en as stoet-telers daarvan gebruik maak behoort dit op langsaan baie te help tot die vermindering van doodgevalle onder plaaspluimvee.

Teveel hoenders gaan jaarliks op ons plaas dood, en die posisie kan tot groot mate verbeter word. Oorheen moet word dat elke een wat doodgaan beteken 'n geldelike verlies.

Die eerste stap wat moet geneem word as daar siekte of sterf-gevalle onder die pluimvee gebeur, is om sikk hoenders te verwyder deur hulle in aparte hokke te plaas of te vernietig, die besmette plek so skoon as

moontlik te maak en dan as daar enige onsekerheid ontrent die siekte bestaan om al die hoenders met engelse sout te behandel en een of twee sikk hoenders, sowel as 'n brief, wat al die simptome beskryf, dadelik aan die Direkteur van Veeartsenydiens, Onderstepoort, dist. Pretoria, te stuur. Sulke hoenders kan op Goewerment onkooste gestuur word en 'n antwoord sal aan die rietaar gestuur word wat hom alle besonderhede sal mededeel aangaande die siekte en hoe om dit te bestry. Daar is ook 'n getal Goewerment pamflette handelend oor al die vernameste pluimveesiektes en hulle is van die Departement van Landbou, Pretoria, verkrybaar.

Verandering van Kantoor.

Sal Bewekers van die Vereniging aanbid in kennis neem dat die Hooftkantoor van die S.A. Pluimveevereniging is nou 401-4, Maala House, Hoek Harrison en Marshall Streets, Johannesburg.

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Propaganda Tour in Eastern Province.

It is noted with extreme interest that the East London and Border Co-operative Poultry Products, Ltd., has decided upon another tour of a portion of their area.

Mr. R. Dickinson, one of the oldest members of the directorate, together with Mr. Lombard, the Government Poultry Officer, will visit the undermentioned centres on the dates given.

1937.

November 16th & 17th: Scattersheim and Isidanga districts.

17th & 18th: Toise River, Henderson and Cathcart.

19th: Wako and Tylden.

20th: Queenstown and district.

22nd & 23rd: Lehmannsdorf and Waverley.

23rd & 24th: Tarkastad and district.

The visitors are desirous of meeting all poultrymen interested in marketing, and it is hoped that all in the vicinity of the meetings will make every effort to be present.

What the S.A.P.A. is doing.

This article is to give members a resume of the activities of the Association in the immediate past.

1. **The Mealie position in relation to stock feeders:** The Association was responsible for the inclusion of poultry farmers as stock feeders under the Quota Act. It has been instrumental in bringing to the notice of the Government, the Control Board and the Agricultural Unions, that poultry constitute the biggest individual consumers of Mealies. It has gained the sympathy and co-operation of the Mealie Farmers in the Agricultural Unions in endeavouring to secure better conditions for the purchase of mealies by poultrymen. Its latest activities are covered by an article on the subject and its views emphasised in a letter to the Secretary for Agriculture, a summary of which is published in this issue.

2. **The S.A.P.A. Bulletin** is an attempt to give every member of the Association regular information of what is being done on his or her behalf. It is hoped thereby to secure greater co-operation, greater activity and increased membership of affiliated bodies by this service.

Will critics please remember that although this publication is small its growth will depend upon support from poultrymen, also that the funds of the Association only permit of a limited outlay and revenue must come from advertisements. It is, therefore, anticipated that poultrymen will not only make use of the Bulletin as an advertising medium, but lend their support to advertisers.

3. **Control Board under the Marketing Act:** The Association is busy drafting a scheme for the Control of Poultry Products for submission to the Marketing Council, and as soon as any finality is reached, poultrymen will be informed through the medium of the Bulletin. A series of articles on this subject will be given in subsequent issues.

4. **Marketing Agency in Johannesburg:** The unsatisfactory system of marketing of poultry products on the Reef has been a matter for concern for some time. The members of the Local Marketing Committee of the Association are endeavouring to find ways and means of solving the difficulty, and meetings of Transvaal Egg Producers have been held, and as no support for a co-operative organisation was forthcoming, the possibility of forming a Market Agency in Johannesburg as a branch of the S.A. Poultry Association was approved, and is being carefully investigated.

5. **The National Mark Scheme:** The National Mark Scheme is getting into its stride and there is a growing demand by the public for National Mark products.

Before eggs were introduced into the Scheme, several meetings of representatives of the Association, the traders and the Government took place, and great controversy on many points eventuated. It is pleasing to report that practically all the Association's amendments and recommendations were eventually incorporated into the Scheme as gazetted. When experience of the scheme in its application to the Johannesburg area justifies, it is intended to extend its activities to other large centres of the Union.

Table poultry has now also been included in the Scheme. For large Government and Transvaal Provincial Contracts, the suggestion of the S.A.P.A., that grades for Poultry Products be based on National Mark standards, if adopted, should result in better prices to producers.

6. **Egg Laying Tests:** The Rules and Regulations of the Egg Laying Tests are constantly before the Association, so that additions or amendments which suggest a possible improvement in the conduct of the Tests may be submitted to the Government. A local representative of the S.A. Poultry Association visits all tests and reports to the Association as to the conduct of the Test, health of birds, and other matters of interest to entrants.

7. **S.A.P.A. Judges' Association:** In spite of a special appeal to Clubs to interest their members in Judges' Certificates, it is regrettable to have to report that there is no increase in the number of candidates this year. In view of the shortage of judges, this is a matter Show-holding and Specialist Clubs should tackle seriously.

8. **S.A.P.A. Breeders' Register:** The Breeders' Register continues to make steady progress, and since the beginning of the year, 7 new members have been accepted and 2 breeders have re-joined, having resigned previously.

This organisation is of inestimable value to poultrymen, as it assures buyers of stock a guarantee of quality.

Marketing of Eggs on the Rand.

The Central Board of the S.A.P.A. has approved the formation of a S.A.P.A. Agency in Johannesburg for the marketing of eggs and poultry. This Agency is being formed with the co-operation of the principal wholesale firms handling these products in Johannesburg. Control of the Agency will be vested in the Association through three nominees on the Management Committee, while two nominees of the trade will act on that body in a technical advisory capacity. The aim of the Agency will be to secure a reasonable and fair return to producers, commensurate with quality, and it will not be working primarily for profits, so that handling charges, likewise selling costs, will be kept to a minimum. Any profits which may accrue will be utilised by the S.A.P.A. for the benefit of the industry. Fuller details will be published on the completion of all necessary legal steps.

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