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George D. Quigley
College Park, Maryland,
Dear George;

I have held off answering your nice letter until I got my new portable Smith-Corona typewriter which I am now using for the first time. My old Smith-Corona was getting balky and some of the letters were dropping down out of place.

It was sure nice to hear from you and to get a copy of my 1948 circular. Those were the good old days when New Hamps were going strong. We made some money in those years and laid up a little nest egg which is coming handy now in the battle of inflation.

And speaking of New Hamps, did you ever know of a variety that came up as fast as they did and then go down twice as fast?

I had a closed flock for 20 years and produced several 300 egg hens. And my hatchability was very good, one year it was well over 83 per cent for every egg set for the year. And my C.O. T. entry at Easton, Md. hatched one of the best.

Boy, it was hard to part with them after working with them that long. I had wonderful feathering and growth but did not do too well in that C. O. T. competition.

Poultry in Mich. is at a pretty low ebb now as you likely know. One producer told me that his cost was 35 cents per dozen and he was getting about 25 cents whole sale. He was retailing about half of his eggs retail.

I am not sure whether there are more producers in Mich. than in the poultry department but I think it is about even.

Ten years or more ago I wrote to Eben Wood to the effect that the BACK YARD flock was gone and the FARM FLOCK was heading the same way and he used it in his column in the POULTRYMAN.

It was certainly nice to hear from you George and I hope to see you some time if you get to East Lansing.

We have spent most of the last 3 winters in Florida but go and come either by Ohio or Indiana and do not get near Washington.

Yours