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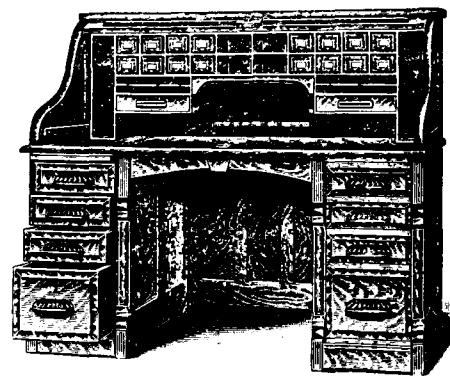
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Sheldon Dingle
P.O. Box 340
Norco, CA 91760

From The Editor's Desk

by Sheldon Dingle



Sir,

I would first like to mention how very much I enjoy the Watchbird. Everyone should have the pleasure of seeing such dedication in their field of interest as we in aviculture do, with A.F.A.

In the Jan 82 issue I read with great interest Ms. McMullan's article on "going light."

Soon after reading the article I was visiting Mrs. Nancy Adams, owner of Adams' Olde World Pet Shoppe here in Lexington, Kentucky. Nancy asked me to take a look at a Meyers parrot in her stock.

What I observed was a Meyers parrot so weak and near death most would give up. He could barely sit a perch and was very, very thin. His feathers were fluffed and his eyes dull.

Ms. Adams related to me that he ate almost constantly while awake. She said that he had not responded to any medications.

Ms. Adams had purchased the Meyers in Dec 81. She had held him for 10 days to allow him to adjust before sale. He was fed a seed mixture of cockatiel and parrot mixes supplemented with some fruit and greens.

He was caged in standard parrot cage and displayed in a draft-free glass-fronted enclosure.

He had been sick for about 10 days or 2 weeks before I saw him.

I suggested that whole kernel corn and Wheat Chex cereal be added to his diet. I also went to a G.M.C. health food store and purchased a bottle of *Papaya Digestive Enzyme* tablets. These contain papain, prolase, (protein digesting enzyme); amylase (starch digesting enzyme); bromelain, lipase and cellulase. They are distributed by Nutrition Square, Pitts., Pa., 15222. This was given two tablets dissolved each morning in 8 ounces of water.

Ms. Adams fed the parrot frozen whole kernel corn and Nabisco shredded wheat cereal and the tablets for one week before I saw him again.

The Meyers was gaining weight and strength. He was bright eyed and very active after only 7 days.

I hope that this will add to your information collection.

The results are great and both Ms. Adams and I wish to thank Ms. McMullan for her contribution and the A.F.A. for your publication.

Sincerely,
Michael Downy

I have forwarded your letter to Ms. McMullan and I urge all of you who have any pertinent information to contact her at 931 Harvard Rd., San Mateo, Ca., 94402.

Ed.



Dear Sheldon,

Thank you for the way you did my article on "Going Light." I was delighted with it and received many comments from other folk. Next time you sneak into my kitchen with a camera, however, you should make your presence known so I can offer some seedless refreshments of some kind. It was very clever of you to pretend that was a cartoon but you can't fool me...you've been here!

I have a comment from a lady in Los Angeles who saved an adult male tourquesine (oops, sorry, I was already into that before I realized I don't know how to spell it) by using what she thought was a

Geisler product called "Digestive enzymes for parakeets." Unfortunately, Geisler says they don't have such a product so I'm still trying to track that down. She also said that she HAD observed a lot of undigested food in the droppings of her bird when it was 'going light.'

Also have a letter from a lady in Texas who saved a canary chick with the same syndrome by using "the enzyme Amylase." Unfortunately, she didn't tell me which amylase—so I'm trying to track that down also.

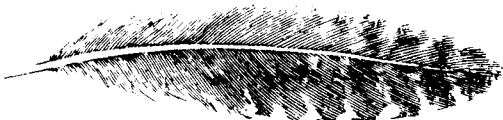
Compiling these stats may be tougher than I thought. People don't seem to be geared to give *complete* information.

Again, thanks for your help with my project.

Sincerely,
Pat McMullan San Mateo, CA

I am very pleased that you approve of the way we did up your article. Of course most of the credit goes to Jean Hessler, art director, and Amy Taylor, artist. And hang in there compiling your statistics. They may paint an important picture in the future.

Ed.



Dear Sir,

Can you help? Do you know anyone who has a mealy Amazon? I've had mine, Crazy Crow, for three years now. I'd like to know if mealy Amazons can talk. Crazy tries very hard, he opens his mouth wide but nothing more than a little noise comes out. He does say "hello" but through his beak so to speak, with his mouth closed.

In our store I give him all the love and attention a bird could want and I'll love him even if he never speaks but it would be something to look forward to. Also, I get tired of customers asking if he can talk.

Helen Garzi
Severna Park Mall, Maryland

Tell the customers that certainly he speaks — four classical languages; but he is only interested in archaeology and heroic poetry if they want to start a conversation. In all probability, however, he will never talk. Birds tend to learn quickest when they are very young. On the other hand, parrots are like kids and you're very fortunate, indeed, to have a quiet one. Why don't you just get him a pipe and a newspaper and teach him to grunt a little?

Ed.



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Boston Society for Aviculture, Inc.
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 Route 128, exit 49, Weston, MA
 Judges:

Finches & Softbills—Bill Parlee
 Parrots & Cockatiels—Dr. Al Decoteau
 Eng. & Amer. Budgies—Linda Rubin
 Border Canaries—John Magee
 Gloster Canaries—Pat Varian
 Type Canaries—John Bradbury
 Colorbred—Jan Stachurski
 Amer. & Variety Singers
 —Diana Lesieur
 Show manager:
 Tim Connor, (617) 834-8978
 795 Plain St., Marshfield, MA 02050

August 20, 21, 1982

Wisconsin Cage Bird Club

is holding its

5th Annual All Bird Show

at Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge
 De Pere, Wisconsin

For reservations call (414) 336-0611
 Judges:

Budgies—Len Addams, A.B.S.
 Exotics & Canaries—Neil Kentner
 Hookbills—Conrad Meinert
 Raffles & banquet on Saturday
 For information contact show sec.,
 Bruce Bartlein, (414) 722-8138
 1221 Deerfield Ave., Menasha, WI 54952

October 16, 1982

Central Ohio Bird Fanciers

present their

41st Annual Show

at Woodward Park Jr. Hi School
 5151 Karl Rd., Columbus, Ohio

Judges:

Colorbred—Bill Henderson
 Type—Robert Ross
 Exotics & Budgies—David Guinn
 Show sec., Peg Larson
 9767 Blacksnake Rd., Utica, OH 43080

September 25, 1982

Minnesota Cage Bird Association

presents its

6th Annual Exotic Cage Bird Show

to be held at the

Burnsville Shopping Mall
 Hwy. 35W and County Rd. 42
 Burnsville, MN

Judge, Ralph Bowman
 for information call show sec.
 Donna Boller, (612) 937-8110

November 26, 27, 28, 1982

Santa Clara Valley

Canary & Exotic Bird Club

will hold its

Annual Show

at the

Peterson Jr. High School Cafetorium
 Santa Clara, CA

Judging, Sat. 27th all day.
 (Budgie judging new this year)

For information contact:
 Ron Mercer
 3382 Olsen Dr., San Jose, CA 95117

Nov. 18 - 19 - 20
The 1982 National Cage Bird Show
 will hold

The 34th "Show of Shows"

at the Pittsburgh Hilton Inn
 Gateway Center, Pittsburgh, Pa.

The judges will be:

Borders—J.A. Bracegirdle,
 Chesire, England
 Types—Harold Sodemann,
 Paola, Kansas
 Glosters—Ted Collins, Acushnet, Ma.
 Singers—Daniel Feduk,
 Middle Village, N.Y.
 Lipochrome—Carl Welsch,
 Newark, Ohio
 Melanin—Case Quick, Quebec, Canada
 Foreign—Tom Ireland,
 Lake Worth, Fla.
 Lovebirds—Charles Anchor,
 Addison, Ill.
 Budgies—Anthony Gioia,
 Chalmette, La.
 Cockatiels—Bert McAuly, Tulsa, Ok.
 Margie McGee, publicity

October 23, 1982

Charlotte-Metrolina Cage Bird Show

Holiday Inn-Carowinds

Carowinds Blvd. and I-77

Fort Mill, SC 29715

Judges:

ACS, Harold Bowles—
 Cockatiels and Hookbills
 Bonnie Williams—
 Canaries, Finches, and Softbills
 ABS, Tony Mancini—Budgies
 For information contact:
 Charlotte-Metrolina Cage Bird Society
 10537 Steel Trace Court
 Charlotte, NC 28210
 Glen Gibson, pres., (704) 588-1616, eves.

November 6, 1982

Gulf Coast Bird Breeders Club

presents their

Annual Open Show

at the Holiday Inn

Riverfront-Holiday

2006 W. First St.

Ft. Myers, Florida

Jim Duke—Budgies

Juanita McClain—Exotics

B.W. Hardinghan—Amer. Singers

Louis Mazonra—Canaries

Contact Show Chairman

Richard Muench

P.O. Box 07006

Ft. Myers, FL 33907

October 23-24, 1982

Central Alabama Avicultural Society

will be hosting an

All Feather Fair

to be held in Montgomery, AL

For information contact:

Hubert B. Ward, Sec./Treas.
 Rt. 1, Box 452-W, Selma, AL 36701

September 19th 1982
6th Annual Bird Fair
 presented by
Missouri Cage Bird Association

at the

Kolping House

4035 Keokuk St. Louis

Contact

Carol Herbold

2841 Telegraph St. Louis, Mo. 63125

(314) 894-0477

November 5th, 6th 1982

Annual Open Show

presented by the

Missouri Cage Bird Association

at the

Harley Hotel of St. Louis

13440 Riverglen Drive

Earth City, MO

Show Secretary:

Rae Bouckaert

9515 Craigwood Terrace

St. Louis, MO 63126

Judges

Color bred — Bonnie Williams

Type — Paul Williams

American Singers — Adelaide Walo

Budgerigars — Gill Barboza

Hookbills and Wild birds —

Earl Courts

October 29, 30, 1982

Gold Coast Exotic Bird Club

presents its

Annual Open Show

on the beach at the Holiday Inn,

Oceanside, at A1A and Las Olas Blvd.

Ft. Lauderdale, Florida

Rm. reservations call (800) 238-8000

Judges:

Budgies—Walter Loepke

Color canaries—Tony Bucci

Type canaries—Dr. Ramon Zardan

Cockatiels—Nellie Herry

Exotics—C. Meinert

Everyone welcome!

For information contact show mgr.:

Craig Davis,

P.O. Box 15056, Plantation, FL 33318

October 2, 1982

Ohio Valley Cage Bird Club

will hold its

Annual Show

at the Harley Hotel, Cincinnati

Judges:

Mrs. Louise Loepke—Budgies

Marvin Boles—Canaries

Richard Ryan—Exotics

For information contact:

Mary C. Hempel

9173 Trelawney Ct.

Cincinnati, Ohio 45239

(513) 521-5014

June 25, 26, 27, 1982

San Gabriel Parakeet Association

hosts an open

All Color Show

entry - June 25

judging - June 26

awards - June 27

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3130 N. Tyler, El Monte, CA

call John Miles (213) 241-6746