Winner in Pig Club Gets Pure Bred Pig

Gold Medals and Other Prizes Will Be Awarded in Pig, Potato, Cooking and Other Clubs

To the winner in the Pig Club, un-der the auspices of the University Extension Serivce, operating through County Agent Seidell in this county. will be awarded a pure bred pig. Winners of first and second places will also be awarded gold medals.

Prizes are also offered by the extension service in the various other clubs organized in the county and the young people participating in this work have an opportunity to other prizes by exhibiting their pro-

ducts at the county fair. Enrollment cards for entry in the Boys' and Girls' Club work, the Pig Club, Potato Club, Gardening Club, Sewing Club and Cooking Club can be secured from the teacher of the district school, the county superintendent or county agent.

Information and rules concerning this work have been given out as be-

low by Mr. Seidell. Boys' and Girls' Club work is open to all boys and girls between the ages of ten and eighteen years.

To the winner of first place in the county Pig Club, the boy will be awarded a pure bred pig, besides a gold medal, to the first and second places. In case a boy desires to en-ter the Pig Club and has not the proper kind of pig, arrangements can be made to assist the boy in purchasing the same.

The winner of first and second places in the Potato Club will receive a gold and a silver medal respectively. The boys finishing under tenth place will be given a free trip including board and lodging to the Boys' Potato Congress, to be held in Alliance one year from this spring. Boys will be present from twenty western Nebraska countles.

In Gardening and Canning Clubs, a gold medal will be given to first and second places in the county besides numerous prizes that will be given at the county fair.

Enrollments in the above clubs closes positively May 1. All who en-roll after that date will have to wait until next year.

In the Cooking Club for girls, a gold medal will be given the winner of first place, and a silver medal given to the winner of second place in the county, besides other prizes at the county fair. Course I in the Cooking Club consists of twelve lessons, and after completing Course I, Course II is taken up, which consists of an additional twelve lessons.

In the Sewing Club, the winner of first prize will receive a gold medal, and second, a silver medal. Girls will display their work at the county fair, and will receive numerous other prizes. This club also consists of two courses, as in the Cooking Club. Girls may enroll in the Cooking and Sewing Clubs at any time.

Reached Unusual Age

Abraham C. ter Reaching Ripe Old Age of Ninety-three Years

Abraham C. Lester, father of Felix W. Lester and grandfather of Dr. Claude Lester, died April 15, 1916. at his home in Brownville, Nebr., at the age of 93 years, 1 month and 26 days. The funeral was held from the Christian church in Brownville, at 3 o'clock p. m., on Monday, April

Mr. Lester was a man of great vitality and, altho not always an absolute tetotaler, of temperate habits, which accounts for his longevity. His ripe old age may be better appreciated by saying that he lived during the life time of every president of the United States, except George Washington, being more than three years of age at the time of the death of John Adams and Thomas Jefferson, July 4, 1826.

Ban on Bad Eggs

The United States Department of Agriculture gives notice that shipments containing more than five per cent of bad eggs will be regarded as violating the food and drugs act and suggests that country shippers candle eggs intended for interstate commerce. Under the federal food and drugs act, eggs, in common with other articles of food, are adulterated if they consist wholly or in part of a filthy, decomposed or putrid substance.

In the opinion of the department, eggs are adulterated which contain yolks stuck to the shell, black spots, black rots, or mixed rots. Moldy eggs, addled eggs, or any other eggs which consist wholly or in part of a filthy, decomposed, or putrid substance come under the same classification.

Farm Motor Short Course

A four weeks' course designed to give training in the use, care, and selection of power machinery, including automobiles, will be offered at the University Farm, beginning June The course will inclde shop practice and a general study of gasoline and oil engines, steam tractors, and automobiles. Instruction is open to men eighteen years of age and older who have finished the eighth grade. Men of mature age who have not finished the eighth grade will be admitted by special permission. Owing to the nature of the work the number of registrations is limited.

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Less Than Hired Men's Wage

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Garden Workers' Conference

School garden supervisors from all over the state are in session the latter part of this week at the College of Agriculture at Lincoln receiving instruction in technical gardening and in the administration of the work. A large number of towns are hiring supervisors to look after this work in connection with the local schools. In a number of other communities, gardening clubs have been formed without reference to school credit.

Circular on Potato Diseases A circular concerning potato diseases and their treatment may be had without cost from the Department of Agricultural Botany, College of Agriculture, Lincoln. The dis-eases mentioned are dry rot, stem rot, wilt, and scab.

The Basis of Rates

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