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Turkey raisers turn out for N. U. grading school

4-H club picnics today

Affair begins at 3 when group meets at Ag hall

University 4-H club members play host today at their annual fall picnic at Pioneers park to Ag students and their friends, according to Edwin Rousek, president.

The picnic will begin at 3 o'clock with a group meeting in front of Ag hall before making the trek out to Pioneers. Max Brown and Ramona Wood are in general charge of the picnic.

Softball, group games, a picnic supper and singing are included in the day's program, according to the chairmen. Ticket deadline was Friday noon, but provisions have been made to accommodate some guests, it was indicated, as the 4-H club wants to make the picnic include as large a group of students as possible. Transportation will be furnished.

Symphony--

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country, among them the New York Symphony. In addition, he has appeared as soloist in several of the better known music centers.

Lentz has studied with such distinguished artists as Vladimir Bakaleinikoff of Hollywood fame; Georges Barrere of New York City; and Lenri Woempner of San Francisco. Besides being an artist on the flute, he teaches and plays practically every instrument, and has studied the brass and reeds with several well known artists in the east.

Open house--

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afternoon by Frank Cunkle, who will play the new Hammond electric organ, and by a string trio composed of Miss Margaret Porter, of Creston, Ia., violin; Miss Marian Percy, of Omaha, pianist; and Miss June Meek, of Lincoln, cello.

Corridors will be decorated with flowers and greenery. This plus the newly painted interior, will give the old building an entirely new and attractive appearance.

One of the most striking changes is the white enameled stairway, which has replaced the dark varnish stain. Most of the remodeling has been necessitated by moving the theory department from its former location in Morrill hall to the School of Music building.

The ground floor has been turned into large classrooms, a reading room and listening room, replacing the several small studios of the past. On the first floor are the office and several studios. The second floor is given over mostly to studios, while the third floor is divided into many practice rooms.

Twenty colleges are this year co-operating on a wide experiment to improve teacher education in the U. S.

200 growers take grading test Saturday

Statistician estimates record crop of 840,000 birds in state for '39

Attendance records of former years at the annual two day turkey grading school at the Nebraska college of agriculture were shattered as the crowd increased to around the 200 mark late Friday. The turkey dinner Friday night at the activities building was the climax of the school, with written examinations on grading Saturday completing the school.

Those who pass the examinations will be eligible for a grading license under federal-state standards. Instructions on grading and care of birds completed the program.

Practically every commercial turkey growing area in Nebraska was represented at the meeting. More than 200 growers packed the meats laboratory on the campus for the Friday sessions, with around a hundred taking the examinations Saturday. Included in the crowd were many women, indicating they have an interest not only in farm chicken flocks but also in turkeys.

Better turkey dinners.

The turkey which the average Nebraska housewife sets on her Thanksgiving table this year will be better in quality than ever before, H. G. F. Hamann, agricultural marketing specialist for the U. S. department of agriculture predicted following a demonstration of grading methods. The same holds true for housewives thru the nation, he added.

It appears now that more than 30 million pounds of turkeys will be marketed under federal grades thruout the nation this year—an all time record, Hamann pointed out. This represents an increase of around 5 million pounds over last year.

A. E. Anderson, state and federal statistician, estimated that

Big crowd attends 'Get Ag-quaunted' party out-of-doors

"The only thing hot was the fire" at the social council "Get Ag-quaunted" party Friday evening as about a hundred ag students gathered at the fireplace on the west side of the campus to picnic and sing together.

Xenia Lindberg with her accordion and Jim Birmingham with his guitar added a musical touch to the campfire program as ag boys and girls gathered to sing.

The party, which began with the picnic, ended at the activities building where students were led in novelty dances. About 240 attended the dance. Winifred White, Ray Crawford and Floyd Olson were the council members in charge of arrangements.

the 1939 turkey production in Nebraska will hit a new all time high mark of 840,000 birds compared to 600,000 produced in 1938—or an increase of about 40 percent. The average number produced for the five years of 1931-1935 was 409,000 birds.

Nebraska ideal for turkeys.

"We have ideal conditions here for raising turkeys," said Anderson. "It is only natural therefore

that in view of crop conditions and decreases in other types of livestock that there should be an increase in turkey production this year." That turkey production is "big business" in Nebraska was indicated by the fact that the 1928 crop was valued at \$1,267,000.

R. E. Willard, representing the Nebraska department of agriculture and inspection, observed, "We had a hard time finding a commercial grade of turkey—that's the

lowest—in the coolers here, to use in the demonstration. That certainly wasn't true at the grading schools here a few years ago."

Prof. F. E. Mussehl, head of the poultry department, presided at opening sessions. J. R. Redditt, extension poultryman, Prof. H. E. Alder and J. H. Claybaugh, assistant extension poultryman, took part in the demonstrations and programs during the two day school.



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