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Dairymen honor Palmyra man with state's best herd

Scores of high ranking Nebraska dairymen with "top flight" dairy herds were honored last night in the College Activities building at the annual banquet of the Nebraska Dairymen's Association at Organized Agriculture. Their records were viewed as outstanding—particularly in view of conditions during the past few years.

The highest award possible to be achieved by a Nebraska dairyman each year went to H. L. Severe of Palmyra in 1939, who had the highest producing herd of dairy cows on test in dairy herd improvement associations in Nebraska for the year. Runnerup honors went to F. E. Romig of Brunswick.

State Board stock honored.

Fine management and good dairy stock of the State Board of Control were rewarded also when the herds of that institution making up one improvement association won honors for being the top producing association in Nebraska last year.

Silver medals went to O. H. Liebers & Son of Lincoln and Alfred V. Gableman of Madison for having herds producing an average of 450 pounds of butterfat or more. The registered Guernseys of the Lincoln men averaged 455.8 pounds and dairymen regarded this as outstanding in view of the fact that more than 45 cows were on test.

Announced at the banquet were also the results of the Better Sires program—designed to improve the quality of sires in Nebraska dairy herds. The Cornhusker association won the top award while Gage county ranked sec-

4-H club demonstrates at final meeting

Milk quality was the central theme at the afternoon session of the Nebraska State Dairymen's association meeting. A high spot of the program was the milk quality demonstration by the York county 4-H team which won national honors recently at San Francisco.

Otto Pfeifer of Elkhorn presided over the round-table discussion of milk quality that followed. Dr. M. F. Arnholt of the Lincoln city health department outlined what a milk ordinance can do.

What the milk distributor expects in milk quality was discussed by Miss Alice von Bergen, manager of the Roberts Dairy in Lincoln.

Discussing quality from a producer-distributor standpoint, Roland Ramsey of Seward pointed out that the consumer is more interested in good flavor than in any other point.

Mrs. Mark Pierce, president of the Lincoln Council of Parent-Teacher associations, viewed milk quality from a consumer's standpoint.

Arnold Witt, of Scribner, discussed milk quality from a producer's point of view.

ond, Tri-County third and Lancaster county fourth.

Likewise, the Cornhusker association was the high ranking association in the Better Sires program in the Holstein division with the North Platte Valley second. The Cornhusker, too, won the Guernsey award with Gage second and Douglas-Sarpy third. In the Jersey division, the Lancaster county association was first and North Platte Valley second.

Ise speaks to homemakers

Birthrate is important change, says economist

The rapid change in the number of children in a family is perhaps the most important economic change in the American home, John Ise, professor of economics at the University of Kansas and author of several books on pioneer life, told the home economics group yesterday morning in the Student Activities building.

Families on the frontier had a dozen or so children, while today two children are "standard equipment," he pointed out.

Moral and social problem.

"Some regard this as a serious moral and social question, but just as an economist I should say that I think if there is anything such states as Kansas and Nebraska do not need, it is more children. With the steady increase in the use of power in farming, with the increase in size of the average farm, there is less and less need for farmers, and it is from the economist's point of view fortunate if there is not too great an over supply of young men and women born and reared on the farm," Professor Ise stated.

Mrs. Clara Butts, homemaker living at Burwell, told of her impressions in attending the international meeting of the Associated Country Women of the World held in London last June, as a state delegate and one of the five national delegates.

"Investigate before you invest and read before you sign," Mrs. Viola Erickson, manager of the Better Business Bureau of Lincoln, advised the women. She described the various frauds that take place because of failure to follow this policy.

Mrs. Edwin Owens, homemaker living near Cozad, emphasized that the farmer's task in world peace was the welfare of his family and his economic stability.

Miller champions horses at joint session

Horses found a "champion" in Prof. Ross Miller when he appeared on the Thursday afternoon joint session of the crop growers, farm equipment and livestockmen.

Reviewing experimental horse feeding, Miller told of tests at the college comparing sorghum fodder and good Nebraska wild hay as the main part of the ration for yearling colts and foals. Results show colts receiving sorghum fodder made a greater amount of growth than those receiving wild hay and made this growth much cheaper.

Production of home-grown proteins, other than alfalfa, was the theme of a talk given by D. L. Gross before the joint session.

'War won't help U. S. farmers'

K. State economist sees only temporary benefit from conflict

American farmers stand to gain but little in the long run from the European war, Dr. W. E. Grimes, chairman of the economics department of Kansas State college at Manhattan, told a general session of Organized Agriculture yesterday. Any benefits derived will be but temporary.

The Kansas educator's talk came as one of the highlights on the fourth day of the "winter meetings" at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture annual dairy banquet.

"In war, all lose."

"The present European situation may benefit American agriculture to some degree but the benefits probably will be temporary and ultimately the United States will pay a part of the terrific cost of the conflict," Dr. Grimes declared in his talk before the general session. "It will be paid in reduced markets, in depression and in the agonies of still further adjustments in the American economy. In war, all lose."

"If the war continues for more than a year, Europe may need increased supplies of American farm products," he continued. "It seems reasonable to assume that dairy products and other relatively concentrated foods will be among the first to be purchased."

"When the European difficulties finally are settled or when things are somewhat more peaceful over there, the problems of reconstruction and rehabilitation will be to face. Much of Europe will be impoverished and will not be a ready market for American products. The long-time outlook is not bright."

Farm groups hold irrigation meeting

Crop growers, and farm equipment and livestock interests, were together for a joint session yesterday morning in the College Activities building. There they discussed successful methods of getting bromegrass stands, soil fertility and took a look at some pitfalls in pump irrigation. Ivan D. Wood presided.

E. F. Frolik led a round-table discussion with Wes Fry of Beatrice, O. U. Cook and Merlyn Osborn regarding successful bromegrass practices in the PFL program in 1939.

Lionel Harris, superintendent of the Scottsbluff field experimental station, reported upon experiments conducted there, which have shown definitely the importance of farm manure in maintaining the yields of irrigated crops at profitable levels.

Three lead round-table.

R. O. Pierce of the ag college, James Kunz of Wood River and James Allen of Valley participated in a round-table discussion about pitfalls for the new irrigator. Both men have irrigated for many years.

Both Allen and Kunz were agreed that leveling of the land to be irrigated is necessary. In addition, both urged the making and use of topographic maps.

Prof. Wm. J. Loeffel presided over the crops-livestock-farm equipment meeting. R. R. Thalmann and L. W. Hurlbut were other speakers.

Various groups elect new officers in final sessions

Don H. Morton of Beatrice was elected president of the Nebraska Dairymen's association last night, succeeding Harry L. Severe of Palmyra. George E. Hager of Lincoln was elected vice president. Re-elected were L. K. Crowe, secretary-treasurer; and P. A. Downs, assistant secretary.

A. W. Anderson of West Point and Merle Koser of Lincoln were elected to the board of directors.

200 discuss dairy topics

Wisconsin professor highlights programs

More than 200 dairymen heard interestingly discussed feeding, breeding and management problems at the opening session of the two-day program of the Nebraska State Dairymen's association yesterday in the dairy barn.

Highlight of the program was an outline of foundations for a constructive breeding program, presented by Dr. E. E. Heizer, chairman of dairy husbandry at the University of Wisconsin.

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Four points emphasized by Dr. Heizer were herd health; need for more testing and record keeping; intelligent use and interpretation of records; and intelligent selection of young sires.

Dr. L. V. Skidmore of the Nebraska animal pathology department, suggested a number of precautions in the use of sorghum and sudan pastures. He pointed out that a farmer should have two or three separate pastures of sudan, so they could be used in rotation, allowing the sudan to grow up at least 16 to 18 inches tall and then grazing it off completely before moving the animals to another pasture.

H. H. Birkett, Lancaster county dairyman, said his herd produced around 415 to 420 pounds of fat last year on Atlas sorgo fodder—which was even better than when he used to feed alfalfa. Don Morton, Beatrice, reported on his successful use of "grass silage." J. S. Wishart, Lincoln, found the use of sorghum grain and stover quite satisfactory both for dairy cows and for horses. O. H. Liebers, Lincoln, led a round-table discussion on feeding sorghums.

Other things recommended include fall irrigation and sound summer irrigating.

V. G. Milum of the University of Illinois pointed out the physical and chemical properties of honey. He urged producers to place their products in the hands of housewives in as nearly its original condition as possible.

Directors re-elected included: H. P. Davis, Lincoln; W. A. Peterson, Harvard; J. S. Wishart, Lincoln; Delbert Egger, Roca; and Otto Pfeiffer, Elkhorn.

During the afternoon, Howard Wahlgren of Elk City was re-elected president of the Nebraska Crop Growers' association. Amos Gramlich of Fort Crook was re-named vice president and Herman Ebers of Seward and Erling German of Cozad were elected to the board of directors.

Frank Walter again will head the Nebraska Livestock Breeders' association; W. W. Derrick of Lincoln was re-elected secretary-treasurer and Walter Tolman of Lincoln assistant secretary. The four members of the board of directors remain the same: S. R. McKelvie, Lincoln; Guy McReynolds, Memphis; Walter Chace, Stanton; Delmar Anderson, Lexington.

Ralph W. Barnes of Morrill was elected president of the Nebraska Honey Producers' association, George Watts of Kearney was named vice-president.

Horticulturists hear Dr. Werner

Dr. H. C. Werner told a group of horticulturists yesterday that irrigation increases the production of garden products in proportion to the amount of water applied. He suggested soaking the ground in the winter and spring in storing up sub-soil moisture. The best system of irrigation is to water infrequently, putting out more when it was done.

Dr. J. H. Johnson told the horticulture group that a new plant disease confronts Nebraska potato growers. It is Ring Rot and is dangerous and threatening to the industry unless checked.

George predicts U. S. business will improve

Business conditions in general throughout the United States should be better throughout the nation in 1941 than they were in 1939, Arthur George told the closing session of the economics session yesterday.

Dr. W. E. Grimes of Kansas State college said of price forecasting in agricultural economics, "forecasts are necessarily limited by their nature. No economic forecast can be exact in terms of prices. They may indicate directions of change, upward or down, and general degree, moderate, slight and the like but nothing positive as to actual price figures."

No price forecast, Dr. Grimes warned his audience, is designed for professional speculators but rather to show the average farmer general trends.

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