



on ag campus



Short course student Dill is grand champion showman

Tenth annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben prize goes to 'the boy with the Belgian horse,' Ackerson wins

Marion Dill, ag short course student from Beatrice, was named grand champion showman of the university last night on ag campus as 71 ag men showed their animals before an overflow crowd of 500 at the tenth annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben. He showed a Belgian horse to the championship in the climax event of the show.

First and second place winners in the five classes who competed for the championship: Beef cattle: First, Don Roth; second, Philip Grabouski. Dairy cattle: First, Jack Paulson; second, Melvin Decker. Horses: First, Dill; second, Irvin Corman. Sheep: First, Harold Stevens; second, Carl Ervin. Swine: First, Ivan Peterson; second, Milton Buis.

The champion, who received a silver trophy, won over the second largest field in the history of the show. Ribbons went to the first place winners, canes to the champion showmen in each class, and ties to each of the next six place winners.

Alarm clock opens.

The ringing of an alarm clock at exactly 7:30 signaled the opening of the show as trumpeter Roger Cunningham heralded the entrance of the first class into the ring.

Lyle Roberts, president of Block and Bridle, student organization sponsoring the show, acted as master of ceremonies. K. C. Fouts, Seward county agricultural agent and a noted livestock authority, acted as judge. Awards were made on the basis of showing performance and the amount of fitting done before the show.

Pat McGuire, the campus cop, who was elected St. Patrick's day king Friday evening in a surprise move, caused a sensation as he appeared before the crowd in "plain clothes."

Ackerson wins.

In the first special feature of the evening the harnessing contest saw a new champion named to succeed H. J. Gramlich, formerly head of the animal husbandry department. Prof. C. M. Ackerson won the crown in a hilarious battle.

E. Wedgwood, Fred Sehnert, Charles Johnston and Henry Miller, members of the Missouri Valley Hunt club brought four of their prize winning dogs into the arena for the second special event of the evening. They demonstrated hunting with three English springer spaniels and one American raitail spaniel as the pavilion

was decorated with shocks of corn to simulate a field. Conservation of game was the topic of the demonstration as the dogs worked like veterans in front of the crowd.

Trophies won at Forth Worth, Tex., last week by the junior judging team were presented formally to the group and their coach, Prof. M. A. Alexander. The senior judging team members, who competed, last fall at Chicago, were presented Block and Bridle medals in recognition of their work.

General manager of the annual show was Wayne Smiley. Gus Hokanson was co-manager and Ed Rousek was ringmaster.

Fedde returns from Oregon

Home ec head speaks at college anniversary

Miss Margaret Fedde, head of the home economics department, recently returned from a trip to Corvallis, Ore., where she was asked to speak at the fiftieth anniversary of the state college there. Six hundred people were present for the banquet including many who had come for the Home Interest conference held at the same time.

While there Miss Fedde participated in a symposium consisting of home economic deans of the western coast. The discussion was led by Dr. Fred M. Hunter, chancellor of Higher Institutions of the Oregon educational system. Dr. Hunter is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and was superintendent of the Lincoln public schools.

Miss Fedde stopped at Bozeman on the way and spoke to 200 students of the state college at their annual luncheon. She also addressed the Bozeman Home Economics group, which consisted of resident teachers, extension and research staff members, public school teachers, farm security advisors. Returning she stopped at the Utah State College at Logan.

In the first 50 years of its existence, the State College of Washington granted a total of 10,099 degrees.

Giant rally opens preparations for Farmer's Fair

The Farmer's Fair rally to be held this Wednesday at 7 p. m. in the ag college activities building officially starts the planning and working in preparation for the 1940 Fair.

Dr. F. D. Keim will show motion pictures taken at last year's Fair. Members at the meeting will indulge in group singing. Fair board members will discuss plans for the coming year and committees for the 1940 Fair will be announced.

Fair board members are as follows: Ed Rousek, manager; Will Pitner, assistant manager in charge of publicity and tickets; Ellen Ann Armstrong and Jane Brinegar, indoor show; Peggy Sherburn and Betty Jo Smith, style show and home economics; Annabelle Hutchinson, concessions and midway; Fred Whitney, construction; Ganis Richmond, agricultural exhibits; Sylvia Zocholl and Robert Wheeler, parade and Keith Gilmore, rodeo and horse show.

Heady joins Farm Credit bureau

Another university graduate joined the farm management section of the farm credit administration at Omaha this week. He is Earl O. Heady, who is studying toward his master's degree in rural economics at ag.

Heady graduated from ag college a year ago last January and did field research work for the rural economics department last summer.

After three or four months training under P. H. Stewart in the farm management section of the Federal Land Bank at Omaha, he will be sent out into the state, in charge of the management of a number of farms. Heady's appointment follows by less than a month the appointment of Walter Moller, another university graduate, to a similar position. Moller is also studying toward his master's degree in rural economics at the college of agriculture.

California alums meet for annual picnic

Nebraskans in California will gather for their annual spring picnic and reunion at Sycamore Grove Park, Los Angeles, Saturday, March 23, according to the alumni office. C. C. Patterson of Los Angeles, president, is in charge of the affair this year. There will be a register and headquarters for each Nebraska county at the picnic.

Operators get certificates of graduation

Dr. Keim gives address on 'Success' at dinner honoring 17 students

Seventeen students from the Farm Operators' winter short course received their certificates of graduation last Thursday night, at a commencement dinner in the Student Activities Building. These certificates were presented by Dean W. W. Burr, and show that the boys have completed two years of intensive winter training, amounting to four months each year.

Speaker at the dinner was Dr. F. D. Keim, chairman of the agronomy department, whose subject was "Success." In his talk Dr. Keim pointed out ten essentials important in attaining success. After the dinner the boys presented a minstrel show in the auditorium of the building, directed by Mrs. Tullis, instructor in chorus. An 11-piece band made up of the boys in the course played for the banquet.

Back to the farm.

A noteworthy fact is that about 95 percent of these boys go back to the farm after they complete the course. Mr. J. V. Srb, Supervisor of short courses, says, "We claim for the Farm Operators courses that they train for farm life. The training is toward the farm, and not away from it. It provides an opportunity for ambitious farm boys who want to make the winter months count and it trains in the shortest possible time at a time when the boys can be spared from the farm."

Four months season.

This year's short course started last November 20. The season is four months long, divided into two "semesters" of eight weeks each. A class in game leadership was initiated into the course this winter for those interested. A satisfactory completion of eight months of the work entitles students to certificates.

Farm operators who received their certificates were:

- Ralph Allen, Stuart.
- Charles Chrismer, Yama, Colorado.
- Elwin Ferris, Archer.
- Ralph Hennings, Hemingford.
- Lloyd Koutny, Julesburg, Colorado.
- Leslie Miles, Grafton.
- Allen Mills, Howard, Kansas.
- Sam Muenster, Osborne, Kansas.
- Harold Nelson, Weston.
- Robert Reininket, Lyons.
- Lester Rosenow, Elmwood.
- Edmund Schuster, Wisner.
- Marvin Stauffer, Page.
- Byron Stock, Waveria.
- Everet Taylor, Lincoln.
- Allyn Tedmon, Littleton, Colorado.
- Lorraine Van Winkle, Silver Creek.

There were 42 boys taking the first year course this winter, in addition to the 17 second-year men who were "graduated."

Baby chicks will add color to ag Easter open house

Baby chicks by the hundreds will be shown on Easter Sunday to Nebraska youngsters visiting the University of Nebraska college of agriculture campus for "open house" with the lambs and poultry flocks. It is the second annual event of its kind held on the campus and several thousand people are expected to attend, if the weather is favorable.

Prof. F. E. Mussehl, chairman of the poultry department, said that chicks from a week up to six weeks old will be shown at the poultry farm as well as other features. The Poultry club of students will manage the "chick show" for visitors.

Meanwhile, plans are coming along fine for the lamb open house to which all Lincoln people and those from outstate are invited to bring their children. Prof. M. A. Alexander of the animal husbandry department is making arrangements for the lamb show and he promises to have 150 newly-born lambs on exhibition. The Block and Bridle club will assist in managing the show. Attendance at last year's event, the first of its kind, was around 2,500.

Two Lincolnites begin publication

"Who's Who in Home Economics in Nebraska" is a new March publication compiled by Marguerite Lofink and Marjorie Tye, Lincoln. It is published under the auspices of the Nebraska State Home Economics association. The Who's Who includes persons who are engaged in some phase of professional home economics work in Nebraska. The list includes university and public school teachers, instructors of adult homemaking classes and extension service, hospital dietitians, food service directors and federal security administration supervisors of home economics, as well as those who work for business firms, newspapers and magazines.

Yenne speaks on plays

Herbert Yenne of the department of speech and dramatic art will speak Monday afternoon before the Fremont Women's club on "Current Plays of the Season."

Women . . .

Elect a true son of Ireland at Junior Ak-Sar-Ben ball

'Twould seem that St. Patrick's day gets people to pullin' shenanigans—at least that's what more than 400 university students thought Friday night at the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben ball at the Nebraska college of agriculture.

They thought they'd elected a St. Patrick's day king—and, begorra, they had. A true son of Erin, he was, too, but the coeds, who had voted for their choices earlier in the evening, have suspicions that the pixies got into the ballot box—because the king that was revealed when the great green shamrock on the stage opened at 10:30 was declared unanimously elected. And some of the girls were sure they hadn't voted for him.

But better king was never named than this native son of the Irish isle. He's been away from his native land some 17 years, true, but he still has the Irish brogue and, what's more, he's an Irishman just as much as his namesake, the grand old saint, was.

Has Irish name

And this St. Patrick's day king carries a good old Irish name, too. None other than Patrick McGuire, the ag campus cop—that's the St. Patrick's day king on the campus. And never more regal did a man look than Pat as he sat upon his throne holding his shillelah and

wearing his green robe and crown as befitted an Irishman.

As befitted a king, "Pat," who has been a favorite for more than six years with the ag college lads and colleens, had six attendants, not quite as Irish as he, true, but still college lads. And, claim the baffled coeds, these attendants were the ones they thought they were voting for.

Great climax

Grand climax for Pat, the king, was his regal march down the middle of the ballroom floor as his humble, surprised subjects paid him homage. And then? Well, he was Pat the cop again, with a job to do.

Pat, the king, was back last night, to rule over the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben show, which is also sponsored by Block and Bridle, student animal husbandry organization sponsoring the ball. In fact, his herald read a petition commanding: "I hereby decree that all ye knaves, knights, princesses, and what have you shall convene at the equine auditorium on the campus Saturday evening, March 16, at 7:30, where the noble knights of Block and Bridle will joust at the tenth annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben show. Dire penalties await those who fail to be there. His Majesty, the King, has spoken."

So ends the reign of Pat, the king.

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