

IN THESE UNITED STATES

Badger Is Known as the 'Co-Op' Town of Iowa

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WNU Features.

It's as easy to say as "Buster has the mumps." In fact "Co-operative" should be either the first or last name of the little town of Badger, Iowa, (population of less than 400 in 1940). The first co-operative program in this center of Lutheran background was the stock and grain association, started almost 40 years ago.

Although this organization met with difficulties and opposition during the first few years, it survived by realizing its advantages of co-operation as a community builder. By 1914, the association had been reorganized as a Farmers Grain Elevator company which has operated efficiently and successfully ever since.

Another venture of long standing is the Co-Operative Telephone company which has been going for more than a quarter century, and then a petroleum co-operative organization in 1930 with a capital of \$6,000. The latter firm does hundreds of thousands of dollars worth of business annually, since it deals in farm machinery as well as petroleum products.

A Co-Operative Bank.

Another similar development is the co-op credit union started in 1939 "out of necessity, to provide the Badger community with needed banking services." Although opposed by the banking interests of Iowa at the outset, this group persisted wisely, although slowly, until the bank which it operates is one of the safest and most stable in Iowa, according to the state bank examiner.

Finally, there is the co-operative food store handling meats, groceries and electrical appliances. Its carrying ABC co-op labeled goods assures patrons of quality and safety according to government grading standards. Folks know they aren't likely to get gypped in this or other co-op trade and relations that characterize Badger.

Other co-operative possibilities are being considered by Badgerites. Entertainment for the teenagers and a playhouse for young people are being talked about. That's the way it seems to be done. A few people get the idea, throw it out to others, and all get together and discuss it as a possible development of, by and for the community. In this way, the people meet their major needs to the extent that problems and difficulties that spotlight most rural communities are seldom heard of in Badger.

When wanting a hunch on how a producer or consumer co-op can be made to work in a rural center, write or go to Badger.



Man Remembers Dentist After Decade Passes

SUMNER, WASH.—Most toothaches are forgotten in 10 years, but Dr. C. L. Tolefson, a local dentist, recently received a check from a man he had treated a decade ago.

The dentist had forgotten all about it, when a letter with a money order came. A search into the office records disclosed the name of the patient and the forgotten date.

The letter explained that the man had bought a money order several years ago and was going to send it to the dentist. At that time the packing plant where he worked closed and he lost his job. He cashed the money order in order to live. But after several years, and attendant prosperity, he had the money to spare, and "hoped the doctor would forgive him for the delay."

Boy, 15, Operates A Farm and Dairy

AUBURN, WASH.—Jimmy Marshall, age 15, operates a 60-acre farm here without help and intends to build up a good herd of purebred Jerseys. In addition, he's a good athlete and a good scholar in school.

Last January an accident brought death to B. L. Marshall, Jimmy's father. There were 12 cows to be milked night and morning and spring work had to be started. Jimmy, though just a curly-haired youngster with an engaging grin, took over the farming, the dairying and raising hogs.

Yes, he intends to keep right on farming. He likes it. And he is well on his way to success.

Climbs 273 Steps Each Day—to Knit

ERRATA, MISS.—Mrs. Merle Lucille McDaniel has to climb 273 steps to get up on top of the world, but the quiet she gets for her knitting makes it worth the long pull.

Mrs. McDaniel is a fire watcher for the forestry department. Her office is a cabin perched atop a 120 foot tower.

The tower originally was built at the start of the war as a lookout post, a lookout for enemy planes. Her husband got the job of spotter. However, it wasn't long before the war department deemed a Japanese invasion of southern Mississippi as unlikely. So Mr. McDaniel went back to railroading and Mrs. McDaniel took over the post for the forestry department.

She keeps regular office hours atop the tower, from 9 a. m. to 5 p. m. daily. Most of the time she just knits and reads. But a few minutes every hour she scans her 20 mile territory with binoculars.

Bicycling Cat Returns with Four Kittens

ROYALTON, VT.—Abbie, Royalton's bicycling cat, is back home again after a year's absence—and she brought with her four beautiful kittens.

Nearly a year ago Abbie, who was accompanying Mrs. Homer Russell and children on a bicycling tour, disappeared near the Russell's summer home in Maine. Through a newspaper story Abbie was located about two miles from where she disappeared.

No Wedding Honking

MONESSEN, PA.—No more "wedding honkings" or other excessive tooting of automobile horns will be allowed in Monessen. It's against the law, a new ordinance provides. Excessive tooting of automobile horns henceforth will draw police punishment under the new law, which also requests that newlyweds "find a quieter way to display their joy."

ATOMIC SOLONS . . . W. Stuart Symington, assistant secretary of war; Senator Millard E. Tydings, Maryland; Postmaster-General Robert E. Hannegan, and Gael E. Sullivan, assistant postmaster-general, are shown en route to Bikini.



NO JOKE, SON . . . It's really Kenny Delmar, the "Senator Claghorn" of radio, who is waving \$100 in Confederate money to get more Smoky Mountain music out of Sen. Claude Pepper, Florida, with a harmonica; Rep. J. Percy Priest, Tennessee, with a ukulele, and Sen. Glen Taylor, Idaho, with a guitar.

THE TOY BULLDOG

Mickey Walker, 45, Sure He'll Paint 'Real Stuff'

NEW YORK CITY.—Although he is 45 years old, he thinks that in about four years he'll be "doing the kind of painting called the real stuff." That's the way Mickey Walker, former welterweight and middleweight boxing champion of the world, looks at his art career.

It was five years ago that Mickey decided to take up the easel and start mixing the paints. He saw a movie based on the life of Gauguin in which a man in middle age left fame and fortune to become a painter in the south seas. Mickey decided to become a painter in the United States where he is known as "a tough little guy."

And what about his 45 years? Well, in Mickey's opinion age is the best thing that can happen to a man. It gives him some sense. He no longer wants to sit around in a night club, or think only of blondes and champagne. Age helps a man know what he can do — and ought to do.

Painting Not Like Writing. Mickey spends a lot of time now in the quiet atmosphere of his ram-



BOXER? . . . Well, he used to be. Mickey Walker, former welterweight champion of the world, is shown here working on a canvas, "Off to School," in New York. The large painting in the background is "Main Street."

bling Elizabeth, N. J., home, surrounded by canvases and shelves stocked with books. He paints and occasionally writes. But then he worries about his grammar—and remembers that he was kicked out of school for fighting when he was in the eighth grade.

Painting is different from writing, and Mickey is considered by critics as one of the outstanding contributors of primitives at the American contemporary artists' gallery, where he has had two exhibitions. One of his best collections were painted on his 50,000 mile USO tour through South America, Africa and India where he served as a master of ceremonies for a sports show.

Got a Scare Once. One day he was painting on Victoria beach in Central Africa during that tour. He had set up his easel on the sand and started painting when all was quiet. He painted for a while, when he sensed something and heard a twig snap. When he turned around there were about 2,000 natives standing there watching him, not saying a word. They turned out to be friendly, but curious. Still taking it a little easy because of a touch of malaria he contracted while on the USO tour, Mickey is glued to his studio. He's serious about his painting. Some of these days it will make him some money, he feels. But he's glad that he was a boxer and managed to save some money, he admits.

Kills 820 Rats in 24 Hours

SACRAMENTO, CALIF.—Aided by a dog, two cats, a can of poison and a club, Adolph Bufe counted 820 dead rats after a hectic day and night battle. Bufe claimed the rats invaded his ranch in hordes, gray droves of them. All day and all night he fought, aided by the cats and dog, meeting wave after wave of rats. He believes the rats were attracted to his ranch by the amount of feed he had, since the current feed shortage has been acute in this area.

"Off We Go" AVIATION NOTES

AIRPORT CHATTER

Miss Mayme Smith of Monroe, age 77, was the first passenger to alight from a plane at the new Lancaster, Wis., airport which has been opened by William Brewer, a pilot. . . . Eight Omaha men, Lyle DeMoss, Leonard J. Bussey, Don Musgrave, Henry E. and Walter W. Wendt, Bennett Davis, Leonard Fletcher and Bert Robinson, have organized a hunting lodge some 400 miles from home, on Lake McCaughy, near Ogallala, Neb. . . . The Denver Chamber of Commerce, with an eye on the younger generation, plans to construct a 40-acre airfield for model planes only, with hard-surfaced runways and a control tower. . . . Republic Aviation has leased for five years, with option to buy, the government-owned plant facilities and airport at Framingham, L. I. . . . Robert and Mildred Entriken, husband and wife, are students of George Smith and Paul Shirmer at the Mount Holly, N. J., airfield and will soon be licensed pilots. . . . Harris field, Cape Girardeau, Mo., has been leased by the city and operated by an airport board. . . . Wynne, Ark., with a class two airport, expects to add further improvements costing \$770,561 under the federal aid airport act.

Protected Water Pail

Drinking fountain protector made from electric welded wires, permits poultry putting their heads through to drink, but keeps their feet out. Maryland station has found this device, an aid in reducing disease and still providing a fresh water supply for the chickens.

Wire Catching Hook

This poultry catching hook is made from heavy wire, of any length suitable to the user. In most cases a four-foot hook will be most desirable, although if the roosts and dropping boards are deeper, 5, 6 or even 8 feet may be advisable.

Litter Pigs May Need Iron to Cure Anaemia

When litter pigs show anaemia they may be treated by being given small doses of iron in the form of reduced iron or sulphate of iron. By placing a quantity about the size of an aspirin tablet, back of the pig's tongue, when the pigs are a few days old and repeated in about a week, improvement will usually be found, according to Stanley Curtis of Nova Scotia agricultural department.

Cement Raised Pigs Show Excellent Gain

It is possible to raise pigs profitably on concrete according to findings of a Minnesota experiment. Pigs kept continually on concrete after they were 10 weeks old, and during 105 days of fattening, gained exactly as much as pigs fattened on pasture. Feed consumption was about the same, the pastured pigs eating more corn but less mineral and protein. Disease control was easier with concrete raised pigs.

Paralyzed Vet Flies

At Brigham, Utah, Dean Larsen, a 25-year-old war vet of Wales, Utah, has successfully soled an airplane after 5½ hours of instruction, even though he is paralyzed from his hips down. The Bushnell general hospital patient made a 10-minute flight in a hand-operated two-passenger plane, John C. Weir and Bill Rowe, his instructors, said. Larsen was wounded in Germany in 1945 when a 45-caliber bullet lodged in his spine.



Codling Moth May Be Controlled by DDT

Drawbacks Present in Application to Apples
By W. J. DRYDEN

By far the most effective material tried against codling moth is DDT, according to Prof. S. W. Harman of Geneva experiment station. These findings were backed up as more effective than arsenate of lead.

Present drawback seems to be that in some cases rather severe infestation of red spider in the apple



Codling moth in apples.

orchards follow the application of DDT. When DN-111 is used to control red spider, damage to foliage results. New York found that the destruction of the natural enemies of the European red mite by the DDT spray, resulted in increased numbers of that pest. Further tests are under way and care is advocated in spraying for codling moth until more information is available. Where heavy spraying with lead arsenate has not controlled codling moth, growers are justified in adopting a DDT program.

Know Your Breed Swiss Jura

By W. J. DRYDEN

This photo shows a Swiss Jura stallion going through its paces at a Bernese Jura, Switzerland, fair. The breed has proven its worth in



many respects, having proper temperament, strength and resistance to disease. The Jura horse is of exceptionally strong build, is tame and docile, the stallions may even be used for all types of farm work. The breed offers excellent possibilities for certain sections of America.

Noted Kansas Airport

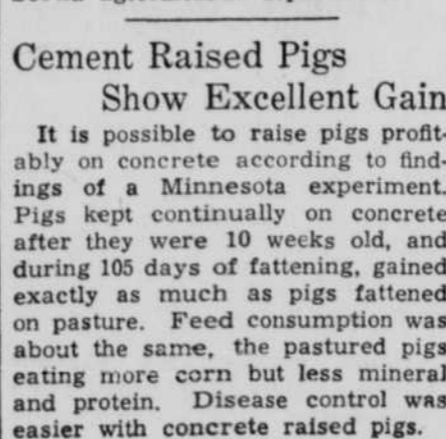
In a western Kansas town of only 523 residents can be found one of the best-known privately operated ports in the country. The town is Johnson, Kans., and the airport operator is Forest Walker. The Johnson flying club has 10 members, most of them farmers, who have over \$30,000 invested in parts, hangar, etc.

Winged Boxcar

Fairchild packet cargo plane, which carries nine tons of payload at 200 miles an hour. The fuselage is 38 feet long and big enough that autos and trucks can be driven inside.

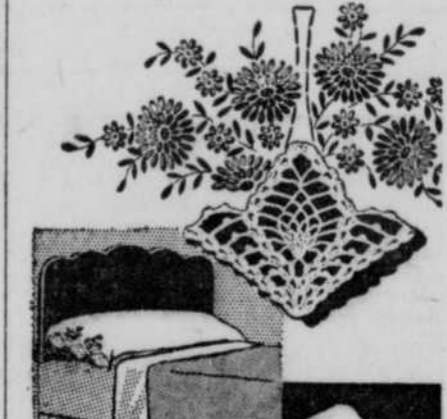
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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

Tins which are not badly stained can be polished well with brown paper that has been moistened in vinegar.

When washing hollow handled knives do not allow them to remain too long in water as this might loosen them.

To clean a soiled sponge, rub fresh lemon into it thoroughly. Rinse several times in lukewarm water.

To avoid cloudy iced tea never pour hot tea over ice or place it in the refrigerator. Let the tea cool in room temperature first.

Sew loose buttons on at once. Takes only a moment and prevents your losing the button.

Use old shower curtains to make aprons, bibs, place mats, or sash curtains for the bathroom.

Colored chenille spreads should never be washed with other cottons even if they are color-fast. It is important, too, that the machine or tub be well washed first, for lint from other cotton clings to the chenille tufts and gives them a dull look you won't like.

Hang up towels to dry immediately after using them to prevent mildew. Never put a damp towel in the laundry bag or leave it in a heap on the bathroom floor.

National Emblems

See the power of national emblems. Some stars, lilies, leopards, a crescent, a lion, an eagle, or other figure which came into credit God knows how, an old rag of bunting, blowing in the wind on a fort at the ends of the earth, shall make the blood tingle under the rudest or the most conventional exterior.—Emerson.

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