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TO EXHIBIT BOX BUTTE POTATOES

Plan to Have "Box Butte County Day" at Potato Show at Lincoln in January

All Box Butte county as well as County Agent Seidell and the Box Butte Farmers' Association are interested in seeing Box Butte county well represented at the potato show to be held during the week of Organized Agriculture at the University Farm, Lincoln. Fifty-three prizes are offered in the free-for-all state potato classes. Besides this the Boys' State Potato Contest will close and the winners will be announced.

Send Prize Winners Nebraska's banner potato county should be well represented at this show and more than this, the exhibits should be the prize-winning ones. There is no better way to advertise Box Butte county to Nebraska and the world than by competing at the potato show and carrying away the prizes. If Box Butte county can impress the fact upon enough people that this county is the heart of the most opulent potato growing region on earth, that here in this county one crop of potatoes more than pays for the land, every effort put forth will be well paid.

The Requirements In order to compete in the potato show twelve tubers of each variety the owner wishes to enter are required. Every man or boy, every father or son, every senior or member of the Boys' Potato Club who intended to aid himself while aiding Box Butte county to make a reputation should get busy at once preparing for this big event.

How to Prepare Just what to do will trouble some, but it will not if each one will do as suggested by County Agent Seidell in the following instruction: Pick out at least two dozen of the best tubers you can find, keeping in mind variety type desired, uniformity in size and shape, skin firm and of good texture, free from scab, etc., of the proper color and size large enough to just lay nicely in the palm of the ordinary hand. Then pack them in some very dry sand if possible, or light soil, and store them where the temperature is as cool as possible, being careful not to chill or freeze them. This will have a tendency to bring back the natural color and make the potatoes plump. Then not later than January 12 the potatoes should be brought to County Agent Seidell, who will assist all who expect to enter potatoes in the show in packing the best fifteen potatoes, which he will then take with him to the potato show.

Owner's Name Attached All entries will be entered with the owner's name attached. Anyone who desires to see the prize list can do so by calling at the office of the county agent.

The first session of the week will begin on January 15, and sessions will continue until January 19. All who are interested in going to the show or in exhibiting their potatoes should consult at their first possible convenience with the county agent so arrangements can be made for a Box Butte County Day.

If growers respond as they should Box Butte county day at the potato show will be worth thousands of dollars to this county. There are only five days for the show, and if Box Butte county can monopolize one-fifth of the time, or one day, it is easy to see what the effect would have on outsiders.

TO EXTEND PHONE LINE

Nebraska Telephone Company Gathering Information for New Toll Line to Broken Bow

That Alliance is soon to have long distance telephonic communication with the sandhill country to the east is indicated by the fact that the Nebraska Telephone Company has men gathering information and statistics regarding the territory to be traversed between this city and Broken Bow.

Communication with eastern Nebraska points by long distance telephone is had at the present time by way of Bridgeport, Sidney, North Platte and Grand Island. Toll lines reach as far west on the Burlington as Broken Bow. In order for a call from Broken Bow to reach Alliance it is necessary to talk via Grand Island, North Platte, Sidney and Bridgeport, a distance of several hundred miles farther than a direct line from Alliance to Broken Bow.

A line directly east along the Burlington from Alliance would open up communication with Lakeside, Antioch, Ellsworth, Bingham, Ashby, Theford, Mullen, Merna and other points. A line extends as far east as Ellsworth at this time but it is not perfect service.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our heartfelt thanks to the kind friends and neighbors who lent aid and assistance to us during the illness and death of our beloved baby boy. Mr. and Mrs. Merbert H. Hughes.



Santa Claus will visit us Sunday Evening. Watch for him.

W. C. T. U. PROGRAM FOR THIS YEAR

Schedule of Meetings Arranged for Coming Twelve Months - Plan a Full Year

The Alliance W. C. T. U. has arranged their schedule of meetings covering the year 1917 and plan to accomplish much for themselves and for the general good. The program as arranged for the coming year is as follows:

January - Business meeting, the president in chair; hostess, Mrs. J. W. Reed, Sweetwater avenue.

January 25 - Mother's meeting, Mrs. F. M. Phelps, leader; hostess, Mrs. Cornu, 710 Sweetwater.

February 8 - Business meeting, the president in chair; hostess, Mrs. I. E. Tash, 519 Box Butte avenue.

February 22 - Frances Willard memorial, Mrs. C. C. Smith, leader; hostess, Mrs. F. M. Phelps, 412 Laramie.

March 8 - Business meeting, president in chair; hostess, Miss Mabel Young, 419 Sweetwater.

March 22 - All-day institute, Mrs. J. J. Vance in chair; hostess, Mrs. W. S. Aheson, 419 Cheyenne.

April 12 - Business meeting, president in chair; hostess, Mrs. W. E. Lotspiech, 407 Toluca.

April 26 - Christian citizenship, Mrs. W. E. Cutts, leader; hostess, Mrs. A. Gregory, Eighth and Cheyenne.

May 10 - Business meeting, president in chair; hostess, Mrs. H. U. Carpenter, Fifth and Sweetwater.

May 24 - Monarchies: Purity in Literature and Art, Mrs. J. G. Dole and Mrs. W. R. Pate, leaders; hostess, Mrs. W. R. Pate, 922 Box Butte.

June 14 - Business meeting, president in chair; hostess, Mrs. Reeves, 803 Missouri.

June 28 - Flower Mission, Mrs. A. F. Bundy, leader; hostess, Mrs. W. S. Coker, 901 Yellowstone.

July 12 - Business meeting, president in chair; hostess, Mrs. A. F. Bundy, 612 Emerson.

July 26 - Sabbath observance, Mrs. S. C. LaMon, leader; hostess, Mrs. J. B. Carns, 504 Box Butte avenue.

August 9 - Mother's meeting, Mrs. F. M. Phelps, leader; hostess, Mrs. H. J. Young, 809 Box Butte.

August 23 - Annual meeting, president in chair; hostess, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, 408 Sweetwater.

September 13 - Work among railroad employes, Mrs. C. H. Hughes, leader; hostess, Mrs. A. A. Layton, 519 Laramie.

September 27 - Systematic Giving, Mrs. J. L. Overman, leader; hostess, Mrs. J. J. Vance, 421 Toluca.

October 11 - Business meeting, the president in chair; hostess, Mrs. H. R. Beans, 305 East Third.

October 25 - Franchise, Mrs. J. G. Bock, leader; hostess, Mrs. M. James, 619 Box Butte.

November 8 - Business meeting, the president in chair; hostess, Mrs. Ralls, Seventh and Sweetwater.

November 22 - Press meeting, Mrs. J. W. Thomas, leader; hostess, Mrs. J. G. Dole, 118 West Seventh.

December 12 - Evangelistic, Mrs. A. A. Layton, leader; hostess, Mrs. C. C. Smith, 928 Box Butte.

December 27 - Sunday School, Mrs. McIntyre, leader; hostess, Mrs. Bowman, 324 Laramie.

GIVE XMAS DONATIONS

Post M. Travelers' Protective Association, Will Help Needy Families at Christmas Time

The members of Post M. Travelers Protective Association, voted at the last regular meeting to use some of the funds of the organization for the benefit of needy families in Alliance at Christmas time.

Thompson, Hull and Van Landingham were appointed a committee to handle the distribution of good things to eat for the Christmas dinner. They will see that a large number of needy families have a big dinner on the day when all should be glad and happy.

A year ago members of the committee were much surprised when delivering a basket full of good things to certain home to meet the dry man coming out of the house after delivering a piano. The committee was game, however, and put the bounteous goodies on top of the piano. This year, however, they will see that families who can afford plums and necessities of life buy their own Christmas dinner.

Miss Della Holsten is expected home this week to spend the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Holsten. She is attending school at Brownell Hall in Omaha. One of her schoolmates will accompany her here.

DATES OF COMING EVENTS IN NEBRASKA

January 1, 2, 5, 4, 5 and 6 - State Poultry Show at Kearney. January 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 - State Improved Live Stock Association meeting at Lincoln. January 16, 17 and 18 - Annual convention of Nebraska Volunteer Firemen at Auburn. January 16, 17, 18 and 19 - Winter Apple, Floral and Potato show at Lincoln.

PROBLEM OF FINANCING THE COUNTY AGENT WORK

County Must Make Appropriation if Work Is to Be Continued - Several Counties Have Already Provided Funds - Those Who Contributed Locally

At the annual meeting of the Box Butte Farmers' Association held in Alliance Saturday is was decided to continue the county agent work provided the necessary funds were secured with which to continue this work. Arrangements were made with County Agent F. M. Seidell to superintend the work for the coming year. The next important item on the program is the securing of the necessary funds.

Most Essential Part The hardest and yet the most essential part of supporting the county agent work is the financing. In the first place, the federal department and the state of Nebraska pay directly to the county agent \$1,200 of his salary. In order to start the work in a new county it is necessary to raise a minimum sum to equal the amount put up by the state and national governments.

Make Appropriations The work was started in Box Butte county in the manner related above. The fund was raised by membership fees of \$5 and to make up the deficit subscriptions were secured to amounts as large as it was possible to secure. A sufficient sum of money pledged and unpaid remains to finish this year's work. However, from now on there will be no work conducted where the county does not make an appropriation. Butler county has just organized on this basis and Sheridan county did so last spring. Daves and Kimball counties make appropriations and Dakota county has appropriated about \$2,400 for the work. Previous to the November election a petition was circulated over the county and signed by land owners asking the board of commissioners of Box Butte county to make an appropriation to keep this work going. The petition was signed by most of the land owners.

Treasurer Reports W. F. Patterson, treasurer of the Box Butte Farmers' Association, reports that during the period from February 1, 1915, to December 16, 1916, inclusive, there had been paid in and receipted for the sum of \$2,560.25, and cash paid in and not receipted for to the amount of \$20. The total cash paid in amounts to

\$2,560.25. A total of \$2,599.70 was paid out. The cash in the banks as per statements is \$70.55. All bills were paid up to and including the first of November. The estimate of funds necessary to take care of November and December is \$235, making it necessary to collect in at least \$165 before January 1. Some payments were made at the various banks in the county, some to the treasurer in person, some mailed to the Box Butte Farmers' Association and some paid to the office assistant in the office of the county agent, to the Commercial Club secretary and to the county agent.

- List of Donors: C. B. & Q. R. R. Co. \$300, C. A. Newberry 100, W. W. Norton 75, First National Bank 75, Alliance Creamery 75, Dierks Lbr. and Coal Co. 50, Alliance National Bank 50, J. H. Vaughn and Son 50, Keeler-Coursey Co. 45, Hemingford State Bank 40, Rowan & Wright 40, A. D. Rodgers 37.50, Malley Groc. Co. 37.50, F. E. Holsten 37.50, Geo. A. Mollring 37.50, Geo. Darling 30, Thiele and Barnes 30, The Famous 25, Thos. Katen 25, F. J. Betzold 10, N. A. Foster Lbr. Co. 10, S. G. Nelsen 10, Joe Reiman 10, D. W. Reiman 10, D. E. Purinton 10, John Riley 10, C. L. Powell 10, C. M. Johnston 10, Wm. Mundt 10, Robert Mundt 10, L. J. Schill 10, J. Atz 10, F. M. Russell 10, C. S. Wilson 10, Wm. King 25, J. Riordan 20, First State Bank 20

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ANNUAL MEETING OF BOX BUTTE FARMERS ASS'N. HELD SATURDAY

Representatives of Many County Organizations Present - to Continue Work if Funds Are Provided - County Agent's Report

The Box Butte Farmers Association held its second annual meeting at the Box Butte county court house here Saturday afternoon, December 16. There were some twenty-five farmers in attendance, representatives of all organizations of the county, such as Farmers' Clubs, Commercial Clubs, and the Farmers' Unions.

Organization's Object The object of the organization is to encourage among its members and the farmers of the county better methods of farming and stock raising, home building, and all lines of agricultural work, and to promote the moral, intellectual, and material welfare of the community. It is further one of the main objects of this organization to hire and assist in every way possible a county agent, whose duty it is to co-operate with the members of the association, and other citizens of the county, to determine under actual farm conditions the best agricultural practices of the county. The county agent is in a position to co-ordinate the work of the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the Nebraska College of Agriculture with the county problems.

Schill Presided President Schill presiding called the meeting to order and called upon the acting secretary to read the minutes of the last annual meeting. The county agent report was read next. Some things brought out in the report are: 75 farms are now keeping record of the farm business, 40 keeping cost account on potatoes, 20 farms had made changes based on the Farm Survey. In boys' and girls' club work thirty-three would finish their club work. It was found 118 farm treated oats, a total of 2730 acres, at increase of 3.5 bushels per acre average. On 93 farms potatoes were treated, the average based on the demonstrations gave increased yield of 8 bushels per acre of much better quality. The seed corn campaign had added materially to the yield on the 11,153 acres of the county. Some immediate economic results to Box Butte county as result of county agent work, 1916: Oats Smut control \$3,777

Seed corn campaign 8,922, Potato improv't project 24,205, Club Work profit 1,215, Potato Market bulletin 100,000, Total \$158,159, Box Butte county's entire tax for 1916 is \$137,953.50.

Annual Election Held After favorable discussion of the report the election of officers followed. After considerable discussion L. J. Schill was re-elected president; Louie F. Powell, elected secretary; W. F. Patterson, re-elected treasurer, and A. S. Enyeart re-elected vice president.

Elect Precinct Officers The meeting at which the directors of certain precincts were to be elected was called off because of the weather. Dorsey precinct elected J. H. Rohrbaugh director; Boyd precinct elected Brown Griffith, and Lake precinct, G. W. Nation. The Federal Loan Associations were discussed, and an organization is planned for the near future. The directors made arrangements with County Agent Seidell to continue work if funds are provided to continue the work.

INFECTIOUS STOMINITIS PRESENT IN ALLIANCE

Local veterinarians have reported to the county agent that a typical case of sore mouth or infectious stominitis has appeared in the vicinity of 519 Missouri avenue, this city. This disease will be remembered by many as the cause of the last foot-and-mouth disease scare that appeared in all the livestock papers of this state. It is not a serious disease, but it certainly is not best to spread it. The case has been reported to the state authorities, who probably will not place a quarantine. Owners of livestock are, however, interested in preventing its spread.

Frank A. May of Omaha, commercial superintendent of the Nebraska Telephone Company, stopped over in Alliance Monday and Tuesday of this week. Mr. May was formerly the district superintendent for the district in which Alliance was located, with headquarters at Grand Island. He was promoted to his present position in November.