

State Club Work Prizes Generous for Fair Exhibits

Cash and Trips Offered Demonstration Teams—Omaha Chamber of Commerce to Give Trips.

Lincoln, April 8.—The home economics phase of the Nebraska boys and girls club work has been well supported by special premiums for the winners by several business firms of the country, say the state leaders in the work.

In the canning club demonstration, a Wheeling (W. Va.) glass company offers to the teams ranking highest in demonstration work at the Nebraska state fair, if using the firm's jars: first, \$30; second, \$25; and third, \$20.

The money is to be applied on a trip of one or more members of the team to club week at the agricultural college in the spring of 1924.

The same company also offers for the best individual jar of any product put up in their jars, with full receipts used in the canning, 10 prizes, ranging from \$10 to \$1.

Posters Win Prizes. A Colorado cooker company awards to the canning club girls exhibiting the five best posters at the state fair a 10-quart pressure cooker.

A Lincoln manufacturing company offers a 14-quart pressure-cooker to the club at the state fair having the best exhibit of five jars of canned products suitable for a well-balanced ration.

In the clothing club demonstration, the Omaha Chamber of Commerce offers to the highest ranking demonstration team in clothing club work at the Nebraska state fair, 1923, a trip to the boys and girls club week, 1924.

The Omaha Chamber of Commerce also offers to the eight highest ranking county champions in clothing club work in the spring of 1924, a trip to the boys and girls club week in the spring of 1924.

In their demonstration at the state fair, the best cooks and bakers will be given \$15, \$10 and \$5 toward expenses at club week, 1924, by a Crete (Neb.) milling company, if their flour is used in the demonstration.

The teams ranking highest in bread demonstration work at the state fair will be given \$25, \$20 and \$15 for expenses at club week by a yeast company.

A St. Paul (Minn.) farm paper offers to the champion demonstration team in cake work a trip to the club week at the agricultural college.

A Colorado manufacturer of club week, will give a free trip to club week to the high demonstration team that uses their colander at the state fair.

University Professor Brought Kherson Oats Here Twenty-five years ago a professor from the University of Nebraska, while traveling in Europe, discovered a kind of oat that gave unusual promise for Nebraska.

It was carefully developed at the university. Today, this oat is known as Kherson and 90 per cent of the oats grown in Nebraska are of this variety or related varieties developed by the university.

The value of this variety is estimated at \$2,500,000 each year. This estimate is based on the conservation increase per acre yield of just four bushels.

Agricultural College Makes Building Plans At least 812 of the 1,577 sets of blueprints distributed by the agricultural college during 1922 were used by farmers in constructing farm buildings.

Of the other 765 sets distributed no record of use has as yet been received. The 1922 demand for blueprints was an increase of almost 200 per cent over the distribution in 1921.

Building programs have been postponed by many farmers during the past year or two because of financial conditions, but many plans are being made to use the blueprints when money is again available.

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Clad-i-o-lus or Glad-i-o-lus

The rapidly spreading popularity of the gladiolus led to increased interest in everything about it, including how to pronounce the word. The dictionary prefers the academic Latin pronunciation of gladi-olus, and second choice in many of the newer dictionaries is gladi-olus.

The rugged hardness of the gladiolus and its willingness to grow luxuriantly and bear large, exquisitely beautiful blooms under a wide range of climate and soil conditions, is what makes it so dear to the heart of the home gardener.

Gladiolus prefer a sunny situation, with good, rich soil, such as is found in any good garden, and grows luxuriantly if planted about four inches deep and about a foot apart in the row.

The larger and better the blooms, give water if weather is dry, and keep weeds down. Cultivation should be shallow, but thorough, and moderate hilling up will often counteract any tendency for the tall spikes to fall over.

Disseases are happily rare with this flower, but one called scab, on the bulbs, is the most common and important one. This is easily prevented by giving the bulbs a thorough soaking for one to two hours in a solution of one ounce of formaldehyde to four gallons of water.

There is a gladiolus club in this country with 2,500 members, and in almost every neighborhood enthusiastic growers can be found, as it is truly the poor man's orchid. The bulbs cost but a few cents for the common ones, and they are just as fine and beautiful as the more expensive, newer, rarer kinds.

Practical Course for Rural Schools Fillmore County Pupils Demonstrate Benefits of Vitalized Agriculture.

Special Dispatch to The Omaha Bee. Fairbury, Neb., April 8.—The plan of educating boys and girls in the rural schools is rapidly changing. Quite a number of Fairbury people attended a school rally at Gladstone, a little town in the western part of Jefferson county.

A demonstration of the work of vitalized agriculture in the rural schools was given by the pupils of the school under the leadership of the teacher, Miss Blanche Lehigh.

The work seems practical. The pupils had written to several manufacturers of rope for practical information in reference to the manufacture of rope in its several stages, and three of the boys, about 12 years old, explained what they had learned.

The boys had blue prints and each of them had constructed a simple device for making rope and made on the stage a piece of one-fourth-inch rope of even strand in less than 20 minutes, using a ball of binding twine for material.

A demonstration of knot tying with ropes followed by children of from 10 to 13 years of age. Nine different knots and their practical uses were shown. After the rope was completed and the knots tied the manufactured article and the assortment of nine knots were exhibited to the crowd.

A plow was brought on the stage, and a small boy named the 14 parts of the implement and showed how to set the point for shallow and deep plowing.

Another division of the boys had written an automobile factory for a history of the plant, and one of the pupils gave a 10 minute talk on the parts of the car and its care.

This is vitalized agriculture as taught in Jefferson county, the only county in Nebraska giving the course in the rural schools.

With the County Agents

CASS COUNTY. By Associated Press. Weeping Water—A demonstration in classing alkali spots will be held in Cass county April 12 and a survey for draining an alkali spot will be made. These experiments are being carried on with Mr. Goodfellow by the extension agent, County Agent L. H. Snipes, who says it is hoped that through these experiments a remedy for alkali spots will be found.

A film on soil erosion in Lancaster, Cass and Otoe counties, made last June by the United States department of agriculture, will be shown in Cass county April 2-14.

Twenty-six women of Chilson community met last week and learned to make and use the cream separator. The next meeting will be held April 20.

CUMING COUNTY. West Point—The farm bureau of Cuming county has forwarded the first order for 1,200 pounds of soil for the year. Only a few farmers in the county have ordered soil, but there are men in all parts of the county who will try this year, according to County Agent K. C. Ford. All will also order soil with corn, putting in from four to 30 acres. The soil for the year is being ordered in 100 and 200 pound bags. When only a few acres are being planted, the bags will be put in the planter box with the corn.

Professor H. E. Davis of the department of animal husbandry, college of agriculture, has advised the interested students of the various towns April 12. Calf days are now lined up with grade shorthorn and grade Angus. The baby beef project and with Holstein and Red Poll in the project.

OTOE COUNTY. Syracuse—The field crops look doubtful. It is a poor practice to rush some other crop in, according to A. H. Nelson, county agent of Otoe county. This is particularly true in the western part of the county where the field crops wheat that looks poor in the early spring makes a satisfactory yield later, he says.

Eight members are enrolled in the "yellow" poultry club of south Platte county this year. Marion Hollwell has the record for size of litter in big club work. The record is 15. Seventeen eggs were hatched and three are 15 left.

The pleuric acid blasting demonstration held in the county was well attended and the efficiency of this explosive for such work was conclusively proven, Mr. Deing says. Two carloads have already been distributed in Nebraska and a third car will be ordered.

SCOTT'S BLUFF COUNTY. Scottsbluff—The school of Mrs. J. A. Requist led the accredited flock of the first year co-operators of the county for the month of January, 1923. Egg production was 9 1/2 eggs per hen. Directed by Mrs. R. H. Snyder, second with an egg production of 7 1/2 eggs per hen; and the Harrod flock of Mrs. J. E. Day was third with an egg record of 4.7 per hen. Directed by Mrs. M. J. Day. Norman Lemley was first with a flock of Single Comb White Leghorns, the egg production being 11 eggs per hen. There is an increased interest in poultry raising in the Platte valley and a marked increase in the raising of turkeys, according to County Agent Phil Sheldon.

FILLMORE COUNTY. Geneva—The women of Fillmore county have displayed unusual interest in the problems of the family diet and the use of vegetables and fruits as one of the solutions for this problem, according to County Agent L. W. Thompson. At a meeting of two women clubs last week, groups of women indicated their desire to use the fruit and vegetable budget plan this year. About five meetings through the year will be held, at which each of these groups of women at which food habits gardens and their care, meal

School Pupils Will Compete in Judging Contest

Schedules Arranged for State-wide Meeting in Lincoln—Seven Teams Can Enter.

The best judges of agricultural products from many high schools in the state will compete for supremacy in the annual high school contest held at the agricultural college May 24. Rules provide for judging general livestock for two men teams, grain grading for three men teams, milk testing, grain judging and identification, egg grading, poultry production judging and woodworking, all for one man teams.

These contests are open to any students regularly registered in high schools where they have received preparatory training for these contests. The students must be carrying at least 15 hours recitation per week in their high school at the time of the contest. No student who has previously competed in a state contest is eligible. One man may be on more than one team provided the schedule of contests permits.

Schedule of Contests. The schedule of contests are arranged now is: Thursday, May 3, egg grading, poultry production judging, egg show and woodwork construction, Friday, May 4, livestock judging, Babcock milk tests, grain grading, grain judging and identification.

The egg show is open to all students. Several students from the same school may enter this contest.

Climax of Work. These annual contests are the climax of the season's work in judging as given in the high schools of the state which teach agriculture, according to the agricultural college. Any high school in the state that offers such training may enter teams.

This event was staged last year the same week end, and most of the boys and their instructors remained as guests of the Farmers fair on the Saturday following the contest. These high school visitors are welcome to stay for the fair again this year, say the Farmers Fair board, who are making a few special provisions for the entertainment of their high school guests.

Extension Service Judges Help Nebraska County Fairs One hundred ninety of the official judges of 17 Nebraska county fairs in 1922 were furnished through the agricultural college extension service.

These men and women judges are doing everything from the best horse to the prize glass of jelly. Seventy-eight men judged livestock, 29 placed the poultry, and 28 men placed the farm crops. Forty-one women experts placed the cooking, canning and sewing exhibits. A few others judged boys' and girls' demonstrations.

All of these judges gave reasons for their placings to the crowds who watched them work. Those who had had previous experience found more interest shown in these reasons last year than in any before. They also noted marked improvement in the quality of products exhibited. This is attributed to the application of suggestions made by former judges.

The extension service will be ready to furnish as many or more judges the coming year.

Cost of Farm Products Causes Warm Discussion In a meeting in Nebraska one farmer said to his neighbor, "Bill, how much corn does it take to produce 100 pounds of pork?" Bill could not tell, neither could any of the other 12 men present. One of the men suggested that the price of corn was getting pretty close to the price of hogs. None could tell just how close because local farm data was lacking. Plenty of data was available from the agricultural college, but the men were not sure that they could feed as efficiently as the college. As a result of the question, two of the men decided to keep a record of their pounds of gain in hog weight and a feed record, and report back to their local meeting next year. Copies of an enterprise cost sheet for the hog business were secured from the county extension agent. Some of the other men present called for cost sheets for other farm enterprises.

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Makes Things Grow

The terms "run down" and "abandoned" farms bring to most of us a picture of a New England farm. It is rather surprising to know, however, that we need not leave Nebraska to find farms allowed to go to weeds. For instance, within 20 miles of Lincoln there are farms which have fallen so low in production that no one wants to farm them at any rental price. On one such 80-acre farm the crop for the past two years has been sunflowers.

The element most apt to be lacking in Nebraska soils is nitrogen. Nitrogen is supplied by decayed organic matter and by such crops as alfalfa, red clover and sweet clover. Trials of commercial fertilizers have not up to the present time shown a profit anywhere in the state. The use of manure, straw, cornstalks and the growing of legumes coupled with livestock farming are the best means of keeping up soil fertility. This is a good time to be planning for the seeding of alfalfa, red clover and sweet clover the coming season. Landlords may well consider the sowing of legumes on their farms and over a series of years will find such a practice profitable. Bulletins giving information regarding alfalfa, red clover and sweet clover, can be secured from county extension agents or the agricultural college.

Farmers Union Notes Each of the three livestock commission houses founded by the Nebraska Farmers union is showing a great increase in value of business this year. C. A. Osborn, president of the state organization, says that in the month of March the Omaha house handled 1,081 cars of livestock, a gain of 18 per cent over March, last year; the St. Joseph house handled 946 cars, a gain of 74 per cent over March, last year; they have handled 6,929 cars of livestock, having an aggregate value of \$118,251.92, and was returned to shippers \$454,765 in savings on commissions.

Wayne Teachers' College. Last year this institution, through the Alameda county board of education, secured a prize of \$25 for the best song written by the students of the college, and the alumni club offered a second prize of \$15 for the best song. The winning poem was composed by Tillie Fay Bollermeier, student in the University of Chicago and graduate of the Teachers college in 1920. The second prize was awarded to Mrs. S. A. Lugin of Wayne, a former student of the college. The judges of the literary merit of the verses were Dr. G. S. Nohrdick, past laureate of Nebraska Mrs. M. A. Phillips of the Omaha Public schools; Professor and Mrs. C. H. Bright of the Chadron Teachers college and Dr. J. T. House of the University of Nebraska.

County Officers Meet. A meeting of the officers of farmers union locals in Holt county held here was addressed by C. J. Osborn, state president. To organize and cooperate in the marketing of crops is as important as to produce crops, he declared. About 40 persons were in attendance. Arrangements were made for a membership campaign in the county to begin April 16. The local officers will be assisted in this campaign by a state organizer. In the evening the same subject was discussed at a meeting in Page held in the new Farmers union store building. The building, which has just been erected, is 28x72 feet, two stories in height, with full basement and modern light and heat.

Rally at Marquette. Marquette—Two hundred persons attended a rally meeting of Platte local No. 662 of the Farmers union in Fraternal hall. The program consisted of a business session, music by the Marquette orchestra, readings by Helta Ojerloff and Mrs. W. H. Moore, and three reels of motion pictures shown by County Agent Camp. Lunch was served at the close of the program. Charles Adams, president, and W. H. Moore, secretary, announced that other interesting programs will be held in the near future.

Sell Butter Direct. Superior—Direct sales of butter to pound packages to retail stores are being developed by the Farmers union, creamery of this city. In the month of March about 20,000 pounds was sold in this way in Kansas City alone. Butter sold direct to the creamery 2 to 4 cents a pound more than when shipped in tubs to the wholesale markets of the east. Manager Nordmark is striving to patronize the importance of delivering cream of good quality, so the creamery may maintain and increase the production of first-grade butter in its output.

Quarterly Convention. Broken Bow—The quarterly convention of the Cass county Farmers union was held in Dry Valley school house. C. McCarty, manager of the Farmers union state exchange in Omaha, was the principal speaker. Salvation for the farmers through cooperation was his text. The more loyal farmers practice co-operation, he said, the more they will benefit. He received from management of the union co-operative associations in the county, including E. N. Sullivan, president, M. A. Carls, of Comstock and F. G. Hall, of Mason city, J. S. Swanson of

Club Members Are Eligible for Many Prizes

Trips and Cash Awards Will Be Given Nebraska Boys and Girls Raising Livestock.

Boys and girls who join the various calf clubs in the state this year will be eligible to receive many premiums offered by farm papers and livestock associations that are encouraging the work. A Nebraska farm paper offers a trip to boys' and girls' club week at the agricultural college in the spring of 1924 to the calf club member ranking highest in each county, who has not been awarded this trip previously.

Three dollars will be given for the best and \$2 for the second best written report of the member's work in each county; county champions are not eligible for the story prize. The same paper also awards to each county calf club champion a gold honor medal, and to every other calf club member filing a final report and story with the agricultural college extension service, a gold achievement pin.

A Chicago agricultural research and economics bureau offers to the state champion calf raiser a trip to the international livestock show, Chicago, held in the fall of 1925. The champion will be required to submit a story of 200 to 400 words of his trip, in addition to the record and story of his club activities.

A breeders' association offers one-half of the premium list totaling \$75 for club calves at the state fair. The champion also give \$100 in premiums to the ranking, purebred or grade Short-horns in the exhibit and add \$20 more if the champion of the show is a Short-horn.

Another cattle breeders' association offers the other half of the \$75 total premiums and adds \$25 if the champion is a Whiteface. A state breeders' association offers \$50 in the shape of a cup and some plaques for the ranking Herefords in this baby beef class.

Financial By BROADMAN WALL. By Universal Service.

New York, April 8.—Unless the big operators who have been behind the recent upward movement in the stock

market become active and cease trying to talk their respective shares up in every indication that the little public interest being manifested in the market will disappear.

Even the professional speculators are giving up with disgust and directing greater efforts in the commodity markets, especially cotton and wheat. Investigation shows that quite a number of the big optimists on the stock market have been doing little or nothing the last fortnight, waiting for definite indications as to whether the federal reserve banks are really seriously considering advancing their rediscount rates.

Slackening Beneficial. A slackening of the rapid advance in commodity prices and general industry would be conducive to prolonged business prosperity and in the long run, more beneficial to the stock market as a whole.

Indications are found in the bond market that the big optimists on the stock market have been doing little or nothing the last fortnight, waiting for definite indications as to whether the federal reserve banks are really seriously considering advancing their rediscount rates.

The stock market is suffering from indigestion. So many new securities have come to Wall street as a result of the incorporation of partnerships in the last three months that the public has not had time to absorb them. The rapidity with which new issues have been placed on the stock exchange has also broken all records.

In the meantime, some of the biggest operators will direct more attention to the commodity market, especially wheat and cotton. Some of the biggest bulls on the stock market are now buying wheat at less than the one which is now coming into the market.

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Florida Courts Uphold Seizure of Rum Schooner

Washington, April 8.—A seizure by Florida prohibition agents of a schooner 15 miles beyond the three-mile limit has been sustained in the federal courts, according to a report to Prohibition Commissioner Haynes by A. L. Allen, Florida prohibition director.

"This decision gives us the boat and liquor," Allen reported, "and five men convicted in this case will probably be sentenced."

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