

Cozad Farmers Organize Co-Op Egg Association

Members Bring Eggs to Farm of Albert Simmons Who Grades and Ships Them.

By Associated Press. Cozad, Neb., Dec. 30.—Farmers living near here have organized an informal association through which they have been grading their eggs and shipping them co-operatively to New York and other eastern markets during the last few weeks.

No binding contract has been drawn between the 20 farmers in the association but they bring their eggs to the farm of Albert Simmons, near here, and the Simmons family grade the eggs and credit the owners with the number of firsts, seconds, and culls in their cases.

The shipments made early in December had netted the farmers, above the market price, 10 to 12 cents for firsts, 3 and 6 cents for seconds, and the market price for culls.

Farmers in the association have been making a "reasonable profit" from their undertaking and are well satisfied with the arrangement, Mr. Simmons added.

As November and December are the low-production months of the year, for the farm flocks, the volume of business for the association has not been in excess of what the family can handle, the chairman declared.

But when the heavy laying months arrive and more farmers enter the association, more adequate provision will probably have to be made to handle the business of culling, sorting and shipping the eggs.

Sheep Thrive on Poor Land and Improve It

Brookings, S. D., Dec. 30.—To encourage the keeping of a flock of sheep of suitable size on every South Dakota farm is one of the objects of the boys' and girls' sheep clubs which are being organized in the state.

Sheep do well on poor land and improve it, livestock specialists at State college point out. They provide two incomes a year for a reasonable amount of care and at times when an income is more than welcome.

The growing of forage crops, especially alfalfa, and other legumes, is essential for good farm operation. No other class of animals utilizes the roughage which do not find a ready cash market so well as do the sheep.

Culls. "I'm not very good at arithmetic," said Mrs. Cow, with a chuckle. "But I add to my boss' bank account. I multiply chances for his success. I subtract his possible failures. I've heartened him up quite a bit, I guess. O, I always did like my boss."

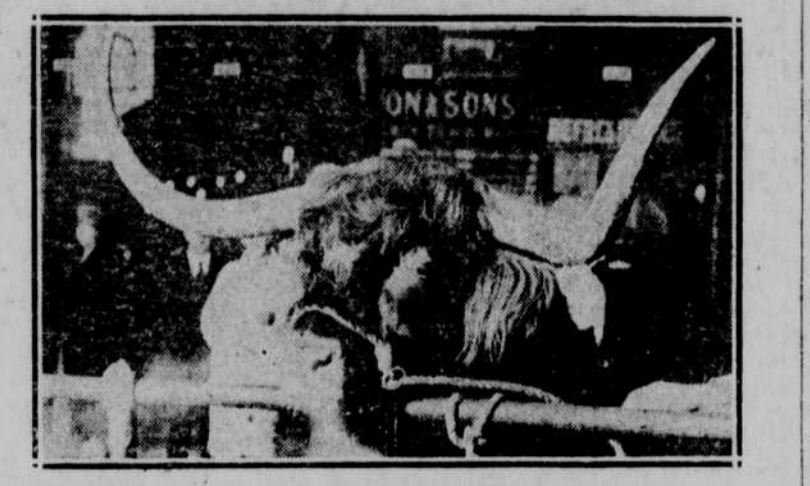
Hog lies on either the brood sows or the stock hogs are too expensive to maintain. All hogs should be treated for these parasites, at least once monthly during the colder months, if lice are present.

Rubbing leather shoes with vasoline occasionally, keeps them soft and also helps to prevent moisture from passing through them so quickly.

Religious Truce at End. New York, Dec. 30.—The Christmas truce in the great Episcopal church controversy over the virgin birth of Christ and the resurrection of the body came to an end tonight. Modernists let it be known tonight that peace can only come if they are allowed freedom of thought in religion.

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The King of England's "Highland Steer," a remarkable animal which won first prize in the challenge cup recently against some of the stiffest competition in England at the Smithfield show at Islington, England.

With the County Agents

Wahoo—At a meeting to be held in the office of the county agent here January 4, a list of production records, kept by 10 farmers on their corn and soybean crops, will be summarized and compared.

Blair—Eight boys in this county have organized a baby beef club and plan soon to buy the first of the club's calves to buy calves, which they will feed until next September, as part of their club work.

Fremont—Alfred Low, member of a pig club near Scribner, won the free scholarship granted by the Union Pacific railway. This scholarship entitles the young man to entrance in the agricultural short course at the state agricultural college in Lincoln.

Syracuse—Cost of production records kept by several farmers in this county during the past season, have been made public and have been causing considerable comment by farmers in the county.

Tea—Women from all parts of the county met with Miss Mary Ellen Brown here, and decided to take up the "Home Care of the Sick" project outlined by the state agricultural extension service. The club will serve to demonstrate to the public the benefits of the extension service.

Palmyra—Twenty acres of productive land in the Palmyra section, near here, have been underlaid with a water pipe. The project was supervised by the county agricultural extension service engineer and will serve to demonstrate to the public the benefits of the extension service.

Geneva—A total of 75 persons attended the two county school meetings held in Geneva, Neb., on December 27 and 28. The meetings were for discussion of better poultry raising and feeding were discussed.

Weeping Water—A series of eight meetings to be held in Plattsmouth, Rockbluff, Tipston, Stove Creek, Nehawka, Liberty, Greenwood and Elmwood, January 3 and 4, by the county farm bureau, for the purpose of discussing agricultural subjects and for social contact among the farmers.

Dakota City—Two applications have been filed with the county agent for the formation of winter study clubs in the rural districts of the county. The clubs are to be formed for the purpose of studying agricultural subjects and for social contact among the children.

Falls City—At the annual meeting of the Richardson county farm bureau here, officers were re-elected. The farmers gathered at the meeting discussed various topics, listened to speakers on agricultural topics and formed a program of farm work for 1924. A program of farm work was staged in conjunction with the meeting.

Dakota City—Large crowds attended the moving picture shows staged by the county last week. The movie "The Movie" was the feature of the program. An entertainment feature and a scientific or educational picture completed the program.

Battle Creek—Madison county will probably be represented by about 100 persons at the poultry show, to be given at the state college of agriculture this winter. The county said the persons who are to attend the poultry raising school are interested in poultry breeding.

Wahoo—A baby beef club was formed in the office of the county agent here and members of the club will soon begin work of feeding their calves. Six members and a leader will carry on the calf raising project outlined by the state agricultural extension service.

Battle Creek—Following the annual farm bureau county meeting here the county agent announced that he would make his annual report soon. The report will be a summary of the extension work in the county for the year, accompanied by brief discussion of the methods taken and results of the work.

Syracuse—More than 125 bushels of corn have been built in the county since the county agent here staged a soil erosion and brush dam demonstration last April. It is said terracing work has also been done on some farms to prevent the washing away of the valuable farm land.

Wahoo—Giving the results of the tuberculosis eradication work, as carried on up to date in Polk county, W. J. Roberts, the county agent, asked that petitions to have the work done in Saunders county be turned in as soon as possible, so that the county "will not be far down on the list."

West Point—During the last week nearly 1,000 hogs were treated for chyle in one community in Cass county, according to the county agent, who declared that two herds in the county had lost heavily.

Geneva—Only five children in the three rural schools are more than 1 per cent under weight as the result of nutrition experts' work on the children. Ninety-five per cent of the children are reported to have gained weight since the feeding of milk has been started in the schools.

Blair—Four community clubs have been organized in Washington county and will meet during the winter months to discuss subjects of interest and for entertainment. It is planned that the meetings shall be monthly.

Ainsworth Girls Serve Hot Lunches

Domestic Science Club Feeds Rural Pupils at Cost—Plan Proves Popular.

Ainsworth, Neb., Dec. 30.—The high school girls here organized a hot lunch club under the supervision of the agricultural college extension service, University of Nebraska, last November. The club is made up of domestic science girls instructed by Mrs. Cochrane.

The club has been divided into three groups. The first group plans the menus, and cooks and serves the food, the second group washes the dishes and cares for the lunch room, and the third group takes care of all accounts and the school advertising.

Posters telling what is to be served the next day with the price given have been made and put up every day in order that the students may know what is coming and how much it is to cost. The meals are always furnished at actual cost. It has been necessary for the children to speak for their lunch a day ahead. In this way, no one is left out and there is no waste from preparing more than is eaten.

The domestic science class has received new equipment with which to prepare the lunches. Its first lesson in cooking have all been the preparing of these simple lunches.

Important Points for Co-Operatives Listed

Brookings, S. D., Dec. 30.—South Dakota has about 264 co-operative livestock shipping associations, 333 co-operative grain elevators and 31 co-operative creameries, according to a statement made by Christian Larsen, dean of agriculture at state college, before the recent conference of agricultural extension workers at the Brookings.

"It should be our special purpose to strengthen these existing co-operative organizations and make all of them real business institutions, rather than to build more," said Dean Larsen.

"There should be a real need for co-operative marketing before such organizations are formed in a community," said the dean, "and one must be careful not to destroy the marketing agency which already exists and should know that the contemplated co-operative organization is better."

"There should be plenty of the product in the community in order to secure economical operation for the co-operative enterprise. For a local creamery there should be a production of at least 100,000 pounds of butterfat a year, and for a local elevator at least 100,000 bushels of grain.

"To assure success, communities must not try to organize such enterprises unless they are properly financed. The elevator or creamery should be paid for completely, and there should be at least \$5,000 in reserve to do business with. With a good conservative business manager this reserve should be increased, rather than decreased. A co-operative institution should always plan to have considerable money in reserve. An amount equal to the capital stock issue is suitable and it is usually not necessary to have more than this.

"A rigid and accurate system of record keeping is very important in a co-operative enterprise. The manager should be a business man, honest and interested in the farmers' welfare. The board of directors should keep very close to the business progress. As they find the manager capable, he can be given authority to do their business, but the directors should always know how things are going. The directors in turn should keep all farmer members informed by means of letters and occasional meetings.

State Farmers' Union Head Views Progress in Agricultural Industry

Increased Per Capita Production Made Possible by Power-Driven Machinery, He Declares.

C. J. Osborn, president of the Farmers' Union of Nebraska, says that things on the farm aren't what they used to be. C. J. was born in Montgomery county, Ill., June 30, 1862.

He had actual experience of getting up in the "wee sma' hours" of the morning to begin the daily round of work. The district schools furnished his early education until he was 17. In 1882, he married and lived at the old homestead until two years later, when he took up a homestead in Cheyenne county, Neb.

"I can remember when I trudged behind a walking plow, day after day, when I was a young fellow," said Mr. Osborn. "Today with power and improved farm machinery a farmer can plow almost as many rows as he wishes. We thought it quite an invention when the sulky came in.

"We used to cultivate one-half a row of corn at a time with a double shovel, plodding along behind it. Now the farmer rides and cultivates two rows at a time.

"In the last 50 years, production has kept pace with consumption. Those from the farm, who went to the city and became consumers, were supplied by added produce made possible through new inventions."

BURGESS BEDTIME STORIES

By THORNTON W. BURGESS. Selfishness is always prone to think of self and self alone. Danny Returns to Nanny.

Danny Meadow Mouse had been seeing so much that was new and wonderful and had been having so many adventures that he hardly gave Nanny Meadow Mouse a thought.

"No," squeaked Hummer as he darted about. "No, Danny, I'm not sure it was your man-bird. It may have been another man-bird. They all look alike to me. But it was being taken out of a shed, and I remembered that you had told me that the great man-bird which brought you down here to the Sunny South had been shut up in a shed. I thought at once that this might be the one. Were there any other man-birds around?"

"I don't know," replied Danny miserably. "I don't believe so, but I don't know. Where was it you saw this man-bird this morning, Hummer?"

Before Hummer could reply a Merry Little Breeze brought to him a sound that Danny knew only too well. It was the noise that great man-bird always made when flying.

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Overton Women Make 44 Dresses

Delegates to Training School Teach Women Who Instruct Others.

Overton, Neb., Dec. 30.—The women of Overton precinct have developed the follow-up work of the agricultural extension projects in an ideal way, Miss Maude Bean, home extension agent of Dawson county, brought out in her report at the recent annual farm bureau meeting.

Forty-four dresses and 39 hats were made in this community as a result. All the dresses and hats were exhibited at the final achievement day.

The two delegates taught five of their neighbor women the things they learned in the dress construction school. Each of the seven of them then taught five more women. In the end, 44 farm women had received the work.

The same plan was followed in the millinery project excepting that only 23 women were reached. These 23 made 29 hats which were shown in the same kind of a show as the first one. Discussion of color combination effects by the women seemed to interest the large crowd that attended this meeting.

Washington, Dec. 11.—American diplomats who travel on foreign vessels, were criticized today by Representative Davis, Tennessee, democratic member of the house merchant marine committee, who declared that such patronage was "un-American and indefensible in every case where United States ships are reasonably available."

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