

SOIL Conservation NOTES

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The air tour last year was so well liked that the soil conservation district is planning another this summer. A "bird's-eye" view is the best way to see a farm, many of those making the first tour agreed.

DeForest Brown, Weeping Watter airport, The Cass County Extension Service, and the soil Conservation Service will assist the district with the tour. There will be no charge for farm owners and operators to make the trip.

More complete plans for this meeting of the board of supervisors of the Cass soil conservation district, time, place, and other details will be published before the tour so everyone can make plans to attend.

A brome seed shortage may develop this fall, according to Laird Wolfe, agronomy specialist for the Soil Conservation Service. Many seed dealers expect brome seed harvest in Nebraska

only a fraction of the normal this year.

Many Cass county farms have some good to excellent brome seed developing. Since prices of brome seed may increase if the shortage develops, it would be worth some extra effort to harvest at least enough for one's own use for waterway and pasture seedings.

Cass county seems to be returning to "the wild" more and more. Last week Charles Valley, Harry Potts, and Robert Lewis saw five deer at a pond on the Valley farm in the east part of Cass county.

Potts and Lewis of the Soil Conservation Service were looking over soil conservation work which Valley plans to do when they saw the deer. They agreed it was quite a sight to see five deer in a bunch in Cass county. Valley had become used to seeing deer on his farm, but only one or two at a time. Like every one, he enjoys seeing them running wild.



JUDGING SCHOOL

The judging school started at ten o'clock. The Cass County Cooks and Modern Miss went to Lincoln to judging school at the agriculture college. At judging school there were dairy, foods, sewing, clothing, and home-making. Twila Hicks, Kay Dodson and Lois Whittington went to clothing and Gloria Miller, Margie Miller, Shirley Goodman and Jacqueline Dodson went to foods. At 11:30 we ate and we took a picnic lunch. They served milk, orange ade and ice cream. We went back to judging school at 1:00 o'clock.

The clothing group judged hems, seams, sleeves, dress, tea towels and patterns; the food group judged muffins, bowls, vegetables plate and ambrosia. The judging school was finished at three thirty.

After judging school Miss Wolph brought her group ice cream cones. I would like to thank Miss Wolph for providing transportation so that we could go to judging school.

Kay Dodson, News Reporter

The Eager Eaglets met at the home of Glenda Wall Thursday, June 16. Five members were present.

We discussed colors and materials for work, play and school clothes. The members planned

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to go to judging day June 31 at Lincoln. Janet demonstrated laying a pattern.

We sang songs and played games. We enjoyed the lunch. The next meeting will be at Mary Lou Westfall's on July 7. Elinor Umland, Reporter

The Nehawka Swine club met at the home of Teddy Brannon on June 20 at 8:00 o'clock. The meeting was called to order by the president, Fred Lindsey.

Teddy Brannon led in the flag salute. We answered roll call by giving an estimate of our pigs weight.

Seven members were present, with Billy Johnson, Jimmy and David Johnson, and Robin Stoll absent. There were four visitors present.

We studied minerals and summer rations for brood sows. The club voted to buy a safety sign. Lunch was served by Mrs. Brannon.

The next meeting will be our picnic August 7 at the home of John Krabe.

David Lindsey,
Assistant News Reporter

The Nimble Finger's 4-H club met at the home of June Warner on May 24 at 7:30 p.m.; with seven members answering roll call, and eight visitors. The flag salute and 4-H pledge were recited.

A business meeting was held, and the members decided to send money to Mr. Schmiedeke for one board for the 4-H sign.

Our leader, Mrs. Wagner made a promise for all of the members, that if they had all of their lounging and sleeping garments finished by the 30th of June, the entire club would get a prize. Otherwise, if there were any girls that did not have one of their articles done by that time, they would have to do a demonstration.

Dorothy Stoehr demonstrated how to make a continuous placket.

A motion was made and seconded to adjourn, followed by a delicious refreshments served by Mrs. Wagner and June.

The Nimble Finger's 4-H club met at the home of Mary Schmidt on June 14, at 1:30 p.m. with six members answering roll call, and five visitors. The flag salute and 4-H pledge were recited in unison.

A short business meeting was held, and the minutes of the last meeting were read and approved.

Two of the girls did not have their garments completed, so they gave demonstrations. Janet Friedrich demonstrated a flat felled seam, and Dorothy Stoehr demonstrated a French seam.

The next meeting will be held at the home of Janet Friedrich, June 30 at 1:30.

Delicious refreshments were served by Mrs. Schmidt and Mary.

June Wagner, reporter.

The Fairland Midgets 4-H club met with Sarah Humiston on June 18.

The meeting was called to order and the 4-H pledge was said.

Tuesday the club members are going to Lincoln for Judging day.

For the older group, Mrs. Kellogg showed how to make a hat. In cooking Ruthie Kellogg demonstrated how to make butterscotch refrigerator cookies. For the younger group Sarah Humiston demonstrated sour cream cookies.

After that games were played and lunch was served by the hostess, Mrs. Humiston.

News reporter, Evelyn Jones.

The Seven Little Homemakers met on June 11 at the home of our assistant leader, Mrs. Hubbell. Meeting was called to order by reciting the Lord's Prayer.

Everyone brought their finished aprons. We were shown how to make our pot holder. Our achievement day will be held on June 30 at the home of Sharon and Karyl Davis.

A number of 4-H songs were sung and then we were served lunch by Mrs. Hubbell and Jeanne.

Susan Peterleit, News Reporter

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Farmers Fared Well Says Farm Bureau Head of Legislature

Following a preliminary survey of laws passed by the 1954 session of the Nebraska Legislature, Charles Marshall, president of the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation, observed, "It appears that with the exception of relief from the burden of property taxation Nebraska farmers fared rather well at the hands of the Legislature."

The farm organization leader characterized the failure of the legislature to enact a sales or income tax or a combination of the two taxes to broaden the tax base of the state a "major defeat for agriculture."

"We've become so used to losing this legislative battle," Marshall added, "we automatically start thinking in terms of two years ahead as soon as we know definitely we've been defeated."

Aside from the tax defeat, the agriculture leader declared that farmers had little reason to quarrel with members of the legislature.

He cited as examples of good agricultural legislation achieved by the 1954 session; the removal of restriction on Agricultural Extension levies; regulation of the sale and distribution of mixed fertilizers; regulation of the sale of shell eggs (the Egg Quality Law); abolition of the Nebraska Turnpike Authority; defeat of the Ton Mile Tax; the Veterinary Medicine School bill; providing of state funds for the

Poultry Marketing Service; the setting up of a Swiss Poultry Control Program; securing in a n d a t o r y vaccination for Bane's disease; increasing the maximum weight for farm trailer registration from 4,000 to 6,000 pounds; the Constitutional Referendum on bonded in place of ad valorem taxation of wheat; and requiring farm tractors to be equipped with lights in after dark operation on highways.

He explained that his findings did not imply that there was not additional farm legislation passed by the legislature.

The Farm Bureau president concluded, "Our organization did not take a position on two or three important items of agricultural legislation because the position was not clearly stated in the organization resolutions. Representatives of the organization to presenting testimony to the legislature are bound by resolutions adopted by the membership annually as the result of state-wide discussion and convention. If the position of the membership is uncertain or not stated, we do not appear on legislation."

Marshall stated that was the reason Farm Bureau did not make an appearance before the committee hearing the Wheat Development bill.

Legislative SIDELIGHTS

by
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Federation

Who Spoke for Farmers

Who speaks for the interests of farm families before the Nebraska Legislature?

The records in the office of the Secretary of State, where state law requires all lobbyists to register and file a monthly statement of expenses, indicate five individuals were officially enrolled to call themselves spokesmen for Nebraska farm families at the 1954 session.

Charles Marshall and Norris Anderson, both with the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation in Lincoln, were the only registered lobbyists for general farm organizations. C. H. Kreader, Dalton, and Carson R. Smith, Ogallala, were registered to represent the Nebraska Wheat Growers Association; and John E. Eldam, Omaha, was registered to represent the Nebraska Grain Council.

Marshall and Anderson appeared at hearings on all but a few of the bills concerning agriculture and the general welfare of Nebraska farm families. Kreader and Smith directed their interest to the attainment of a Nebraska Wheat Development and Resource Commission. Eldam was primarily interested in securing a Constitutional Referendum to permit Nebraskans to vote in November 1956 on their preference for a change from present ad valorem taxes on grain and seed to a bushel tax, on which Farm Bureau was also active.

No other farm organization or commodity group registered its official representatives with the Secretary of State. On the basis of official records, Nebraska farm families were represented by five individuals at the 1954 session of the legislature.

Unofficially, of course, there was additional agricultural representation in the person of groups and individuals, most of which made appearances; on but a few selected bills or one particular bill.

Only the Nebraska Farm Bureau Federation of the three general farm organizations maintained full-time representation with the legislature from the opening day, January 4, until the closing day, June 17. The representatives of that organization were in daily contact with members of the legislature; and made appearances during the session before committee hearings on between 40 and 50 items of legislation which affected the well-being of farm families as farmers and as citizens of Nebraska.

Lung cancer is declared to have become epidemic.

and Mrs. Frank Richards, Mr. and Mrs. Glen Powell and family of Lincoln spent the week end at the Richards home.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Rager and their guests, Mr. and Mrs. C. D. Richardson, spent Thursday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Carl Ruppas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Erickson of Waverly and Mr. and Mrs. Gayle Felschman and son of Lincoln spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. Victor Miller and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kolb, Marilyn and Charles, joined the other Kolb families for a Father's Day picnic supper at the Memphis lake Sunday evening. They were honoring their father, Chris Kolb.

Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Bailey had Father's Day dinner with Mrs. Bailey.

EARLY IN THE WEEK SHOPPING

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Sunnyside Extension Club Meets at Nickles Home

The Sunnyside Extension Club met at the home of Mrs. Robert Nickles with Mrs. Raymond Lancaster co-hostess. There were 15 members, 2 guests, and 3 children present. The guests were Mrs. Burcham of Plattsmouth, and Mrs. Larson of Marry.

The meeting was opened with the flag salute and reading of the club collect. Mrs. Eugene Gruber told the history of the song, Rock-A-Bye Baby, then all sang the song. Mrs. Harley Loyd gave a short safety talk. Mrs. Leslie Hutchinson gave the lesson on "Leftovers With Imagination."

The club will have their annual picnic at Steinhart Park at Nebraska City on July 24th at 6:00 p. m. The next regular meeting will be Sept. 22 at the home of Mrs. Delbert Todd.

Mrs. D. R. Price
News Reporter for Sunnyside
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