

Cass County Wins State Hog Herdsmanship Award

Homemakers Cited

The women's division of the Lincoln Chamber of Commerce played host to homemakers from southeast Nebraska on April 26. Presidents from home extension clubs are honored at this annual event for their leadership qualities. The special activity is a promotion of rural-urban relationships. Features of the day's program included: "Television Programming" by Mrs. Jensen of KOLN-TV, "Hat Making" by Doris Cunningham and a travelogue by Everett Petersen of his recent trip to Southeast Asia.

'Fabrics for Curtains And Drapes' Lesson For County Clubs

January found the Extension Club leaders of Cass County presented a lesson on "Fabrics for Curtains & Drapes" to their groups.

Cass County 4-H Swine exhibitors at the Nebraska State Fair took top honors in the Herdsmanship competition. The award sponsored by Nixon and Co. of Omaha, consisted of an ear notcher and a metal snout holder.

Herdsman includes the judging of the appearance of the alleys, pens, and the animals exhibited by each county in the 4-H show. In all likelihood the most credit for the County receiving

Mrs. Martha West, Extension Agent, gave the lessons to 66 leaders. Training meetings were held at Murdock, Alvo, Weeping Water, Murray and Plattsmouth.

The leaders learned characteristics of man-made and natural fibers and examined samples of materials.

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the award, should go to Denny Keil who spent a lot of time and effort in keeping the County alleys clean and attractive.

6 New Crops Announced for Nebraska

LINCOLN—Six new crop varieties adapted to Nebraska conditions were announced at Crop Improvement Days on the University of Nebraska campus Jan. 29.

The new varieties include two of hybrid sorghum, two of hybrid corn and two of alfalfa, according to J. C. Swinbank, Extension agronomist at the College of Agriculture.

Swinbank made these comments about the new varieties: SD 441 HYBRID GRAIN SORGHUM—An early maturing hybrid (Reliance x SD 102) developed by the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station. The plants grow slightly taller and mature 2 to 4 weeks earlier than Reliance. Standability is similar to Reliance but somewhat inferior to RS 501. The grain of SD 441 is bright rust in color with a test weight averaging slightly below that of RS 501. Because of its early maturity and good yield potential, SD 441 is suited to dryland conditions in northern and western Nebraska.

SD 451 HYBRID GRAIN SORGHUM—Another early maturing hybrid (Martin No. 1 x SD 102) developed by the South Dakota Agricultural Experiment Station. This hybrid matures 2 to 3 days later than RS 441 but 1 to 2 days earlier than Reliance and RS 501. Plants grow 2 to 4 inches shorter than SD 441 and 7 to 8 inches shorter than RS 501. Standability is similar or somewhat inferior to that of Reliance. SD 451 has rust colored kernels that are larger than those of Martin. The yield and test weight potential of SD 451 is better than that of SD 441 but not quite equal to RS 501. Both SD 441 and SD 451 are open headed, tillering types. The heads dry rapidly and the grain threshes readily. Both hybrids should be harvested promptly when ripe to avoid lodging and field losses. Planting rates of 5 to 6 pounds per acre may be desirable.

NEBRASKA 507 HYBRID CORN—A new double cross hybrid developed by the Nebraska Agricultural Experiment Station. It is of medium height with good stalk quality and excellent ear retention. The plants are dark green with attractive yellow grain. Developed as an improved Nebr. 503, the new hybrid has shown superiority over its counterpart in all characteristics. Nebraska 507, with a maturity rating of 114-116 days, has an excellent yield record in areas of the state where it is adapted. It is recommended primarily for irrigated production in the central



TEXAS VISITORS—FFA boys visiting Cass County from Lampasas, Tex., last summer got the lowdown on Appaloosa horse raising from Wayne Meisinger of W-M Cattle Co., west of Plattsmouth. From left are John Phillips, Trent Lancaster and Wayne Boultinghouse of Lampasas and Larry Engelkemier of the host Plattsmouth FFA Chapter.

State Extension Council Marks Birthday

This year marked the 25th anniversary of the State Council of Home Extension Clubs. The annual meeting was held in Lincoln at the Center for Continuing Education on September 20 and 21.

Fourteen club members from Cass County attended parts of the two day meeting.

The most entertaining segment of the program was "Charm with Sense," lecture by Bess Rathman. Her audience gave her their full attention while she discussed and demonstrated a lady and her charm.

Platte Valley. Parent stock for seed production fields is available for planting in 1962. Seed for commercial fields will be available in 1963.

IOWA 4542 HYBRID CORN—A high yielding, double cross hybrid for western and northern areas of the state where early maturity is necessary. Iowa 4542 is similar to Iowa 4417 in pedigree, maturity, growth characteristics and performance. Hybrid seed producers will find Iowa 4542 easier to produce than Iowa 4417. Iowa 4542 has been eligible for certification in Nebraska since 1956 and seed is available.

US 10 SAFFLOWER—Resistance to root rot is the major improvement which US 10 offers over N 10. It is similar to N 10 in all other characteristics.

GILA SAFFLOWER—Gila, like US 10, is essentially N 10 with root rot resistance. In Nebraska yield trials, Gila appears to be slightly better than US 10 in oil content.

The Silver Milestone, a pageant of our 25 year history, was a most inspiring climax to the State Council meeting. The anniversary committee shared with us such memorable events as the first bus trip to Washington D.C., for the International Conference of ACWW to our present program of projects and activities. The Cass Co. Extension clubs furnished the programs for the Silver Milestone pageant.

Other highlights of the Council meeting were reports of National Council meeting and

"Nebraska & the Great Plains" by Dr. James Olson, History Dept. University of Nebraska. Eva Gobie, Ass't. Director of Extension, Purdue University gave glimpses the "Next Milestone" through slides showing our moving population. Mrs. Frank Morrison presented a charming synopsis on "The Woman's Place in the World of Today."

Various learnshops gave homemakers an opportunity to visit about topics from "Parliamentary Procedure" to "Meeting the Needs of Teenagers".

Cass County 4-Hers Camp at Kitaki

Cass County 4-H boys and girls attended camp from August 22-26 at Camp Kitaki near South Bend. Forty-three older 4-H members attended the first camp from Tuesday noon to Thursday mid-morning. Younger boys and girls, numbering sixty-six, attended the second camping session from Thursday noon to Saturday mid-morning.

Camp facilities proved adequate for the group's activities. The main lodge was used for meal service, handicraft and recreation. Mrs. Alma Berner

and Mrs. Mary Domingo were employed as cooks for the camp. Vinyl Mosaic was the handicraft project used. The craft was not too difficult for younger campers, yet proved challenging for the older group as creative designs were made on the hot dish mats.

John Orr, Ass't. State 4-H leaders, led recreation the first evening of each camp and older 4-H members assisted with a similar pattern of events the second evening of each camp session.

Worms Eat Into Swine Production Profits

LINCOLN—Internal parasites (worms) which infest hogs are one of the main health factors reducing profits in swine operations today, a University of Nebraska scientist said here.

Dr. George Kelley told breeders and producers assembled for the National Landrace Conference that almost all pigs in the Midwest harbor the common roundworm. Twenty per cent of swine herds are infected with lungworms and a substantial number have a third type of parasite, whipworms.

Kelley, an associate professor of veterinary science who has specialized in internal parasite research, explained that roundworms in the small intestine of swine rob food, block the alimentary canal and interfere with food digestion.

Controls involve killing of the adults before they can lay the millions of tough eggs which

infect pigs. Dr. Kelly related. New worms allowed to hatch "make a damaging tour of the body before they grow up in the intestine," he pointed out. Newly-hatched worms irritate membrane of digestive organs, burrow into the liver, and rupture the air sacs of the lungs of swine, causing coughing.

In addition, the University researcher warned, respiratory diseases (colds, pneumonia, influenza) contracted while worms are breaking into the lungs are much more severe than they would be without the side-effects of the migrating worms.

Piperazine, hygromycin B, and sodium fluoride are all commonly used remedies applied to eliminate common adult roundworms, he stated.

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'Arthritis' Topic for Club Study

Health education is an important part of the Home Extension Club study program. In 1961 the women chose to study arthritis, the nation's number one crippler. Fifty-nine leaders received the lesson material in the five training centers in Cass County.

The wealth of information available regarding this disease covers its characteristics and therapy. Although there is no known cure to date, various treatments give relief to arthritis sufferers.

Arthritic patients in several communities visited Home Extension Clubs to share their experiences and obtain new information on the subject. Both men and women in the county have requested this information from the office.

Peoria, Ill. — Thugs accosted Mr. and Mrs. Harold West as they walked down the street. While they were taking her husband's money, Mrs. West removed and dropped a ring valued at \$18,000 in the soft snow bank.

After the bandits fled, she and her husband recovered the ring from the snow.

Home Economics Training for 4-H Leaders

Subject matter training for 4-H club leaders in Home Economics was held in Cass Co., March 15. The all-day session was held at the Extension office in Weeping Water.

Leaders who attended the sub-district training meeting in Lincoln gave the training to county leaders.

Mrs. Clinton Westlake of Elmwood, and Mrs. Eugene Domingo of Weeping Water presented the training in Beginning clothing units.

Mrs. Roy Engelkemier, Nehawka and Mrs. Forrest Engelkemier of Louisville presented training in Advanced foods projects.

Mrs. Henry Vinduska of Plattsmouth and Mrs. Martha West, County Extension Agent, gave the training in the Middle units of Home Living.

Next year, different units of each project will be covered in the subject training program.

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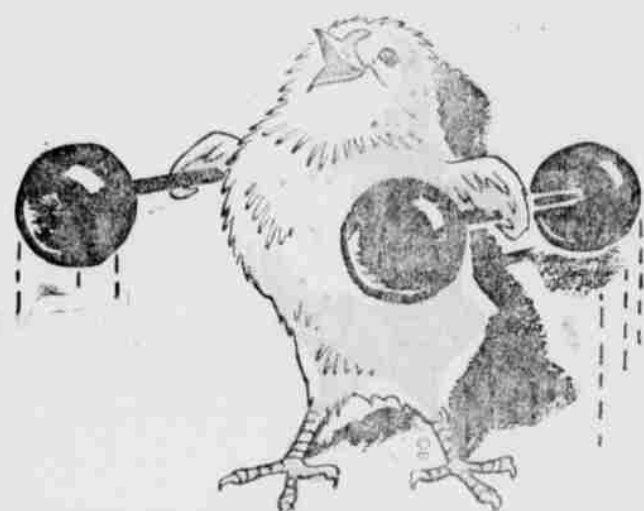
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