



on ag campus



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Dairy men elect heads, hear Moxley

Guernsey association picks Jack Smith, Elkhorn, new president

Nebraska dairy breed associations elected their officers for the coming year late Friday. The Guernsey breeders were the only ones to choose a new president Jack Smith of Elkhorn. They elected Alfred Buschow, Blue Hill, vice president; O. H. Liebers, Lincoln, secretary; and Delbert Egger, Roca, treasurer.

Officers of the Nebraska Jersey cattle club are Don Morton, Beatrice, president; John Rhodes, Beatrice, vice president; and Jack Wishart, Lincoln, secretary-treasurer. A. W. Anderson, West Point, again heads the Brown Swiss organization with W. D. Haley, Lyons as vice president and Alan Muellekin, Nickerson, secretary.

The Nebraska Holstein-Friesian association re-elected R. L. Ferguson, Lincoln, president. The vice president is Robert Bell, Lincoln; secretary, G. W. Trimmerger, Lincoln; and treasurer, W. A. Peterson, Harvard.

Explains county herd plan.

The county show herd plan thru which Kansas is stimulating improved livestock breeding was explained by J. J. Moxley, extension animal husbandman at Kansas State college, on the Friday morning program of the Nebraska Livestock Breeders and Feeders association.

Under this program a county Hereford, Shorthorn or Angus breeder's group is organized. The best show ring prospects are selected from these herds at a field day in the winter or spring. A final county show in the fall selects the best ten head to represent the county at the state fair.

Louis Laffin, Angus breeder at Crab Orchard and Joe Watson, Cuming county extension agent, discussed 4-H livestock work. Prof. R. R. Thalman of the Nebraska animal husbandry department and W. W. Derrick, extension animal husbandman at the Nebraska agricultural college also addressed the group.

Citrus fruit major threat to apples

Commercial fruit growers of southeastern Nebraska at Organized Agriculture Friday took a look into their "apple troubles" and found that citrus competition is rapidly becoming a major threat to the consumption of apples by the general public. The session was one of the features of the final gatherings of the "winter meetings" on the campus of the college of agriculture.

Sharing interest with the final meeting of the Nebraska Horticultural society, where the fruit growers met, were gatherings of the dairymen, the women and livestockmen. The 1939 meetings come to a close late Friday afternoon. John Ise of the University of Kansas addressed the general session.

Messiah—

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gan, and Earnest Harrison at the piano.

In two parts.

The first part of the oratorio expresses the longing of the world, the promise of the Saviour's coming, and tells of his birth. The second part is devoted to this suffering, death and exultation of Christ, telling finally of his resurrection. The climax of the entire composition is the triumphal song of the redeemed.

The oratorio was completed by George Frederick Handel in 1741. It was first introduced in Ireland at a charity affair. The first Christmas oratorio was presented on the university campus 43 years ago, the "Messiah" being sung every year except two, when "Elijah" was sung.

Cattle co-ops get once over

Wisconsin speaker tells of artificial breeding

Perhaps one of the most interesting stories of the entire Organized Agriculture program was that related Friday morning by Dr. E. E. Heizer of the University of Wisconsin concerning the organization of co-operative rings in that state for the artificial breeding of dairy cattle. Dr. Heizer, who is head of the dairy husbandry department at Wisconsin, emphasized the practical limitations of this method of breeding along with its advantages.

During the Guernsey breed meeting, M. N. Lawritson, extension dairyman at the agricultural college, reported that around 1,000 Nebraska boys and girls—a record number—were enrolled this year in the 4-H dairy calf club project.

Good progress in dairy herd improvement association testing, in spite of drouth and low prices, was reported by M. L. Flack, extension dairyman. During 1939 the number of herds on test increased 45 percent over 1938, he said, and the program has just completed one of its best years.

The value of thorough and detailed production records to breeders was stressed by R. L. Holden, general field man for the American Guernsey Cattle Club.

1,000 to hear Yule program

Candle lighting service opens annual program

Over 1,000 students and faculty members are expected to gather Tuesday evening in the student activities building on ag campus to attend the annual ag Christmas program.

A candle lighting ceremony will begin the program at 7:30 p. m., followed by a girls' sextet composed of Jane Brinegar, Mary Bell Haumont, Ruth Ann Sheldon, Peggy Beyl, Harriette Greenwood and Rhoda Chesley.

A string trio, Ardit and Miriam Hackman and Norma Jean Campbell, will play the professional for the traditional Yuletide service for ag students.

The ag college chorus, directed by Mrs. Altinas Tullis, will sing excerpts from Handel's Messiah and lead the audience in the singing of Christmas carols.

Mark Allen will sing a tenor solo and Mrs. Frances Pelton will give a Christmas reading.

Committees for the program, sponsored by Ag Executive board: Co-chairmen, Ellen Ann Armstrong and Ganis Richmond; program, Ruth Ann Sheldon, Ople Hedlund and Oscar Tegtmeier; decoration, Betty Joe Smith and Keith Gilmore; publicity, Rhoda Chesley and Marvin Kruse.

Art students work on rough draft of mural

Have you been wondering what the conglomeration of drawings on the east wall of the Union lounge is? Well, it's the rough draft of the mural which Elizabeth Calloway and Mildred Kopac, fine arts seniors, are doing for the second floor recreation room wall.

The mural, one of several new art projects sponsored by the Union this year, will give a composite picture of life in the Union, and will show students in the meeting rooms, lounging, listening to the radio, reading in the Book Nook, playing ping pong and going up and down stairs.

Interesting is the ballroom scene, complete with dancing couples, orchestra on the stage, and watchers hanging over the balcony rails.

Doing it as their senior project in the fine arts course, the artists are being supervised in their work by Miss Kady Faulkner of the art faculty. Completed sometime next spring, the mural will be on canvas, colored, covering a space of 8 by 27 feet on the recreation room's north wall. And just try and get it out the door!

Homemakers propose ec unit, dorm

Group elects officers; suggests employment of expert on family life

The building of an additional home economics building and of a cooperative residence for women on the agriculture campus was recommended Friday by the home economics section of Organized Agriculture.

The group further proposed to aid in every way possible the enforcement of highway safety rules.

Mrs. Clifford Eshelman, farm homemaker from Riverton, was elected president of the group for the coming year. Mrs. Roy Batie of Overton was chosen as vice president, and Miss Jessie Greene, 4-H club food specialist of the agriculture college, became secretary-treasurer.

Mrs. Roy Batie is the first vice president, the office having been created to provide a presiding officer in the absence of the president. Miss Mildred Nelson is the retiring secretary-treasurer; Mrs. Alvin Gard, the retiring president.

Demonstrate sorghums as food.

Discussion groups and demonstrations followed the business meeting. Dr. Rebekah Gibbons, head of the food and nutrition division of the home economics department, and Willard Waldo, Franklin county agriculture agent, gave a novel demonstration emphasizing the use that can be made of sorghums as a food.

Dr. Staples, head of the child development division, and Mrs. Angeline Anderson, instructor, were in charge of a nursery school in session for observation. Miss Grace Margaret Morton, head of the clothing and textile division, presented an exhibit showing how to look your best on as little as possible.

Miss Bess Steele, head of the design division, showed visitors how to rejuvenate the interiors of their homes.

Richardson wins award

Engineering honorary initiates 25 members

Joy O. Richardson, senior in the department of mechanical engineering, was named first recipient of the new Sigma Tau cash scholarship award Thursday. The award given this year for the first time, was announced at a dinner following the initiation of 22 students and three faculty members by the engineering honorary.

The scholarship, given this year for the first time, is given only to candidates who rank in the upper ten per cent of their class, and who are chosen by the active members of the society on the basis of practicality, sociability and need.

The 22 seniors and juniors initiated last night are Lyle Choat, Earle F. Cox, Sterling L. Dobbs, Charles R. Eberline, David A. Roach, Harold R. Sampson, Richard E. Schlueter, Frank H. Slaymaker, and Tom L. Davies.

Fred J. Meier, Joy O. Richardson, Dale Schrader, Robert Olmstead, Dwayne Jensen, Curtis Johnson, Harold Nelson, Robert E. Benner, George Fowler, Richard Hitchcock, Daniel Semlak, John Nottlemann, and William A. McConnell.

The three faculty members made honorary members of the organization are Prof. N. H. Barnard, of the department of mechanical engineering; Prof. E. A. Grone and Prof. T. T. Askhus, both of the department of engineering mechanics.

Address of the evening was given by R. R. Rensch, foreign wires relations engineer for the Northwestern Bell Telephone company. Prof. L. W. Hurlbut, of the ag college, was toastmaster at the banquet following the initiation.

Kansas economist advises stronger farm cooperation

Ise addresses final session of Organized Ag; officials pleased with result of 1939 meeting

Re-elect Raben, Porter

Horticulturalists close session; hear Talbert

Harvey Raben, Nebraska City, was re-elected president of the Nebraska Horticultural society at their closing session Friday afternoon. William Porter of Nebraska City was renamed vice president; E. H. Hoppert of the college of agriculture, secretary; and J. F. Shubert, Shubert, treasurer.

Prof. T. J. Talbert of the University of Missouri discussed diversified fruit growing before the closing meeting. He said it is too much trouble and worry for most fruit growers although diversity is one of the wisest programs for fruit growers to follow. Those planning diversification, he added, should begin small and grow into the program, learning and developing as they build up an orchard.

Extension Entomologist O. S. Bare told growers about the peach borer and called it the most destructive insect enemy of the peach in Nebraska.

Talbert told the society Friday morning that citrus fruit competition, over-production and consumer-buyer power are the big problems of the apple growers. He spoke on "What's Wrong with the Apple Business."

H. E. Engstrom, state coordinator for the SCS, spoke before the fruit growers about the possibilities of developing supplemental water supplies in eastern Nebraska. The prolonged drouth conditions, he said, have forced farmers to employ irrigation more and more.

In eastern Nebraska, Engstrom said, possibilities for development of pump irrigation are limited because of varying depths.

One of the more interesting talks of the morning was given by Prof. William J. Loeffel who discussed the feeding value of apples and apple pomace. He said the bulky nature of apples makes it imperative to use them for animals with large digestive capacities such as cattle and lambs.

Meats experts give buying tips

Tips on buying and preserving meat featured the joint meeting of the livestock and home economics group on Friday afternoon's concluding session of organized agriculture.

"Practically every week retailers tell us they are 'stuck' with certain cuts and are forced to sell them far below their real value," Prof. William J. Loeffel, acting chairman of the animal husbandry department pointed out. "The thrifty housewife will find out what these cuts are and will use them in her menus."

Kenneth Warner, meats specialist with the U. S. department of agriculture and a university alumnus, asserted that good quality beef for home use is usually made from well-bred, well-fed, handy weight calves or yearlings.

Miss Matilda Peters of the home economics department pointed out that the U. S. bureau of agricultural economics recommends a pressure cooker as the only really satisfactory device to use in processing meats. But even that must be carefully checked to make sure it is in good condition and that the gauge is accurate, she commented.

Nebraska farm men and women late Friday concluded their annual Organized Agriculture meetings on the ag campus and headed for home well-stocked with the latest scientific information on agriculture and home economics. Professor John Ise addressed the final day's general session.

College officials were pleased over the attendance, which was on a par with last year and interest in all gatherings was considered excellent.

Better organization of farmers to meet the increasing growth of capital and labor organizations was advocated by Professor Ise. He is an economist at the University of Kansas.

Competition, monopolies are factors.

"Farmers are more and more in a market where they sell goods produced under severely competitive conditions, while they buy goods produced under conditions more or less monopolistic," Professor Ise asserted.

The closer knitting together of the country's economy has been accompanied by the growth of organizations of all kinds, the Kansas economist pointed out. "In dealing with these organizations, the relatively scattered and individualistic farmers are always at a disadvantage."

The new, integrated economic system arising out of machine efficiency and mass production seems to draw wealth out of the farm communities and into the great financial centers, Professor Ise declared.

He termed the breakdown of international trade "perhaps the most serious difficulty the farmer faces." Steadily dwindling foreign markets may compel a complete reorganization of agriculture on a largely domestic basis, "a reorganization which will apparently require the shifting of some millions of farm people to other pursuits, unless we are to retain our present farm population working at half their potential efficiency."

Semi arid land used.

The spread of machine technology and increased use of power, has made possible the cultivation of some land, such as semi-arid wheat land, which could not profitably be cultivated before, using horses. It has also released for the production of human food, millions of acres formerly used to produce horse feed, Professor Ise pointed out.

He attributed the world drift toward dictatorship as "merely the result of economic breakdown."

Cushing urges use of sorghum

Regular use of sorghum should be made in the cropping system on Nebraska farms according to R. L. Cushing, assistant agronomist at the Nebraska Agriculture Experiment Station, in an address given Wednesday before Organized Agriculture groups.

Frowning on a further large increase in sorghum acreage the agronomist said that sorghum crops' chief value lies in stabilizing feed production during periods of drouth. Figures for the Lincoln test plots show that during the seven year period just ended the average yield of Early Kalo was 22.3 bushels per acre as contrasted with an average of only 10 bushels per acre for corn. Sooner Milo and Kalo also yielded over 20 bushels per acre during this period.

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