Former Aggie Solves the Feed Shortage Problem

AGGIE CLASS OF 1927

Duncan Thomas

A crop shortage may have been disastrous to many South Dakota farmers but M. O. Abrahamson, class of '33, Mt. Vernon, found a way out. A very inexpensive trench silo saved the day and Mr. Abrahamson's stock will now be ready to winter our horses and cattle was trench silo which we did at a very small cost considering the amount of feed we obtained.

The dimensions of his silo according to Mr. Abrahamson are 36 feet long, 12 feet wide on top and 10 feet wide at the bottom. The silo is six feet deep. Four days were spent in constructing the silo and the only help hired was for one day and a half. "The only cash paid out," Abrahamson added, "was $5.00 for a man and $15.00 for the use of a tractor used in filling the silo."

However, Mr. Abrahamson adds, "the spring I have put a roof over it which will cost in the neighborhood of $200."

The only covering used last fall was two small loads of straw and some dirt left on top of the log. Mr. Abrahamson is going to be prepared for some rain this year.

Mr. Abrahamson concludes by saying, "My silo has brought me larger returns on my investment than any other similar investment I have ever made."

Aggie Win in Little International Show

The ability of the Aggies in the art of showmanship was demonstrated very forcibly at the Little International this year. Exhibitors of the Aggie class showed such a wide range of showmanship in beef cattle, horses, sheep, swine and dairy cattle. In the beef class Lawrence Delavan of Deeds was grand champion male exhibitor and Ward Persons was grand champion male exhibitor. In dairy classes were Philip Anderson, Porterville; Perry Downer, Roscoe; Perry Silverman, Brookings.

The excellent results were due in no small part to the leadership of 4-H clubs. They found a way to prepare their animals for the show and to have them ready to compete with the best.

Commencement Program

College Auditorium

Sunday, March twentieth, 1927, 3:30 p.m.

President C. W. Puglsey, presiding

Organ Prelude, Grand March from "Alida" - Verdi
Festival Piece - C. A. Stebbins
Invocation - Rev. F. E. Morrison
Soleo, "Bear my Cry, O Lord" - Woller
Scripture Reading - Rev. S. L. Hammond
Soleo, "Call thy thou'st, O Master" - Mietke
Commencement Sermon, "The Most Wonderful Word in the World" - Rev. L. Wendell Fifield
Benediction - Rev. C. F. Morrison
Organ Postlude, "Postlude alla Marcia" - Gallbraith

Aggies Prove Worth of Trench Silo

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Stella Mikkelsen—teaching
Lloyd B. Courtin—farming
Ruth M. Paulson—farming
William Husby—farming
Otto Reinschmidt—farming
Douglas H. C. Frith—farming
Verda Thone—operating beauty parlors
Arturo A. Quigley—farming
Joe Abrahamson—farming

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FORMER AGGIES LEAD 4-H CLUBS

Aggie Training Makes Efficient Community Leaders, Survey Shows

The first annual Farmers' Week was held at State College, February 28 to March 2. It consisted of a state wide conference of farmers, home makers, agricultural organizations and other related agencies. An excellent representation of farmers and others interested in agriculture attended the conference.

The program opened Monday 28th, with an address by Dean Larsen. The remainder of the day was given over to discussions of Cooperative Grain Marketing. On Tuesday morning a discussion of cooperative marketing of dairy products was held, and in the afternoon and evening cooperative marketing of wool and livestock was discussed.

Wednesday was a general get-together day with several meetings and demonstrations during the day and a general get together "mix-in" in the evening. A sale of surplus colts and experience of stock consisting of puerile gilts, sheep and cattle was held on the stock pavilion Thursday afternoon. In the evening Farmers' Banquet was given in the college dining room and at 8:15 an all college program was held. Fri.. (Continued on Page 3)

AGGIES at HOME

College Auditorium

Tuesday, March twenty-second, 1927, 10:30 a.m.

President C. W. Puglsey, presiding

Professional March - Selected
Overture, "Raymond" - Thomas
Trees - College Symphony Orchestra
DufFeild Gold - Raabch
Mr. Vrenegor - Stuart
Variations from "Emperor Quartette" - Haydn
Address, "The Magic Touch" - Prof. H. E. Bradford
Presentation of Class - Prin. P. J. Scarrro
Presentation of Diplomas - Hon. Robert Dailey
Benediction - Rev. George V. Scriven
March, "Tenth Regiment" - Hall

College Symphony Orchestra

SCHOOL SHOWS SLIGHT INCREASE

Graduating Class Larger Than Last Year; Six Girls To Receive Diplomas

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WHAT SHALL WE DO ABOUT IT?

There is a land of common folks, of
God and liberty
Where every man has got a chance to
be a bigger man
Where every person's heritage de-
mands that he shall be
Informed, prepared for our day or
solve it if he can.

We all have our ideas how our coun-
try shall be run
We know things would be better if every-
body'd just do it our way
But if just we had our say.

Where is our duty as citizens to seek the
genera1, national policy of equality between Agriculture and In-
ustry?

It is the purpose of the Aggie News to have this department as a special feature. In each issue we shall present a summary of each county organization. This depends, of course, upon how much information we can get from you to contribute to the publication.

The success of the county organization largely depends upon the cooperation of the county organization. The first and probably the most important thing is a good organization and an editor.

WHERE OUR DUTY IS

Do not neglect to tell us about your
organization and the details of your
work. Send it in.

Agriculture and the \"New Farm,\"

We're glad to get any information on
how you think the Farm should be
run. Send it in.

Mr. Cummings home, February 10. Mr. Cummings.

WHERE WE STAND

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This year is the first time in the history of the School of Agriculture that the Aggie Basketball Team has had the opportunity of attending the Northwest Livestock Show at Denver, Colorado.

Coincident with the show proper is a contest held annually for the high schoolers and members of agricultural schools of the state. It was the latter event particularly that prompted the team to leave Brooklyn on January 12.

The team, a total of 1405 points out of a possible 1800, the team won second place in the Northwest Livestock Show at Denver, Colorado. This was only 21 points behind the winning team, Northwest School of Agriculture, at Curtis, Nebraska.

Members of the team were Edgar Joy, Roy, the co-captain; and Ralph Zebarth, Shindler. F. A. Revell accompanied the team as coach. Aggie Club President Kenneth Hollister is the team's vice-president, and Wilheln, six was sixth in the contest. The winners place first, fourth, and fifth in the contest.

The team left for Denver January 14 and returned Wednesday, January 19.

Seven classes of livestock with four from each class were judged by the contestants, as follows: Dairy cattle, Hereford, Portland; Beef cattle, Short horn, fat sheep, draft horses, and fat hogs.

A "fluke" class of sheep that had one fat winger too large for the class proved a stumbling block for the Aggies.

INTERNOSOCIETY CONTEST

For the past two years, the Gnothuill Literary Society won the intersociety contest, capturing 22 points. This year the Dakota Literary Society got 14 two years ago, the two societies tied but the Agathon won this year.

The winners of this year's contest were: Essays, Mori Efrick, Spokane; History, Helen Plath; Foreign Language, Farmington; second, Oralis, Henry Koster; Economics, Irvin Williams Bliss; Literature, William N. Hudson, second. Dramatic readings, Thora Olson, Brookings, first; Earl Efrick, Bismarck, second; and Gladys Bohl, Oakes, third.

The subject for debate this year was "The St. Lawrence waterway project." The affirmative team consisted of Kenton Gilbert, Hollister, Sherman, vice-president; Miss Fern Imbach, Brookings, secretary; Miss Marian Sargent, Brule, treasurer and Glifford Johnson, Vienna, chairman of the committee. Professor Revell was elected the class dud.

In the intersociety contest, the team is always to be held at the service, Reverend Nigro is one of the leading ministers of Sioux Falls.

The intersociety commencement will be held in the College Auditorium on Tuesday, March 22 at 10:30 a.m. Professor H. E. Broadford of the University of Nebraska will give the commencement address. Mr. Broadford is principal of the School of Agriculture and director of Vocational Education.

Our commencement speakers are men of worth and experience. We feel fortunate in getting them for our commencement.

PROFESSOR R. E. BRADFORD

As a new member of the faculty, Professor R. E. Bradford comes to the school. Professor Bradford is from the University of Missouri.

PROFESSOR G. D. NORTON

Professor G. D. Norton has been given a leave of absence this year to complete his second year study in the University of Missouri.

AGGIE BASKETBALL TEAM ENDS SEASON

The School of Agriculture basketball team consisted of the Aggie quartet, Miss Minn Blank was elected chairman of the social committee. A very good job has been done by the class consisting of short plays, readings, and musical numbers. Games were played after the program and at ten o'clock the refreshments were served. A very enjoyable evening was spent by all.

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Farm Meats Class

Busy at Abattoir

More than 3,000 pounds of meat were processed at the Abattoir in the southeastern section of the state, by the class in farm meats.

The equipment of the class at the Abattoir in the years of 1923 and 1924 and the amount of meat cured was then less than 1000. The reason for this, according to the Class of 1924, for the new abattoir located in the basement of the student stock judging pavilion. This building is modern in design and it is heated by steam from the college boiler. It consists of a large steam heated lard rendering kettle, a steam pressure cooker, a six-street meat cutting machine and large refrigerators to keep the meat at correct temperatures.

In the old building an abattoir had to be made from a few rooms in the old serum building at the university. This work was done by the students taking the course and actual killing of sheep and pigs work did not begin until nearly Christmas vacation. The building was heated by means of a stove and the steam heated water was obtained from an old boiler located in one of the rooms. This boiler was found to be too small for the class, who stayed at the abattoir. It was found necessary to build a building before a meat class to thaw out the pipes and prevent the fire that the equipment was not leaking enough to put it out.

This year the work of the killing began with the turn for execution. As soon as ready when started. There are no pipes to thaw out and no boiler to fire. The work is done without a break in the building or in other buildings where they await their turn for execution.

"A coincident about the exhibit in January 1927," according to the exhibit in Lesterville, "(Continued from Page 1)"

SCHOOL SHOWS INCREASE

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Leonard Bult—farming
Glen Parshall—farming
Melvin Abrahamson—farming
Loyd Amundson—farming
George Volta—farming
Byron Stevens—farming
Loren Poole—farming
Thora Naami Olsen—nurses training
Ernest Urban—farming
Ralph Zebarth—college
Stella Waddell—nurses training
Everett Griffin—farming
Henry Oldham—farming
Lloyd McNear—Undecided
Robert J. Raben—farming
Roy C. Wilhelm—farming
Jacob Rosech—farming
Robert J. Raben—farming
Ethel Boyd—Housekeeping.

COW TESTING ASSOCIATIONS

By William Knappen, Class of 1924

During the last six months I have spent some time in the school of experience in the Hamlin County Cow Testing association, Ed. Hanson a graduate of the class of 1921. In September he took his place six months ago. Alvin Jensen of Viborg is now taking the place of Mr. Hanson. As a result of the last six months have been a great experience to me and I have made the acquaintance of the leading men of the county and received the benefit of both their good ideas and errors.

There has been some members feeding light on grain or not feeding any grain because of the grain shortage. On the other hand some members have bought grain for their cows and doubt if any feeding on grain. During the feed shortage many dairy men have come to realize the value of their cows and now that they are in high demand some are in debt for the installation before fall.

There are always a few members that do not take an interest in the testing or in the records but most of them do and they use those records for feeding and culling their herd. They are getting results from testing which is good and continuous——there is always room for improvement in every herd.

Now don't repeat this above a whisper—rumors have it that Helen Schoepf is wearing a sparkler.

AGGIES TO HAVE OWN BUILDING AT FAIR

For the past two years the school has had an exhibit at the State fair. The Aggie members have been held one day during the year. This year the Aggies will have their own building. Each line of stock will be exhibited. A group of Aggies will attend the fair for the purpose of demonstrations and looking after the exhibit. We appreciate the action of the State Fair Board in giving us a building for our Aggie exhibit.

CLASS OF 1924—CLASS LETTER DIGEST

The class of 1924 Aggies has the distinction of being the first annual class letter in which some what that purpose of a personal letter to the teachers that in one class of what his old classmates are doing from time to time. Almost 100 per cent. of the members have written each year their part of the letter which shows their interest in it. Following is a sketch of the letter:

The majority of the class are faithful to the far m Colleg as a whole the members are doing quite a variety of things for a livelihood. Even though weather conditions are general hard and difficult, the Aggies seem always to succeed. We find there are 18 members of the class that have turned globe trotters. They decided to see a little of the world before settling down. They are gone, and when they come back, we don't care much how they travel. Two members are teaching school and are in good state of health and content. One has decided to get it start in the manufacturing industry making gloves. Another has turned salesman and is exercising his forensic ability. In case of ill we can rely on our class mate who is now nursing. She seems to have found that at least our class ought to follow that occupation. Cow testing is a popular occupation with many Aggies boys and girls who have taken it. We have tried to cover our number at this job. (Seven of the class realized their need for more knowledge and are working full time at this job again this year. One is taking a business course at Aberdeen, and the rest at State College). The largest part of the class is still enjoying single happiness but we have a few members who are or are going to be married. Two members have volunteered to give married life a try for a test for the benefit of the rest. They have reported some interesting things that the near future will see more of us married. We are exceedingly proud to say that there is a new little Aggie to add to our list.

There are three members who are doing some exceptionally good work in their communities. We are giving them special mention because of the position of the Y-T-Girls club head at Viborg. They are made of 1925 with eight girls and has since increased to 12. The girls were given a trip to the State Fair this past year and made a very creditable showing. We hope Glady's will continue with the same enthusiasm.

Archie Joy has made a name for himself as a county agent of Stanley County.

Since assuming the duties of that office he has been a very fair. His services have been in demand as exhibits judge at various contests and he is giving his money worth in a very fair way. Archie Joy has made a name for himself as a county agent of Stanley County.

"The School of Agriculture training enriches life by equipping one for himself for the larger work of his city. It broadens one's vision and enables him to get much more happiness and satisfaction from life. It opens up a greater field of opportunity and leads to untold possibilities."