ITEMS LIFTED FROM SPECIALISTS’ REPORTS

Spent one day at Huron in conference with the Extension service there. The Extension service should furnish all druggists in the state with a handbook on insecticides and fungicides to be used behind the insecticide counters. A hand-book of this nature would, it was agreed, be a great help to the druggist. It would put the proper poison in the hands of the user, and finally it would be a good means of extending the correct spray information to the people of the state.

A. L. Ford.

It is estimated that around 200 miles of fence row have been burned off in Bon Homme county as a result of extension efforts along the line of chinch bug control.

A. L. Ford.

Several county agents are running want ads like the following: “Wanted:—100 men to keep a farm account record. Write or see County Agent Blank.”

H. D. McCullough.

Farm accounts is being taught as a part of the eighth grade arithmetic in every county in the state. All but three counties have placed our Extension service account book on the list of free texts.

J. C. Holmes.

In Edmunds county, shipping associations at Ipswich, Loyalton, and Mina were connected up with a cooperative selling agency.

A. L. Ford.

Initial steps have been taken for the formation of an Aberdeen Federation of Livestock Shipping associations with a view of keeping a closer working knowledge between the associations and forming as a group of the Central Cooperative of South St. Paul to handle hogs being shipped to the Pacific coast.

J. C. Holmes.

The Mid-winter fair is very distinctive of Canton and Lincoln county. It is by far the best Mid-winter fair held in the state of South Dakota and the people of that community are looking forward to making it of as much importance as the Corn Palace in Mitchell. The competition was very keen in the hog classes and many of these animals would make an excellent showing at the State fair.

Gilbert S. Weaver.

Cooperative marketing of wool through the “wool pool” has come to stay. Here is one of the South Dakota farmers who last year, through pooling their wool, netted $35,000 more than if they had sold locally.

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DEMONSTRATION WORK IS NOW TWENTY YEARS OLD

When a magazine of national reputation commends the type of work which one is trying to further it causes one to reflect that the general public is not “unappreciative” after all. The following from the World’s Work for April should prove of interest to everyone connected with extension work:

“Twenty years ago the Department of Agriculture gave a little sum of money into the hands of a very wise old man to see if he could find a method of combating the boll weevil which was then just finishing its tenth annual advance upon the cotton fields of Texas. This man was like the wise old men of Homer or the Bible. He knew many modern facts but most of all he knew human nature, for he had observed its workings with a keen and kindly mind for many years. And in this observing he had made a great discovery, as simple and obvious as most great discoveries, which was that you can teach a man more by showing how to do a thing than by telling him how either by voice or pen.

“Doctor Knapp’s idea of how to teach the farmer better farming was to go out on the farm and show him. The doctor selected several cotton farms in the boll weevil territory and showed the owners how to raise cotton so that the weevil would not get it. These men’s cotton was good while their neighbors’ cotton was ruined. But the next year the neighbors did like unto the original demonstrators and their cotton was saved. Another year the department gave Doctor Knapp a little more money and he pushed his work a little further. No man was ever more patient or more thorough.

“There was another wise man, Dr. Wallace Buttrick, the secretary of the General Education Board, went south and looked at what Doctor Knapp was doing. ‘This may not be a school,’ was his comment, ‘but this is education, perhaps the most effective education in the world.’

“The General Education Board provided funds for Doctor Knapp to extend his demonstration work outside the boll weevil district. There the demonstrations were of diversification and better methods. It was characteristic of Doctor Knapp that he did not expand his work

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Club leaders and club members are all pleased that the legislature gave the state fair board an appropriation for a new club building on the fair grounds. The new building will be built during the summer and ready for the fair folks this September. All of the club exhibits and demonstrations will be housed in the new building. The new building will be located just north of the club square. Every club member should plan now to send his best exhibits to the fair and every county should plan to send well trained demonstration teams. The following is some of the information you will find in the club premium list. Copies of the state fair premium list will be sent to all club members early in May.

The state champion livestock judging team and the grand champion demonstration teams in home economics and crops or livestock will represent South Dakota at the Interstate fair at Sioux City.

You will be interested in these regulations of the club camp at the fair:

Membership: The membership for the 1923 club camp is limited to demonstration teams, judging teams and individual exhibitors. This membership is open to boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 19 years, who were enrolled before April 1, 1923, and are in good standing at the time of the state fair. Individual exhibitors will be admitted to the camp under the same requirements as for team members. The members of the camp are the guests of the State Board of Agriculture for the week.

Individual exhibitors: Provision will be made to accommodate individual exhibitors. Free lodging will be provided by the state fair board, the individual exhibitor paying $1 per day for his board. They must comply with all the rules and regulations of the camp and pay the regular enrollment fee. Applications must be made with the regular entry blank.

Number of teams: Each county of the state may bring two teams to the state fair camp, one team in home economics club work and one in crops or livestock club work.

Eligibility: All demonstration teams must have put on at least four practice demonstrations and two public demonstrations to be eligible to attend the camp. Applications for these teams must be sent to the superintendent, on blanks furnished, by July 15, 1923. If the camp enrollment is not filled by the regular applications extra teams and individual exhibitors may be admitted when proper application is made for same. These applications will be considered and allowed in order as they are received at the office of the superintendent. The chairman of the executive committee and superintendent will pass on these applications and decide which counties may bring the extra teams and exhibitors.

Expense: The enrollment fee is $2. This will entitle the club member to free admission to the fair grounds, lodging, stalls and pens for livestock exhibits and feed for the livestock exhibits, meals for team members, admission to the main grandstand for the Monday judging teams are required to have at all over the south at once. It grew only as he could see it grow well.

"Then he began to put another simple idea into practice. It is not human nature for a grown man to allow a boy to surpass him in his business. It is also true that a boy learns rapidly. So Doctor Knapp organized some boys’ corn clubs. The boys learned to get amazing yields, and their fathers and their fathers’ neighbors watched the boys and changed their methods for the better. And then came girls’ canning clubs. In this was a new idea which the doctor explained somewhat in this way:

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"The canning club will meet first at one house and then at another. Learning how to can vegetables and fruit will help the farmer’s digestion, but fixing up the house to receive the neighbors and visiting the house will do more for the mothers and daughters than the vegetables will do for digestion."

"Doctor Knapp died in 1911, the greatest benefactor of the southern farmer—and not alone the southern farmer, for in 1915 Congress passed the Smith-Lever act enrolling the demonstration work of the Department of Agriculture to cover the whole United States."

"The idea of this wise old man changes our agriculture for the better every year. In 1921, in the south alone, 275,000 farmers changed their methods of corn growing, and 144,000 improved their cotton growing practices."

"In the central square of Enterprise, Alabama, is a monument with this inscription:"

In profound appreciation of the boll Weevil and what it has done as the Herald of Prosperity, this Monument is Erected by the Citizens of Enterprise, Coffee County, Alabama."

"This is a monument to a pest that drove the southern farmer from his old methods and single crop system. The man who showed the farmer where and how to go, the demonstrator of the prosperity which the boll weevil heralded, was Dr. Seaman A. Knapp, whose work began 20 years ago this spring and still goes marching on."

Twenty counties sent junior livestock judging teams to the South Dakota State Fair last year. Each team took the same lively interest in the judging contests, as is exhibited by the above group.
Dear Friend:

The following was a part of one sow-litter club member's report.

My pig's name is Queen. She's the finest ever seen. I feed her milk and corn every night and morn. I hope she'll get so big that before her year is through she'll have as many little ones as the Old Woman that lived in a shoe.

DAIRY SHOW ENLARGES PLANS

W. E. Skinner, general manager of the National Dairy show, reports that $4,000 has been appropriated to carry on the boys' and girls' club department for 1923. Committees are being formed to organize and carry out the junior activities of the show which will be held this year at Syracuse, New York, October 6 to 13.

All the club girls in South Dakota will be interested to know that the most outstanding club girl in the domestic science projects which includes sewing, baking and canning and food clubs, will be awarded a trip to Chicago at the time of the show. The last day of the fair the baby-beeves are sold at auction. The grand champion last year sold for $10 cents per pound. All the baby-beeves sold from two to forty cents above market.

HERE IS THE ANSWER

When the mortgage time draws near,
Buy a cow.
When the price of milk is dear,
Buy a cow.
When the profits on your place
Seem a literal disgrace,
And collectors start to chase,
Buy a cow.
When the farm is sort o' blue,
Buy a cow.
When it's lonesome-like for you,
Buy a cow.
When the apple trees are white,
And the pastures gettin' bright,
And the torch o' spring's a-light
Buy a cow.

Mr. Banker, livestock specialist, spent a week in Gregory county doing work in organizing sow-litter clubs. Miss Ward, county superintendent, is the county club leader and promoter of the work. Representatives of all the breed associations cooperated with Mr. Banker in the work.

The following clubs were organized: Dickens Pig Club, Mr. Cornell of Gregory, local leader, 15 members enrolled; Star Valley Pig club, E. J. Velder of Fairfax, local leader, 15 members enrolled; sow-litter club, Arthur Sawyer of St. Charles, local leader, eight members enrolled. Gregory county will make a good showing in the work and the club members will be a decided factor in agricultural development in the county.

The Whitewood Valley Poultry and Durroc clubs held a joint meeting at the Niva home Saturday afternoon, March 24. Mrs. A. Letho is leader of the poultry club, Irene Dillavou, president, and Havel Letho, secretary. Ray Bush is leader of the Durroc club, Albert Niva, president and Gladys Poland, secretary. Both clubs are doing some excellent work and are very much interested in their work's programs of work. E. W. Hall, county agent of Lawrence county and Paul J. Scarbro, state club leader, were visitors at the joint club meeting. The girls in the clubs assisted by Mrs. Niva served refreshments.

Vey Valentine, the new agent in west Meade county is getting some good club work organized. J. A. Rose, member of the Farm Bureau board is the county club leader and also local leader of the Bear Butte Durroc club. Martin Williamson is local leader of a sow-litter club, R. W. Shaw leader of a corn club and Mrs. Fred Fallette is the leader of the poultry club. Mr. Rose and the local leaders are making definite arrangements for the county fair and state fair programs.

The following amounts are offered in cash premiums at the state fair: Sewing, $114; food, $160; canning, $50; farm management, $32; potatoes, $90; corn, $130; poultry, $20; baby-pork, $100; baby-beef, $240; sheep, $40; cow-calf, $40; dairy, $80; sow-litter, $937. Trips to the International amount to $800; trips to the Interstate, $300; trips to the National Dairy show, $300. The special premiums offered are equal in value to the regular premiums.

THE NEW STATE FAIR BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUB BUILDING

The new building provides plenty of room for all the club exhibits and demonstrations, has an auditorium that seats 350 people and will be the most up-to-date club building in the United States when finished. The new building will be dedicated Tuesday evening, September 11.
W. C. Boardman—(Brown county) Hog house construction, ventilation and frost control were the subjects discussed by Mr. Patty at the eight February meet­ings in the three preservation sections. Two meetings were discontinued on account of bad roads and disagreeable weather. Eleven farmers assisted in planning hog houses of their own. The actual change of air on two hog houses and a dairy barn was measured and recommendations made for bettering the ventilating sys­tems. Cooperated with the International Harvester company in putting on a short course and a corn and grain show. As­sisted South Dakota department of agri­culture in the farm management survey in Groton township. Organized two com­munity clubs.

A. D. Ellison—(Butte county) Seven members in a poultry club at Newell, 5 members in a sewing club at Vale, 5 mem­bers in a baby beef club, 6 members for a sheep club, 12 members for the third sow-litter club, and 8 members for a farm management club is a part of the enroll­ment in boys’ and girls’ club work. Thirteen clubs are now organized with a total enrollment of 96. Mr. Miller, live­stock specialist on the irrigation project and Mr. Sutherland, Smith-Hughes in­structor at Newell are cooperating in the club work. Assisted farmers in marketing 8 earloads of baled alfafa hay to Minnesota. Three dairy herds were tested for tuberculosis.

J. Bland Hill—(Clay county) Community organization, boys’ and girls’ club work, horse betterment, poultry currying, better signs for the hog market, the city post, and the post office were the returning projects for February. Attended meetings of two community clubs organized last month where full programs of work were adopted and leaders were selected for the various projects for the year. Ten boys were enrolled in a sow-litter club.

W. G. Parish—(Deuel county) Fifty people attended three pruning demon­strations put on by A. L. Ford of the State college. Three farmers institutes were arranged for the first week in March.

Helen A. Day—(Faulk, Beadle, Hand and Hamlin counties) The 22 clothing survey in Faulk county is showing remarkable interest. At the last training school Seneca had 90 percent attendance, Cres­bard 100 percent, Faulkton 80 percent, Orient 100 percent and Rockham 100 per­cent. Thirty-four regular demonstrators attended and 23 substitute demonstra­tors. In two cases clubs failed to report at their regular training school but sent their demonstrators to other training schools. Each club has sent in a program book, one copy for the county agent and one copy for the home agent. One poul­try club with 8 members was organized. One poultry club with 8 members was organized. One poultry club with 8 members was organized.

Roy E. Smith—(Grant county) Sixty­seven separators were tested in a demon­stration put on in cooperation with the Big Stone creamery. Only 6 were found to be losing butterfat. One hundred six people attended the demonstrations held with Miss Sutter, discussing mating, brooding, feeding young chicks and general care of poultry. Two thou­sand one hundred fifty people attended a two day short course in Milbank held in connection with the International Har­vester company extension division.

E. H. Aicher—(Hand county) Twenty­five farmers have ordered 200 bushels certified seed potatoes to date through an effort on our part to encourage the plantings of six menbers was organized and regis­tered South Dakota Corn and Grain Show at Lebanon and Gettys­burg. Dr. Weaver talked on hog diseases and the “Exit Ascaris” film was shown. Eighty boys and men attended a similar meeting given under the auspices of the Hoven pig club. Two farm account meet­ings were held with Mr. McCullough pre­sent. Farmers attending were those that had kept farm account books for the past year. A temporary meeting of the county fair association was held and steps taken toward the future of the fair. A per­manent board of directors was elected and the meeting recommended that steps be taken toward incorporating and in­vestigating the proposition of obtaining suitable grounds for making the county fair a permanent institution.

There are 719 women enrolled in clothing clubs in Spink county.

Two communities in Lyman county were organized for poultry work, making a specialty of capons. They agree to hatch early, caponize at the proper time, feed properly, and ship together.

—Clara M. Sutter.

At Spencer the poultry exhibit was twice as large as last year. Two plates of eggs were exhibited last year, 22 this year. The competition was very close as the women said they had been studying eggs since last March. All exhibits were larger than last year. The girls’ clothing exhibit under the direction of Miss Mills showed careful work as well as super­vision.

—Clara M. Sutter.