Pugsley to be President—Heebink Succeeds Banker—Changes in Minnehaha and Marshall

After five months of curious speculation on the part of all Extension workers as to the next president of State college, the news of the election of Charles W. Pugsley, assistant secretary of agriculture for the last two years, came as a pleasant surprise to all. Since the press of the state has given a complete history of Mr. Pugsley's fitness for the position, we will only add that we feel sure Mr. Pugsley will have a sympathetic understanding of the Extension man's problems based upon his own wide and successful experience in that field of college activities. State college and Extension work will move toward the front of Mr. Pugsley's caliber. Mr. Pugsley will assume his new duties October 1.

After an exceptionally successful period of three years service as Home Demonstration Agent in Minnehaha county, Miss Eva Bickel has resigned. Miss Marie J. Hanson, a 1922 State college graduate, will take up the work where Miss Bickel left off on July 1. Miss Hanson has "some" job ahead of her to fill Miss Bickel's place, but comes to her new position highly recommended, having had a year's successful teaching experience at the Springfield Normal, and completing her college course with honors.

J. M. Browning, known to all as "Jim" has resigned as county agent in Marshall county effective July 1. Mr. Browning has two years of good work behind him in Marshall county and has the support for Extension work of perhaps a higher percentage of the farmers of his county than any other county in the state. His plans for the future have not been announced.

Mr. L. D. Nichols, an Ames graduate, has been selected as county agent in Marshall county to succeed J. M. Browning. Mr. Nichols formerly taught Smith-Hughes agriculture in the Britton schools and knows Marshall county conditions. For the last year he has been teaching in the high school at Lanesboro, Minn.

Gerald Heebink, a native of Wisconsin and a graduate of the university of that state with degrees of B.S. and M.S., has been employed as assistant livestock specialist to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Paul P. Banker. Mr. Heebink was raised on a farm near Baldwin, Wisconsin, has managed his father's farm successfully, and since finishing the regular course in agriculture at the University of Wisconsin, has been employed as assistant in the Animal Husbandry department there. He was officially welcomed to the extension family on July 1.

AGRICULTURAL NEWS

SERVICE TAKES AWARDS

An extension photograph, entered in a contest for pictures which tell stories without words, won first award at the convention of agricultural college editors in New Brunswick, New Jersey, which was attended by Paul W. Kieser, agricultural editor from State college. Beside the first award for the photograph, this news service took second award for "culls" and third award for light rural verse, agricultural news story and a published article dealing with the service rendered by a country newspaper to its community.

Mr. Kieser, one of the scribes for "Extension News," secured the 1924 meeting of agricultural editors for Brookings next June, and he was also elected secretary of the association.

FIELD DAY BRINGS RAIN

The Dairy Field day planned for Brookings June 27 was attended by about 150 out of town people in spite of the rain and bad roads. George Kennard, W. P. Gamble, George Winright, H. O. Putnam, Joe Morrison, Roy Smith, and Arthur Tompkins arrived with their delegations before the rain. Percy Smith and Andy Palm plowed mud most of the way and arrived just in time to hear Governor Lowden close his address. It is estimated that Brookings would have had more than 1,000 visitors had it not rained. The judging events were postponed and the prizes held over.
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Director Kumlien left for Washington, D. C., in June for a week’s work at the Department of Agriculture’s office. On his return trip he will stop off for three or four weeks’ work at the University of Wisconsin, returning to his duties at Brookings about August 1.

SELECT TEAMS EARLY

Between now and September 10, approximately 100 teams, boys, girls and women, will be selected for some phase of work at the State fair. There is a tendency on the part of the county workers to push this ticklish job off on the state workers. That is all right. There is also a tendency to leave the selection of the team or teams until the eleventh hour. That is all wrong.

There are several reasons why teams should be picked as soon as possible. It gives the champion team members more time in which to fit themselves for State fair demonstrations, enables the county worker to count on assistance in selecting and preparing a team, and finally it relieves the anxiety which is always present before a tryout, both on the part of those who go and the “almost went.”

DAIRY CIRCuits REQUESTED

Requests for assistance in organizing dairy breeding circuits have been made very frequently since 300 South Dakota farmers visited the North Dakota circuits June 12 and 13. “Our people want the distinction of organizing the first circuit in South Dakota,” writes one county agent. “I have three communities in which a circuit could be organized,” says another.

The probabilities are that assistance will be given in organizing two circuits in the northwestern part of the state this fall. The communities upon which effort is to be concentrated will probably be decided in August. Farmers from Corson, Perkins, Meade, Ziebach, Dewey, Walworth, Campbell, and McPherson counties made the trip and are now vitalily interested in establishing circuits.

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“I ask Anna”

This is the reply frequently given in answer to a question of detail at the state office. Miss Anderson has grown up with the Extension Service, joining the force as stenographer in 1917 and at present holding the position of secretary of extension, an important cog in the extension wheel. Although young in years, Miss Anderson in length of service ranks second to Ralph Patty, the patriarch of the central office. There is a persistent rumor afoot that some young swain has taken the reply “ask Anna” more literally than it was meant.

STATE NEWS

Items of Statewide Interest as Taken From Specialists’ Reports

Grasshopper Survey: The country’s supply of white arsenic is nearly exhausted so we are forced to find a substitute for it this year. Arrangements have been made to test out sodium arsenite in bait against grasshoppers in Pennington county. This has proven successful in Colorado, which is fairly good evidence that it will also be here. We do not feel safe in recommending its use in South Dakota on a large scale, however, until it has been tested under our conditions.—A. L. Ford.

Marketing, Caponizing and Dry Picking: Twelve demonstrations were given on caponizing. Forty-nine people were trained to do the work by taking part, actually doing the caponizing. Seven demonstrations were given in killing and dry picking, thirty-nine taking part in the demonstrations. These demonstrations were given at the same meeting as the caponizing.—Clara M. Sutter.

Potato Tour: Made a visit to Watertown, to Potato Growers’ meeting on May 2, and completed arrangements for a potato tour to be held July 26 to 29 inclusive, and to cover 200 miles.—Arthur T. Evans.

Junior Club Work: Visited three junior clubs and found that 36 of the 37 members had their account books up to date. The junior farm management club is pretty well standardized now and is recognized as a good medium for extension work.—H. D. McCullough.

Judging Schools: We had one week of judging schools in Gregory county. This work was by day, and we gave educational movies at night. Both the judging and movies were enjoyed by the various clubs. The worm film “Ascaris” especially drew favorable comment. The judging schools were popular and we already have requests for more of such service which will be arranged later.—Paul P. Banker.

Soybean Projects: Bon Homme county is carrying on an extensive soybean growing project this year. County Agent Monroe has wisely used as much South Dakota grown seed as he could obtain and is urging a few men in his county to produce seed.

Manchu is the variety used by the largest number of growers but there are also the following varieties being used: Ito San, Manchuria, Mandarin. This selection of varieties will give Bon Homme county an excellent opportunity to study varieties and make some determination as to those best for the county. Soy beans in Bon Homme county fit in well with the corn and hog crops of the county, and also help to the extermination of the chinch bug problem since these insects do not bother this crop.—Ralph E. Johnston.

Pig Club Meeting: A unique method of fostering the pig club work has been worked out in Davison county. The various civic clubs have appointed a number of their members to act as the committee of one for giving instructions and help to the pig club members. A meeting was held in the city hall on May 5 at Mitchell, South Dakota, for the purpose of exchanging ideas and “ironing out” difficulties. The representatives from the civic clubs were there as well as the pig club members. Discussions of the care and management of the sow and litter and also the minor diseases of pigs were the principal points of the meeting. If more of such meetings could be held it would be a great benefit to the pig club work.—Gilbert S. Weaver.

Tile Drainage: The field meeting on the tile drainage project on Fred Mason’s place at Frankfort in Spink county was poor so far as attendance was concerned. Two of the men attending have like problems. It was during an extremely busy time. Good pictures were secured of the project “before” and “after.” Forty acres of land was reclaimed for $1500 and this land will be the best on the farm. During the meeting Mr. Mason (the cooperator) sold himself 90 rods more of tile drainage in another field and this was staked before we left. It is a fine project and a publicity bulletin will be put up.—Ralph L. Patty.

Demonstration Meetings: In east Meade county 187 clubs were signed up for the home demonstration program before the specialist went into the county. This registration was divided among ten clubs. Nine of the ten clubs had demonstrations at the schools. Five of these women’s clubs are furnishing leaders for the girls’ canning clubs.—Susan Z. Wilder.
HIGH SPOTS

Items worth more than passing notice as taken from the County Extension Agents monthly reports.

J. B. Hill—(Clay county) A new cure for Neerotic Enteritis was widely distributed to county boys by agents, but has failed to give results. I am having samples analyzed by Food and Drug Department. One new community organization was formed and a program of work of Extension activities adopted. Five townships are now organized.

O. M. Osborne—(Corson county) Fourteen demonstrations of frost proof Golden Glow corn have been arranged. This corn did exceptionally well last year.

W. F. Schnaidt—(Douglas county) Seventy Sudan, 60 soybean (hogging down), 5 corn variety, 6 soybean variety demonstrations have been arranged and started. Eleven members added to a sewing class. A community extension club at Commercial at Armour has been held. The function has been changed to a community club on the suggestion of the county agent and attendance has increased 300 per cent already.

Oscar Hermstad—(Dewey county) Three training schools in women's work were held by Miss Wilder of the State College and attended by delegates from various women's organizations and groups. The following report made by the Sunny Side club indicates how the work was received.

"Big doings at the club meeting last Friday night. The occasion was a demonstration in cheese making and various ways of using cheese put on by Mrs. Madsen and Mrs. Ward. The ladies had made elaborate preparations for their work and were able to make a very interesting and educational demonstration to the delight and satisfaction of the audience which filled the house to overflowing. One of the most appreciated parts of the demonstration consisted of serving everyone with cheese sandwiches, cheese salads and relishes on the spot."

Chas. J. Gilbert—(Faulk county) A summary consisting of last year's poultry culling was sent out to all farmers. This summary was depicted in graphical form. A letter from one farmer came as follows, "If you can do that much by culling, I can do twice as well."

Sam L. Sloan—(Fall River county) Thirty-three contestants signed up through chairmen of community clubs in a 20-acre corn contest. A corn and grain show in connection with a corn banquet are being planned for this fall. "Community Days" in seven communities were held and caponizing, hilling, and dry picking demonstrations conducted.

Sumner E. Davis—(Haakon county) Three bushels of good Minnesota 13 was distributed to the corn club boys. Two corn clubs and 16 members visited. The soybean boys club at Milesville consisting of five members were supplied with two bushels of Mandarin seed. The boys enthusiastically received the instruction I gave at their last meeting on planting, inoculation and care of soybeans.

E. H. Aicher—(Hand county) One demonstration on ear corn testing was thoroughly made and extremely gratifying results secured. Of 525 ears 51 were discarded though only six failed to germinate, the others being weak or diseased. The tested seed will be planted in a field adjoining one planted with untested seed for a field demonstration. Sixty-eight farmers and 20 boys and girls received 400 bushel of certified seed potatoes shipped in by the Farm Bureau.

Laura L. Jones—(Cedington, Clark, Deuel, and Hamlin district) So many children and women visited the millinery and clothing centers at three points in Clark county that the hats were almost worn out from trying on. Four hundred and thirteen women and three times as many children attended the centers in Clark and Codington counties.

A meeting of the chairmen of the Coddington county women's clubs was planned but on account of rain only nine attended. However the absent chairmen either wrote or telephoned. The vote on next year's work was for second year clothing, though many clubs would like to have taken both.

Corn Club Work: The most outstanding piece of Corn Club work in the state this year is being conducted in Stanley county. Deane G. Davis has 79 boys enrolled in Corn Club work. Every boy has at least one acre and about one-third of this number are second year boys, each having an ear-to-row breeding plot. It is safe to estimate that there are more boys doing corn breeding work in Stanley county than there are men doing corn breeding for commercial purposes. In every instance the local leaders seem as much interested in the improvement of corn as do the boys. Geo. H. Valentine.

The young farmer who adopts the plan of returning as large an amount of the limiting elements of soil fertility as he takes out in crops, not only fulfills an obligation to the race, but adopts a good business principle. The principle operates for generations and it begins to operate for the individual farmer at his farm, the day he begins to act upon it. One year, five years, ten years will tell the tale. Increasing business success awaits the individual farmer who knows the principles of soil fertility, and acts upon them for himself. Dr. A. N. Hume, Agronomist, South Dakota Experiment Station.

County Accredited Herd System

A county accredited herd system for encouraging the tuberculosis eradication campaign has been started by the Perkins County Farm Bureau. The stock raisers do not feel that they can comply.

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CLUB NOTES

Items of general interest to club folks.

G. L. Noble, secretary of the National Club Committee, makes the announcement that the outstanding club boy of South Dakota in poultry and crops work will get a trip to the Interstate Fair at Sioux City, Iowa, as guest of the Cudahy Packing company of that place. The champion will be chosen at the State Fair from the champion teams in crops and livestock demonstrations.

The National Dairy Show Club department is offering $4,000 for premiums and demonstrations. The show is held at Syracuse, New York, early in October. South Dakota will send her champion dairy judging team to the national show. This team will be chosen at the State fair.

The 4th H in the Club Emblem stands for Health. As yet but very little attention or emphasis has been given to that 4th H. Last year at the International a boy and girl from each state were given a physical examination. The result and awards are as follows:

Boys:
1st.—Joseph Isakson, Minnesota, 97.3.
2d.—Ellis Johnson, Colorado, 97.05.

Girls:
1st.—Marguerite Martin, Tennessee, 96.5
2d.—Nellie Stribling, Mississippi, 96.0.

Carl Berry of Philip and Loraine French of Lennox represented South Dakota. Carl scored 95.3 and Loraine 91.5. We feel proud of our Coyotes. At the State Fair Club camp every club member will have an opportunity to compete for the best premium offered at the fair. A gold watch each will be given to the boy and girl who make the best health score. Their pictures will also appear in the 1924 State Fair Club catalogue. If our club boys and girls believe in the Club emblem, it is the emblem of their Heads, Hearts, Hands and Health, now is the time to commence training for the last H.

Miner Co. Boys 'and Girls' Picnic

Miner County Boys' and Girls' Picnic was held on June 13th in Rock Creek grove. Although all of the local leaders were new and inexperienced in club work, as well as most of the members, all of the local leaders in the county were present with a good delegation from their clubs. There were 80 boys and girls present out of a total club enrollment of 120. The total attendance at the picnic including club members, local leaders, parents, brothers and sisters was 225.

with the state accredited herd requirements.

Under the county plan, each herd will be tested yearly for three years. Herds found free of the disease will be given a certificate and registered at the County Farm Bureau office, which will entitle the owners to advertise their herds as tuberculous free.
A bird's-eye view of extension work in 1922. Work was carried on in every county of the state.