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The second annual Judging Contest, participated in by students and instructors of agriculture in the public schools of Minnesota, was conducted at University Farm, St. Paul, May 12 and 13, 1927. The students and instructors representing their schools in the judging contest were as follows:

Adams—Nordeen Tufte, Maynard Lillegraven, Edward Anderson, Oscar Anderson, Ernest Winkels, George Gurvin; instructor, P. W. Kunkel.

Aurora—Hjalmer Jacobson, Walter Aro, John Sekula, Nels Jacobson; instructor, J. F. Gillach.

Austin—Byron Bradford, Harold Meister, Vernon Reynolds, Herbert Sayles, Donald Schrafel, James Hillier, B. Charles Merriott, Don Weseman, Leo Reuter, Warren Galloway; instructor, W. G. Wiegand.

Barnum—M. Ernest Seiler, Harold Landin, Fred Simpson; instructor, C. C. Campbell.

Bemidji—Wellington Schroeder, Walter Fenske, Leo Fenske, Charles Blakeley, Jay Blakely, Fred Balk, Arthur Martin; instructor, Wm. E. Dowdell.

Chatfield—Edward Anderson, Leon Crowley, Boyd Brown; instructor, LeRoy Uptagrafft.

Clarkfield—Ardine Berkram, Roger Handeland, Henrik Vik; instructor, F. A. Garfoot.

Detroit Lakes—Ray Schlanderoff, Albert Engstrom, Vernon Haack, Arthur Paulson, Joseph Coughlin, Maynard Lind; instructor, Paul E. Derby.

Elkton—Frank Voorhees, Theodore Bohn, Harold Drews, Sidney Hines, Leo J. Scott; instructor, C. H. Schrader.

Eyota—Harold Matteson, Ernest Winter, Nathan McCoy, James McKenzie; instructor, E. O. Bailey.

Faribault—Edwin Malecha, Willis Wolf, Clarence Low, Royal Kern; instructor, Ira Montgomery.

Garden City—Milo Gilman, Elverne Mertesdorf, Clarence Gilman, Theodore Dobson, Warner E. Nelson; instructor, H. E. Peirce.

Gilbert—Anthony Sampson, Aldrick Saying, Dean Carlson, John Graluh, Robert Anderson; instructor, W. J. Ryan.

Grand Rapids—Clifton Piper, Elmer

Reep, Martin Hogelee; instructor, G. H. Atwood.

Granite Falls—Howard Nerdahl, Kermit Velde, Vernon Romo, Harold Barber, Bennet Lewison, Alf Anderson, Odell Halvorson; instructor, Leo L. Knuti.

Hector—William Sojgren, Norman Raitz, Reuben Nickel, Conrad Fosland; instructor, Bertram Hendrickson.

Hincklev—John Klavek, Oscar Schott, William Rinesmith, Victor Cole, John Rinesmith, Edwin Toering; instructor, F. C. Kaplan.

Hopkins—Richard Stodola, Martin Feltle, George Jasperson, Walter Blackwood, John Kelley, Erwin Totershek; instructor, V. E. Nylin.

Lewiston—Richard Henry, Raymond Ebersole, John Wirt; instructor, Dwight L. Quam.

Lamberton—Eugene Schroeder, Loyd Swanson, Darold Krinke, Elton Iverson, Dwight Coulter, Neil Quinn; instructor, William Stienstra.

Long Prairie—Nestor Pontius, Willard Maland, Raymond Adams, Ezra Reineke, Fred Loegering; instructor, J. W. Kauffman.

Montevideo—Harold Storer, Donald Mittling, Wilfred Hein; instructor, R. E. Hubbard.

New Prague—Ben Dietz, Emmett Ryan, Frank Brezina; instructor, H. G. Sandhoff.

New Richland—Russell Olson, Clarence Keene, Donald Walstrom, William Lange, Gehard Strenge; instructor, H. O. Anderson.

Northfield—Keith Simpson, Warren De Wolf, Hubert Sharrow, Fred Tchann; instructor, Hugo W. Mortenson.

Olivia—Bernard Kremer, Edward Swoboda, Harry Taylor, Roland Abraham, Russell Havlich; instructor, H. J. Robertson.

Owatonna—Edward Mollenhauer, Carl Radke, Francis Brady, William Kriesel, Edward Kvasnicka, Paul Jorgenson; instructor, H. M. Skeels.

Park Rapids—Mark Fieldman, Del Peeler, George Bittman; instructor, A. C. O'Banion.

Pipestone—Wilbert Sindt, Vernet Stoterau, Donald Daily, Wesley Shaffer; instructor, G. A. Larson.

Redwood Falls—August Riebel, Grant Smith, Don Whittet, Milton Quessen-

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berry, Tom Tyson; instructor, A. F. Dahlberg.

Renville—Victor Nelson, Ted Schneider, Raymond Burkholder; instructor, A. H. Olesberg.

Rochester—James O'Neill, Donald Brandly, Lawrence Gronvold, Paul Shandle, Joseph Lawler, Amos Henke; instructor, B. F. Dunn.

St. Peter—Roland Lager, Wendell Morgan, Donald Hergert, Hamilton Nelson, Wilfred Gessner, George Drantell; instructor, Earl Springer.

Sandstone—Clarence Postman, David Olson, Kenneth Moe, Roy Workman, Ed. Richie, Harold Derby; instructor, L. D. Richards.

Sleepy Eye—Ralph Olsen, Roland Petersen, Glennis Schultz; instructor, Ray Cochran.

Tracy—Nickie Bromberg, Leo Shoeman, Arthur Lynch, Oliver Mason; instructor, L. H. Fudge.

Villard—Arnold Gehlhar, Roy Walter, Walter Ellingboe; instructor, Fred H. Bruns.

Virginia—Ray Westby, David Hill, Pierpont Trygg; instructor, N. L. Nelson.

Arranging for rooms on the campus for the visitors and conducting the judging contest was in charge of the faculty and students of the Department of Agricultural Education of the University of Minnesota. The committee on housing consisted of Arnold Sandahl, chairman; Esther Rogness, Marion Bassett, Rufus Christgau, Willard Erickson, Einar Aakre, Diedrich Grussendorf. The execution of the contest was in charge of the following committees: Advisory committee, A. V. Storm, chairman; A. M. Field, F. W. Lathrop, W. H. Peters, C. H. Eckles, V. E. Nylin, C. R. Wiseman; rules, regulations and results committee, Paul Calrow, chairman; A. M. Field, Harold Macy, Philip Anderson, V. E. Nylin, C. R. Wiseman, and student and

faculty members as needed; committee on conducting the judging, Jay Seymour, chairman; Einar Aakre, Diedrich Grussendorf, Arnold Sandahl, George Aubol, Wallace Schmidt, Chauncey Larsen, Rufus Christgau, Willard Erickson, Emil Miller, Lawrence Wogenson, Frank Traxler, Elmer Rieke, Esther Rogness, Raymond Schelin, August Lund.

Jay Seymour, chairman of the committee on the judging work, is a junior in the College of Agriculture and is specializing in agricultural education. He organized his contest plans so completely and had them so well in hand that the contest moved with precision and promptness seldom equalled in similar events even when in charge of mature and experienced executives. To assist him in the execution of the judging work, he had the following persons: group leaders, A. M. Field, F. W. Lathrop, C. R. Wiseman, W. E. Petersen, T. W. Gullickson, W. J. Roth, Chauncey Larsen, R. U. Fenn, A. L. Harvey; stockholders, Arnold Sandahl, Leonard Nelson, Walter Blackwood, John Kelley, Lawrence Wogenson, Willard Erickson, Norman Shauer, Clinton Chastek, Rufus Christgau, Diedrich Grussendorf, Irvin Totershek, Otto Bren, Wallace Schmidt, William Petrok, Richard Petersen, William Snell, Einar Aakre, Esther Rogness, Marion Bassett, and several volunteers from the high school student body. The judging of the placing was done by Professor W. H. Peters for horses, Professor H. W. Vaughan for beef cattle, Professor E. F. Ferrin for swine, Dean W. C. Coffey for sheep, Professor O. G. Schaefer for dairy cattle, Professor P. A. Anderson for meats, and Professors Harold Macy and W. B. Combs for milk.

The judging began Thursday at 1:30 p.m., that afternoon being devoted to the judging of dairy cattle. There were two rings each of the three dairy breeds, Holstein, aged cow and three-year-old; Guernsey, three-year-old and yearling; Jersey, four-year-old and three-year-old. On Friday morning the judging began at 8:00 o'clock and was devoted to the judging of general livestock, exclusive of dairy cattle. There were two rings of four animals each of the following: beef cattle, horses, hogs and sheep.

Each student contestant was required to place all of the animals in each ring and record his placing upon cards which were collected at the close of each fifteen-minute judging period, that length of time being devoted to each ring. Each judging group was in charge continuously of a group leader who conducted them from

ring to ring, supplied them with cards, collected the cards, and saw that the judging rules were observed.

The instructors formed a separate judging group and judged the same rings of animals as did the students, but their results were kept entirely separate from the student results.

Friday afternoon was devoted to judging meats and milk. The meat judging consisted in giving the correct names to twenty-five samples of meat properly displayed and numbered. The milk judging consisted of the judging of five samples of milk in pint bottles which were to be judged for flavor, sediment, bottle and cap.

After the cards were collected, they were taken in charge by the committee on rules, regulations and results, and the winners were found to be as follows:

DAIRY STOCK JUDGING

HOLSTEIN:

1. Carl Radke—Owatonna
2. Raymond Adams—Long Prairie
3. Willard Maland—Long Prairie

GUERNSEY:

1. Mark Fieldman—Park Rapids
2. Wellington Schroeder—Bemidji
3. Henrik Vik—Clarkfield

JERSEY:

1. Arnold Gehlhar—Villard
2. Mark Fieldman—Park Rapids
3. Wellington Schroeder—Bemidji

DAIRY SWEEPSTAKES

INDIVIDUAL:

1. Willard Maland—Long Prairie

TEAM:

- Long Prairie—Nestor Pontius, Willard Maland, Raymond Adams.

GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING

SWINE:

1. Oliver Mason—Tracy
2. Ezra Reineke—Long Prairie
3. Wilfred Hein—Montevideo

HORSES:

1. Raymond Burkholder—Renville
2. Donald Schrafel—Austin
3. James Hillier—Austin

BEEF CATTLE:

1. James Hillier—Austin
2. Victor Nelson—Renville
3. Theodore Bohn—Elkton

SHEEP:

1. George Drantell—St. Peter
2. Herbert Sayles—Austin
3. Victor Nelson—Renville

GENERAL LIVESTOCK SWEEPSTAKES

INDIVIDUAL:

- James Hillier—Austin

TEAM:

- Owatonna—Francis Brady, William Kriesel, Edward Kvasnicka.

SWEEPSTAKES (Dairy and General)

INDIVIDUAL:

- Francis Brady

TEAM:

- Owatonna—Francis Brady, William Kriesel, Edward Kvasnicka.

MEAT IDENTIFICATION

1. Milo Gilman—Garden City
2. Elverne Mertesdorf—Garden City
3. Nick Bromberg—Tracy

MILK JUDGING

1. Leo Fenske—Bemidji
2. Leo Shoeman—Tracy
3. Donald Walstrom—New Richland

AGRICULTURE INSTRUCTORS

DAIRY JUDGING:

1. H. E. Peirce—Garden City
2. Nels Nelson—Virginia
3. Leo Knuti—Granite Falls

GENERAL LIVESTOCK JUDGING:

1. Nels Nelson—Virginia
2. H. G. Sandhoff—New Prague
3. F. C. Kaplan—Hinckley

SWEEPSTAKES:

1. Nels Nelson—Virginia
2. H. E. Peirce—Garden City
3. W. G. Wiegand—Austin

On Saturday the "Ag Royal" Livestock Show was held on the campus, and the high school students and instructors were guests. The show is an activity of the students in the College of Agriculture and consists of contests in the fitting and showing of livestock. The livestock of the University is used, and the students are judged on their success in improving the show condition of the animal chosen from the condition of the animal at the time of being chosen to the condition at the date of the contest, and the skill evidenced by the student in exhibiting the animal in the show ring. There were eleven classes of dairy stock, two of which were limited to entries by girl students; three classes of beef cattle; five classes of swine; five classes of horses; and two classes of sheep.

Many of the high school students used such spare time as they had between University Farm events to visit other points of interest in and near the Twin Cities, such as the stockyards, the packing plants, and the Capitol building.

The concensus of opinions expressed by the instructors was that while there is chance for improvement, the judging contest this year was so far superior to those previously held, the same general plan should be followed for next year.

The College student body provided evening entertainment for the visiting high school students and instructors. On Thursday evening the Athenian Literary Society gave a very interesting program in the auditorium. On Friday evening the program was as follows: Part I—Words of Welcome, W. C. Coffey, dean, University Department of Agriculture and Director of Experiment Station; E. M. Freeman, dean, College of Agriculture, Forestry, and Home Economics; Theodore H. Fenske, freshman, College of Agriculture; Donald Hammerberg, sophomore, College of Agriculture. Presentation of awards to winners—students, Paul Calrow, State Supervisor of Agriculture; agriculture instructors, Dr. A. V. Storm, head, Department of Agricultural Education; teams, Dean W. C. Coffey.

fey. Part II—Punchinello, University Dramatic Organization, presented the Kitchen Kabinet Orchestra, followed by vocal solo numbers by Alfred Shute, a sophomore in agriculture. Punchinello then presented a one-act play, "Cabbages," directed by Jack Miller, Rhetoric Department.

The awards presented on Friday evening were as follows:

A silver cup was presented to the team winning final sweepstakes over both contests, dairy judging and general livestock judging. This award was given by THE FARMER, a northwest farm magazine.

Two shields were given by the University Agricultural Education Club, one to the team scoring highest in dairy stock judging, and the other to the team scoring highest in general livestock judging.

Gold, silver and bronze watch fob medals were awarded to the individuals placing first, second and third, respectively, in the sweepstakes over dairy stock judging, and in the sweepstakes over general livestock judging.

Gold, silver and bronze watch fob medals were presented to the individuals

placing first, second and third, respectively, in each of the fourteen rings showing the different classes in both dairy stock judging and general livestock judging. On the back of each medal presented was engraved the name of the event which merited the award. The medals were purchased from the Josten Manufacturing Company of Owatonna, Minnesota, with fees paid by the schools entered in the contest. A.V.S.

There were the following number of contestants entered in the different classes: General Livestock Judging, 111; Dairy Judging, 111; Meat Identification, 48; Milk Judging, 83.

The student committee in charge of the housing was very materially aided by the skilled and kindly co-operation of Miss Johanna Hognason, instructor and matron of Boys' Dormitories, Central School of Agriculture.

Every person interested in helping to solve the problems of rural life should read Macy Campbell's "Rural Life at the Crossroads."

HE'S WHO

The Teacher of Agriculture has some job—
He visits each farmer—eats corn on the cob.
He capons the roosters and culls out the hens—
And gets the best left for his own chicken pens.

Gets up every morn—if he got into bed,
Pulls on his shoes, puts a hat on his head,
Inhales some hot coffee and hustles to school—
Hears an old-timer say, "See that young fool."

He teaches all day and he works at it hard,
After school drives for miles and helps render
lard.

If he gets home for supper—no time to eat—
He's all dated up for an Evening School meet.

He kisses the babies and dehorn's the calf,
Of all that he does we can't tell you the half.
He's always quite ready to help young and old,
The future of farmers it's his job to mould.

And when it's all o'er—he retires to the farm,
He has done enough good to keep his heart
warm.

The neighbors all praise him and treat him so
great

That ev'ryone surely should welcome such fate.
S. D., 1926.

[EDITOR'S NOTE: Doctor Sherman Dickinson, head of Agricultural Education in the University of Missouri, was formerly a member of the staff of agricultural education, University of Minnesota.]

BOOK REVIEWS

Berry, J. B., Teaching Agriculture (1924) New World Agriculture Series, World Book Co., Chicago. Designed for the use of those actually engaged in teaching vocational agriculture. Divides the teaching activity into four steps—preparation, presentation, application, and testing-out. The book has twenty chapters, four appendixes, a glossary and index. Brief list of references at end of each chapter.

McMurray, K. F. & McNall, P. E., Farm Accounting, Principles & Problems. (1926). A. W. Shaw Company, Chicago. The book is designed for use as a text-book for college and high school classes in farm accounting. Ten forms used are indicated. Chapters are combination of principles and problems as indicated in sub-title.

Craig, R. A., Common Diseases of Farm Animals. (1919). Lippincott's. Farm Manuals, J. B. Lippincott Co., Chicago. Designed by author as a reference and text for agricultural student and stockman. Special attention is given to cause and prevention of disease. Thirty-one chapters, 123 illustrations, questions at end of each chapter.

Miller, M. F., The Soil & Its Management, (1924), Ginn & Company, Chicago. The book has been written primarily to serve as a text on soils for vocational agriculture in high school, elementary courses in normal schools and short courses in colleges of agriculture. Written for students who have not studied chemistry. Illustrated, questions, practical exercises and references at end of each chapter.

Montgomery, E. G., The Corn Crops, (1921), Macmillan Co., Chicago. A reference on corn, twenty-nine chapters, 347 pages. One hundred twenty figures including diagrams and photographs. Seventy-two tables of data. References to experiments and publications.