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Society Honors Dean Coffey

DEAN W. C. COFFEY, as a number of other outstanding leaders in the nation's livestock profession have been, was the guest of honor at the annual dinner of the American Society of Animal Production at Hotel Sherman in Chicago, during the International Livestock Exposition.

According to custom, Dean Coffey's portrait was hung in the hall of fame of the Saddle and Sirlain club. It was presented to the nationally known club by Prof. William J. Loeffel, University of Nebraska, president of the Society of Animal Production. Minnesotans on the program, besides Dean Coffey, were President Lotus D. Coffman of the University and Dr. Andrew Boss, former vice-director of the agricultural experiment station. Dr. Boss himself was the recipient of the honor several years ago. Speakers from other colleges and universities included Prof. D. J. Kays of the University of Ohio and H. W. Mumford, Dean of Agriculture at the University of Illinois.

While at the International, Dean Coffey made the principal talk when a portrait of Dr. Seaman Knapp was unveiled. Dr. Knapp was a pioneer agricultural leader.

Nimrods Bag Meat For Stag Dinner

Several staff members and other persons were guests of PARKER ANDERSON, forestry specialist, and Stafford King, state auditor, at a bear meat and venison stag dinner in the H. R. Searles home December 5.

The stag was an aftermath of a successful hunting expedition during which Mr. Anderson, Mr. King, and Mr. King's 14-year-old son bagged two bucks and a black bear. The party stalked hunting grounds east of Little Fork. Parker bagged a 167-pound buck and Mr. King's son one that weighed 218 pounds. Mr. King brought down the bear.

This was the younger Mr. King's first real hunting party, and Mr. Anderson, a lifelong friend of the family, promised him a gun if he was successful. After bringing down a 218-pound buck, the young man claimed one of Parker's guns.

W. OLSON, Hubbard county agent, has been seriously ill with pneumonia. He is reported as recovering.

In the December issue of the *Extension Service Review*, COUNTY AGENT J. I. SWEDBERG of Watonwan county lauds the backing which 4-H club work in his county is given. He cites especially an instance in which the county banking association bought a prize junior livestock show baby beef and returned it to the county for a bankers' 4-H club banquet.

Coming Events

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| Dec. 28-30 | State Farm Bureau Meeting, St. Paul |
| Dec. 28-Jan. 1 | Farm and Home Week |
| Jan. 7-Mar. 4 | Creamery Operators' Short Course |
| January 16-18 | State Agricultural Society Meeting, St. Paul |
| February 8-12 | Red River Valley Shows and Northwest Farmers Week, Crookston |
| February 10 | Central Co-Operative Association Meeting, St. Paul |
| March 5 | Farm Structures Conference |
| March 1-5 | Greenskeepers Short Course |
| March 15-20 | Ice Cream Manufacturers Short Course |
| January 25-February 5 | Vegetable Growers Short Course |
| March 23-25 | Horticulture Short Course |

Unless otherwise specified, events listed will take place at University Farm.

A misunderstanding has arisen in some parts of the state as to the personnel of the Rural Electrification Administration in Minnesota. A letter to J. F. KUEHN from Boyd Fisher, director of the development Division of the REA, explains that Minnesota has no state representative.

An excerpt from Mr. Boyd's letter: "We have not established state offices, nor designated any one person as solely responsible for 'representing' the REA in that state. As a matter of business procedure, Mr. Sukrow is handling the correspondence relating to development work for Minnesota as well as several other states. I suggest that the project sponsors may wish to continue corresponding with him directly regarding their project."

We all get facetious about even the most serious matters at one time or another, and this time it is WRIGHT COUNTY AGENT E. W. AITON's turn. In speaking of M. Lois Reid's talk at the county home project achievement day, he says, in more or less humorous vein, "Miss Reid's shirt-tale proved to be a masterpiece of concise information and was enthusiastically received by the crowd." We gathered, of course, that Miss Reid was talking about shirts. Following Miss Reid's talk, Wright county's clothing II project members presented her with a bouquet of roses in appreciation of her work in the county.

Two extension staff members were elected to offices of national organizations during the International Livestock Exposition at Chicago. W. E. MORRIS, animal husbandman, was named secretary of the Extension Section of the American Society of Animal Production. R. F. CRIM, extension agronomist, was elected president of the International Seed Council.

Miss Gertrude Warren, national club specialist, spoke briefly at one of the Monday morning extension conferences. Miss Warren spoke highly of club work as it is carried on in Minnesota. On the same day, Schuley Rufford, state administrator of the Rural Rehabilitation Administration, told extension specialists of the status of rural rehabilitation work in Minnesota.

Home Projects Meet Success

Nutrition and home management projects claimed an enrollment 7,789 members in 1936, according to annual reports of the specialists handling those programs.

The major home management program was carried into eight counties with 4,773 enrolled. The project members reached 3,916 other women. The women adopted 33,742 different practices, MISS MARY MAY MILLER says in her report. Over 400 families started farm-home accounts in Le Sueur, Nicollet, and Steele counties. Blue Earth, Faribault, Hennepin, Itasca, Mower, and St. Louis counties will be included in the money management program for 1937. Assistance was given in county programs on wiring and farm lighting in Faribault, Meeker, Steele, and Waseca counties. At least 10 counties will include electrification of farm buildings in their 1937 programs.

The nutrition projects were carried on by MISS EVA BLAIR and MISS INEZ HOBART in 12 counties with 3,016 members enrolled. Projects were "Feeding the Family" and "Getting the Most for Your Food Money." Local leaders reported that 12,357 other women were aided and that 9,157 persons adopted an average of four new practices each. Homes represented numbered 3,642. This year great attention was given to the health of the pre-school and school age children. Leaders and project members have obtained active community co-operation and have established 82 school lunches, serving 1,327 children. Similar results were obtained in other phases of the work.

DIRECTOR F. W. PECK has made several speaking engagements over the state at county Farm Bureau Meetings. Two counties in which he has appeared recently are Meeker and Le Sueur.

COUNTY AGENT LEADER L. A. CHURCHILL was one of the chief speakers at the South Dakota state extension conference held early in December. Mr. Churchill spoke on "Effective Methods of Leadership."

Minnesota 4-H'ers Shine at Congress

It wasn't quite a case of winner take all, but Minnesota's 61 4-H representatives took a goodly share of the awards at the National Club Congress held in connection with the International Livestock Exposition, T. A. ERICKSON reports.

The Pratt Hustlers 4-H Club, of course, had been named state winner in the social progress contest previous to the congress. Chief among the winners was Miss Florence Erickson, named as champion of the national 4-H achievement contest. Miss Erickson received a trophy from the President of the United States and a gold watch as her awards. Homer Fobes of Clay county won second as individual crop judge, and the judging team placed fifth. Homer was only one point below the champion.

The state potato exhibit won second place, and Etna Sorrels, Lake of the Woods county, won a championship place on her Irish Cobblers. Minnesota's corn sample was in fifth place, one notch above Iowa. Fay Meade of Lyon county and Elvira Arends of Pipestone were alternates in the Moses leadership contest. Doyle Olson of Faribault was named alternate in the achievement contest.

Other winnings included blue ribbons by Jean Wilson of Hennepin county on her cotton school dress, Avis Meline of Chisago on her curtains, Joyce Anderson, Clay county, on her fruit, and Lorraine Trehus, Houston county, who was Minnesota's style queen.

Steele county's clothing judging team was fifth, Carlton county's room furnishing team third, and the meat identification team third. Dale George, Bigstone county, was second in individual meat identification.

GUEST CONDUCTOR

Not often is it that one of the state extension force is able to have a guest conductor when it comes to circular letters, etc. But W. A. BILLINGS, who habitually does a good job on his turkey news letter had one for the letter of November 24 who threatened to put the regular conductor in the shade. Besides having a lot of her husband's philosophy about the holiday bird, Mrs. Billings very cleverly presented the women's side of the turkey question.

Both Mr. and Mrs. Billings seem to have a lot of respect for the famous fowl, and so do most of us particularly at this time of the year. And in case you don't know about the surplus that is besetting the turkey world, Mr. Billings will tell you about it and offer at least a partial remedy. The remedy, in case you are interested, and we should be, is eating as many turkeys as we can before the new crop comes on.

FILLMORE. The Tri-County Crop Improvement Show was held at Lanesboro December 10, 11, and 12 with Houston and Winona counties co-operating. Three University Farm extension staff members, DR. W. A. BILLINGS, RALPH F. CRIM, and HAROLD R. SEARLES, were present.

LAKE OF THE WOODS. COUNTY AGENT GEORGE H. BERGGREN sealed about 3,000 bags of certified Grimm alfalfa during the month. Farmers received from 2 to 4 cents more per pound for the sealed seed which was field inspected and eligible for the blue tag than for that paid for other seed. Projects are under way in which a number of fields of alfalfa and alsike clover will be treated with fertilizer to see what the results will be.

MARTIN. Eight hundred people attended the annual 4-H rally and banquet, of which 750 were 4-H club members, club leaders and various business men of Fairmont. The banquet was sponsored by local organizations. The First National Bank of Fairmont furnished a Junior Livestock show prize baby beef and the Fairmont Civic and Commerce association was responsible for the remainder of the banquet. The local American Legion organization made possible the hall and a loud-speaker system.

MCLEOD. The McLeod County rural electrification project is still running in close competition with the Meeker project. In McLeod, 140

• • • **FRANK BROWN**, member of the extension division and the state agricultural conservation committee, returned the latter part of November from a conference in Washington, D.C., where the states presented recommendations for the 1937 farm program. Harry Muir and H. G. Bolstad, also of the state committee, were other Minnesotans at the conference.

• • • **MISS CORA E. COOKE**, home demonstration poultry specialist, left University Farm December 12 for a two weeks vacation at her home in New York.

• • • A Swedish coffee party was held for Mrs. AGNES ERKL, home demonstration agent in St. Paul, who left the city about December 1 for a 6-months vacation in Sweden. Members of the state home demonstration staff, Mrs. Sylvia Shiras of the resettlement administration, Mrs. HAZEL ROLLINS, and Mrs. WINIFRED WAGNER, home demonstration agents for Hennepin county and Minneapolis, respectively, and DIRECTOR F. W. PECK were guests. The odor of coffee which wafted from the state office drew several extension specialists into the party, also. Besides coffee, Swedish cookies were served, and pieces of Swedish money were hidden about the offices for Mrs. Erkl to find.

• • • The Holt-Hi-Liter 4-H Club of Fillmore county was awarded the McNelly trophy at the annual Farm Bureau banquet held during the month. The trophy is provided by C. L. MCNELLY, former Fillmore county agent, now district county agent leader at University Farm. The silver loving cup is presented each year to the club making the best

FLASHES from AFIELD

miles of poles have been erected and approximately 40 miles of line strung. The first completed block will comprise 165 miles of line.

MOWER. Spurred on by success at the Junior Livestock show, the annual Farm Bureau meeting and 4-H achievement day will be held the same day at which a luncheon for 1,500 is planned. As part of the lunch a prize steer will make up the meat course. The steer, purchased by the First National Bank of Austin, was a winner at the junior livestock shows, says ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT CLARENCE G. POWELL.

RAMSEY. COUNTY AGENT ROBERT FREEMAN served as discussion group chairman for the vegetable section of the state horticultural society meeting held recently in Minneapolis.

RED LAKE. One of the outstanding achievements of the year was the re-establishment of the county fair as a 4-H club show. At the annual meeting it was decided to hold a 2-day fair in 1937. This year a total of \$590 was paid out in club prizes at the fair.

REDWOOD. Among the varied 4-H activities for the month, stated

record. To date, seven different 4-H clubs have had the honor of keeping the trophy in their possession for one year or more. This year the Holt-Hi-Liters made perfect records in the completion of safety, health and club record projects. It also had an increase in enrollment.

• • • **MISS MOLLY WILCOX**, for several years a member of the extension stenographic force, accepted December 1 a position as chief clerk for the division of horticulture. Miss Wilcox succeeded Miss Mary Davis who retired from the position she had held for a number of years.

• • • **W. BRUCE SILCOX** was chairman, and S. T. WARRINGTON in charge of the dinner for the annual fall party of the division of agricultural economics held December 5. One feature of the evening was the interpretation of Slavic folk dances by Mrs. Zophia Kowalski of St. Paul. Readings, games of skill, and singing made up the entertainment.

• • • **HENRY G. ZAVORAL**, livestock specialist, has contributed a chapter dealing with the management of sheep and hogs to two animal husbandry books. For "The Golden Hoof" he wrote a chapter on sheep, and for "The Mortgage Lifter," one on hogs. Mr. Zavoral discusses, among other things, maintaining health through sanitation measures that avoid infection of growing animals with parasites and diseases. Two other University Farm animal husbandmen have written chapters for the books. P. A. ANDERSON contributed a chapter on lamb slaughtering on the farm for the sheep book, and E. F. FERRIN one on brood sow testing for the hog book.

ADRIAN M. WILSON, county agent, was the bringing of the Triple Trio to St. Paul where the three young people broadcast over KSTP. Eighteen Redwood club members made trips to the Junior Livestock show.

ROSEAU. Bang's disease continues to be an active project with eight veterinarians testing during November. A test laboratory where cultural readings are taken has been set up in the county.

SCOTT. Of the 376 club members enrolled in the county, the final completion of projects was 90.4 per cent. Several of the clubs finished 100 per cent, COUNTY AGENT WALLACE MILLER says. All 4-H members and their parents participated in the annual county achievement day.

STEARNS. The rural electrification program is making considerable progress and COUNTY AGENT E. C. LENZMEIER reports the first annual meeting of the co-operative electrical association with 275 farmers in attendance. To date, 700 farmers have signed up for electrification, and an application has been made for the federal loan to set up the line.

STEVENS. The Framnas 4-H Club orchestra of Framnas township furnished the usual numbers for the national 4-H radio achievement day at Fargo, N. D., recently. The orchestra has been outstanding in their work this year and has rated high in 4-H musical contests in which they have participated, besides presenting music for local entertainment.

STEVENS. COUNTY AGENT S. C. MARTENSEN reports that in checking yields of Minn-hybrid 402 against local varieties, the Minn-hybrid yielded 17.8 bushels and the local varieties 15.18, or 17.3 per cent more than the farmers' local varieties.

ST. LOUIS. A dairy feeding and breeding school was held at Floodwood with H. R. SEARLES, extension dairyman, present. In co-operation

with the Resettlement Administration, COUNTY AGENT D. R. GRUSSENDORF canvassed part of the Floodwood territory to ascertain the need for purebred sires. As a result, it is estimated that several bull associations will be formed.

WASECA. Livestock breeders and feeders of the county held their annual meeting in the New Richland high school auditorium with W. H. Peters, chief of the animal husbandry division at University Farm, giving the principal address. Mr. Peters gave some timely advice in the handling and selling of purebred livestock.

WATONWAN. Seven communities were represented in the first discussion meeting held the latter part of November, states COUNTY AGENT J. I. SWEDBERG. D. C. Dvoracek, University Farm extension marketing specialist, led the discussion on foreign trade. Four-H work of 1936 was wound up with a annual 4-H "last day of school" in Lewisville at which a recognition program was sponsored.

WEST POLK. ASSISTANT COUNTY AGENT W. O. WOODMAN had an interesting trip during November when he went to Colorado to purchase two carloads of Hereford calves to be used in the Red River valley as 4-H calves.

WINONA. The county farmers livestock judging team, comprised of Alfred Mueller of Lewiston and Locksley Campbell and Donald Edwards of Utica, with COUNTY AGENT HAROLD PEDERSON went to the International Livestock Exposition as guests of the Minnesota Livestock Breeders association. The trio won the trip by winning first place in the farmers' general livestock judging contest at the state fair last September.

YELLOW MEDICINE. The manager of the Farmers' Elevator company at Canby called to EMERGENCY AGENT GEORGE GEHANT'S attention to the fact that 13 different varieties of wheat were being shipped out through his elevator. In one case, a farmer brought a load of wheat which he called Ceres but which contained four different varieties. This situation has an adverse effect on wheat prices from this part of the state. Plans are under way for co-operation in standardizing varieties.

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