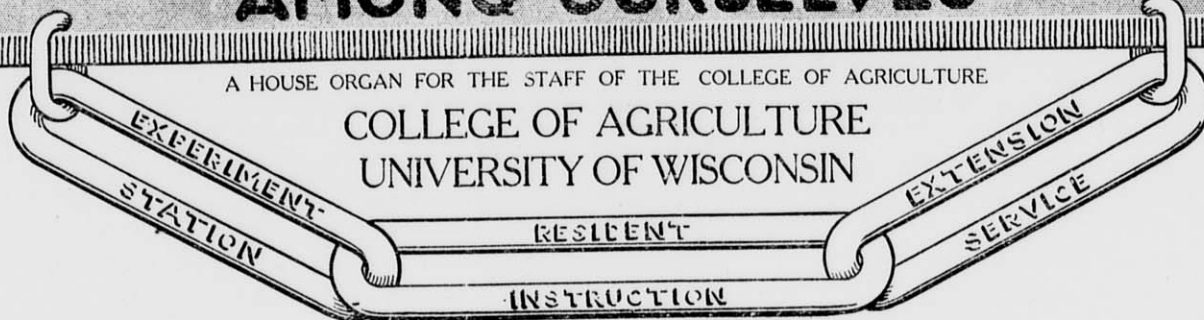


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THE THIRD BEEF AND SWINE DEMONSTRATION will be held at the Stock Pavilion on Saturday, April 28, at 9:30 A. M. Observation of the cattle and especially the results of recent feeding trials will precede a carcass demonstration. At 11:00 o'clock two steers, one from each lot, will be slaughtered and the carcasses exhibited.

Swine fed experimentally to study the comparative value of several supplements to corn, such as skim milk, chopped alfalfa, chopped clover, tankage, linseed meal, corn germ meal, wheat middlings, and several combinations of these feeds, will be shown.

Charles E. Snyder, editor of the Chicago Daily Drover's Journal, will speak on livestock marketing in the auditorium of Agricultural Hall at 7:30 Friday evening, April 27, and again at the Stock Pavilion at 10:00 o'clock on Saturday morning.

R. R. RUNKE, COUNTY AGRICULTURAL AGENT IN FOND DU LAC County, has recently resigned, leaving the Extension Service to engage in dairy farming near Wausau.

THE FIRST APPOINTEE TO THE SCANDINAVIAN FOUNDATION TRAVELING FELLOWSHIP made to this College was announced this week through the appointment of J. A. Anderson, assistant in Agricultural Bacteriology and Agricultural Chemistry. This fellowship carries a stipend of \$1,000 and permits recipient to study anywhere he chooses. Anderson will work next year with Dr. Bartell at the Stockholm Experiment Station on fermentation problems.

THE PRICE BILL (346,A) REPEALING THE ORGANIZATION OF DRAINAGE DISTRICTS, which passed the Assembly by a vote of 61 to 5, was up last week before the senate committee on State Affairs. A new hearing will be held on this bill on May 10. This bill, if it passes, makes impossible the organization of any new drainage districts or the maintenance of drains in existing districts but does not kill the existing farm drainage law.

THE "HOME RULE" PRICE BILL (237,A), apparently designed to give home rule to counties, authorizes the County Board at any annual meeting to abolish any county officer (barring statutory positions). This would affect positions of county agents, county nurses, supervising teachers, and county highway commissioners. This bill has passed the Assembly and was up before the Senate Corporations Committee this week but was postponed for another

week. This bill attempts indirectly to accomplish what was refused a few weeks ago when the Blomberg bill, authorizing a referendum vote on county agents and county nurses, was killed.

THE CASHMAN SUBSTITUTE AMENDMENT TO THE LAND CLEARING BILL (222,A) was laid over on Thursday the 19th until next Thursday, April 26. In the meantime the picric campaign is going forward rapidly. With the exhaustion of the supply of government picric at Fort Wingate, New Mexico, a large supply (probably as much as 16,000,000 pounds) of a new explosive will be made available from Sparta, this state. This will be a mixture of sodium nitrate and TNT. Mr. Swenheart is now working on this material to determine the most suitable combination of ingredients and methods of preparation that will be adaptable for stump removal purposes. This material should be available for fall use, but the government has decided this magazine will not be opened until the New Mexico supply is entirely used up.

CERTIFIED SEED POTATO GROWERS TOOK A FORWARD STEP at Stevens Point this last week in adopting the plan of the Horticultural department to authorize the College to charge an additional fee to support a field representative. Under this arrangement the Seed Potato Inspection Service will be able to follow up the record of Wisconsin seed potatoes and through cooperative relations with the seed-buying states to work out important problems involving standards, grades, brands, and other inter-state seed problems.

At the Stevens Point conference an Advisory Certified Seed Potato Inspection Board of seven members was organized, consisting of the Chief Inspector of the Seed Potato Inspection Service, a member of the Wisconsin Department of Markets, the department of Plant Pathology of this College, one county agent, and three potato growers to be selected from the several potato growing regions of the state.

It is interesting to note in this connection that, in spite of the fact that this has been a year of low potato prices for table stock, the certified seed industry has flourished. More and more the certified seed work is showing a tendency toward concentration of standard varieties in belts or specialized potato counties. Through the seed inspection service these regions are effectively reaching the seed potato markets of the country.

In the production of Green Mountain, Oneida, Forest, Price, and Sawyer counties are easy leaders; while Barron, Washburn, Forest, Shawano, Marinette, Portage, Vilas, and Waupaca counties lead in Rural New Yorkers and Russet Rurals; and Marinette, Oneida, and Price counties furnish most of the certified Triumph stock.

HOME ECONOMICS EXTENSION ACTIVITIES REACHED 88,770 PEOPLE IN 46 COUNTIES during 1922. Over 2,000 dress forms were made under the supervision of the clothing specialists, which, besides saving many thousands of dollars for the farm women, made it possible for them to make desired garments independent of outside help.

Five "Get Together Meetings" on clothing problems have been scheduled for next month by the department as follows:

Pierce Co. - May 7 at River Falls; La Crosse Co. - May 8 at Onalaska; Monroe Co. - May 9 at Sparta; Rock Co. - May 10 at Evansville; and Washington Co. - May 11 at West Bend.

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(Items for this House Organ should be sent to H. L. Russell)