The Experiment Association and the University

The Experiment Association and the University cooperate in every way possible. The secretary of the association is the chairman of the Agronomy Department of the University. The assistant secretary devotes half of his time to the Experiment Association, and the other half to the University. He ranks as instructor in field crops and is in charge of the corn breeding work at the Experiment Station. During the summer months he acts as field representative for the Agronomy Department and inspects the pure bred grain grown by the members of the Experiment Association.

Seed Grain Inspection

Every year well qualified men are sent to members of the association for the purpose of inspecting their seed grains. Special attention is paid to the quality of grain, free from disease, mixture with other varieties of the same kind of grains, and from weed seeds. Inspection is made both in the field while the grain is growing and in the bin.

Experimental Work

Each year the committee outlines experimental work for its members. As soon as the nature of the experiment has been determined, a notice is sent to the members asking them if they are able to carry out the experiment in their locality. If the report is favorable, the association furnishes the seed, together with directions and the members send in a report in the fall of the year.

Many members are now carrying out experiments on sweet clover, Sudan grass, phosphorus fertilizer test, soy bean variety tests, soy bean silage test, ear to row corn tests, soil liming tests, weed eradication, and variety tests of grains.

Seed Grain Treatment

Special attention has been called to members regarding formaldehyde treatment of seed grains. It is essential to treat grains in order to avoid many of the diseases. Members of the association have been informed regarding the