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
method of treatment and many now treat all seed grains. Any member may secure a bulletin on seed grain treatment upon application to the secretary.

Value of Pure Bred Grains Recognized

The value of Wisconsin pure bred seeds is recognized everywhere in the state. Farmers who need a supply of seed demand the pure bred varieties. A large number of farmers in the state exchange wheat and rye for flour at their local mill. Many millers offer several pounds of flour more per hundred pounds of pedigree rye or wheat than for other varieties. A number of millers offer a special premium of five dollars to any person living in his county who wins first place on a sample of grain exhibited at the state grain show.

Every year thousands of bushels of seed grains and corn are shipped out of the state. Inquiries come to the office of the Experiment Association from nearly every state in the Union asking about some kind of Wisconsin grown seed. Wisconsin Golden Glow corn is in great demand in all of the northern states and Canada.

The County Orders

The demand for pure bred seeds increased very rapidly. Seedsmen and others began to call for pedigreed seed grains in large quantities. In order that seeds in carload lots might be secured more easily, it was deemed advisable to organize