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**ALFALFA AND DAIRY SHOWS TO PROCEED AS USUAL**

Farmers throughout Kentucky are notified that there will be no corn show or tobacco show this year in connection with Farmers' Week, which opens Jan. 28th at the University of Kentucky. The alfalfa show, however, will be held in the usual manner and a handsome premium list has been provided. The crop of alfalfa has been exceptionally good last year but on account of scarcity of labor, many farmers neglected to bale their hay or to save bundles of plants for exhibit. This will cut down the number of entries but will of course increase the chances of winning by those who do exhibit. There will be a bale class with five awards, also five awards for the best three inch (diameter) bundles of alfalfa plants.

The dairy cattle club will also hold its show and will offer the usual category of prizes for samples of milk, butter and cream.

Farmers' Week will have the ablest men on its program this year that it has ever enjoyed. This annual event offers an opportunity to meet the leading stockmen and farmers from throughout Kentucky.

**TWO WEEKS' AGRICULTURE COURSES AT UNIVERSITY OPEN**

The lifting of influenza regulations in Lexington, which action was taken December 17, is having an effect upon the entire State, by reason of the fact that the series of short courses in agriculture, which the University of Kentucky had intended to offer, could not be attended by civilians, so long as these regulations existed.

Many people from all parts of Kentucky have inquired repeatedly about being admitted and quite a number actually came to Lexington only to find that the University was closed to all persons except the students in military training already at the University.

Influenza was not so severe in Lexington as it was in many places, but extra precautions were taken on account of the many schools and colleges in Lexington, and the fact that the University was an army camp. The stringency of the regulations may have had much to do with the comparative lightness of the scourge in Lexington.

Persons all over Kentucky will be interested to know that the two weeks' courses in agriculture were resumed December 30. They are free to everyone. A new series of courses opens every other Monday.

**COUNTIES ASKED TO PUSH PUBLIC WORK**

To the County Councils of Defense:

This is the time to prepare for the beginning of work on public improvements which were deferred until after the war, or which for any reason are now in contemplation. The government urges all counties and municipalities where a surplus of labor exists to advance all public work in order to offer an opportunity for employment to discharged soldiers and sailors and war workers released from war industries. A duty devolves upon each community to see that those who bore the brunt of the war do not remain idle.

We suggest that if there is any probability that the returning soldiers or sailors or released war workers of your county may have difficulty in finding employment at home, your County Council use its influence with county and municipal authorities to the end that steps be taken to procure authority necessary for beginning work upon contemplated public improvements upon the opening of the construction season.

Kentucky Council of Defense,  
Edward W. Hines,  
Chairman,  
Pendleton Beckley,  
Executive Secretary.

**WHITE WYANDOTTE IS KENTUCKY'S PRIDE, LAYER**

Kentucky's Pride is a White Wyandotte hen that has laid 231 eggs since December 18, 1917. She was among a bunch of pullets sold at public auction in Trigg County a year ago last fall. A poultry expert from the Experiment Station, University of Kentucky, was at the sale, and noticing what a fine layer this pullet promised to be he bought her for the Experiment Station for \$2.00. The expert noticed that she had all the marks of a great layer, while many of the farmers at the sale failed to see any difference between her and others sold that day.

The pullet was brought to the Experiment Station farm and used in a housing experiment that is under way there to determine the best type of poultry house for the Kentucky farm. She was placed in a slatted side, open, balloon shaped house that is unfortunately found on many farms. She was put in that house along with a number of other good prospects and has shown that the type of fowl really has more to do with egg-laying than have other points. She was bred in egg laying blood lines and looked like a real layer, so it was anticipated that she would lay despite the house in which she was kept, and she did. She has laid in short cycles of a few eggs in a clutch, but has never missed more than one or two days at a time, and has not moulted.

Kentucky's Pride, as she is now known to a wide circle of poultrymen who have watched her performance during the year just past, will be exhibited at the poultry meeting at the University of Kentucky during Farmers' Week, January 28th to 31st.

The method of feeding poultry for egg production, the way to tell a layer from a nonlayer, the best types of poultry houses, will all be explained to visitors to the University at that time.

**BUREAU LABOR MANAGERS' NAMES ARE REQUESTED**

Referring to a recent Kentucky Council of Defense bulletin relative to the establishment in each county of a Bureau to find employment for returning soldiers and sailors and released war workers, that body asks that the name of the Bureau Managers of various counties as soon as they are selected as the United States Employment Service desires to give them specific instructions as to their duties, and to send such men franked envelopes.

The Councils of Defense have never undertaken any work of greater importance than that of assisting the United States Employment Service in finding employment for our returning soldiers and sailors, and delay in the organization of Bureaus of Management for this work is serious. In cases where there are Community Labor Boards, County Councils of Defense are expected to take the lead.

**FARM TRACTOR IS COMING INTO OWN**

The farm tractor is coming to play a more and more important part in the work of the farm. The high cost of feed and work animals and the large amount of necessary idleness of work animals make the tractor a more economical source of power on many farms. The College of Agriculture of the University of Kentucky is giving special attention to farm tractors and has a considerable number of various makes which will be used in demonstrations during Farmers' Week at the College, January 28th to 31st.

It should prove intensely interesting to farmers to be able to see the leading makes of tractors all together and doing various classes of work.

**EPIDEMIC RECURRENCE CAUSES GREAT ALARM**

The Kentucky Council of Defense has received the following wire from Mr. Grosvenor B. Clarkson, Acting Director, Council of National Defense:

A reappearance of the epidemic of influenza is now threatened in many parts of the country. The Surgeon General of U. S. Public Health Service has issued a warning. The original epidemic persists widely. Everywhere an epidemic and other abnormal conditions created by war have left millions of people peculiarly susceptible to disease. Risks are aggravated by the fact that medical and sanitary facilities have been depleted to meet war needs and cannot be restored to normal for some time nor without concerted effort. In view of this emergency we recommend that the entire forces of the State Council and State Division of the Woman's Committee be thrown back of the public health authorities. Intensive work locally with individuals is especially called for to guard the population during the winter. Community Councils should, therefore, be instructed to bring together under a definite working arrangement representatives of all local agencies touching health and to put at their joint disposal facilities for reaching the entire community.

The reappearance of the influenza epidemic in many parts of Kentucky in which the disease was supposed to have run its course is disturbing, and the State Council believes that intensive educational work is necessary to protect the people from further ravage by this disease. County and Community Councils are urged to get in touch with the American Red Cross, the local health authorities and the doctors of their several communities and jointly with them form definite working plans for teaching the people how to protect themselves and to impress upon them the importance of isolating persons having influenza and of keeping away from homes where this disease exists unless they are needed there.

The disease may persist for months and the fight against it must be a determined one. General warnings or instructions cannot be relied upon but the individual must be reached.

A district nurse in each community going from home to home to instruct the people how to treat the disease and also how to guard against it would be of great value, and both the American Red Cross and the Kentucky Council of Defense will be ready to cooperate in finding such nurses.

The State Board of Health urges the general use of the Mayo vaccine, which is now being distributed throughout Kentucky.

**KEEP SCHOOL ATTENDANCE UP TO THE STANDARD**

Owing to the attraction of prevailing high wages on account of the war, which had the effect of drawing children of school age from the schools, and to the closing of the schools for considerable periods of time on account of influenza, it is certain that attendance in schools of the State has been seriously affected.

The importance of keeping the standard of the schools to the highest point, in attendance as well as otherwise, is recognized and attention of County Councils is called to the fact, in order that through their committee on education, they may promptly ascertain conditions in this respect in their respective counties, so that they may cooperate with and assist local school authorities to the end that defective conditions, so far as the attendance is concerned, shall be at once remedied.

If necessary, committees should be appointed in the various school districts, whose duty shall be to prevail upon absentees to return to the schools.

**GOVERNMENT OUTLINES SOLDIER LABOR PLANS**

The Kentucky Council of Defense has issued the following:

To County Councils of Defense: "Since the issue of our bulletin relative to finding employment for our returning soldiers and sailors as well as for men released from war work we have received from the U. S. Department of Labor specific instructions as to its plan for meeting this problem which may be summarized as follows:

"In every community there are many bodies, such as churches, lodges, and local branches of national women's organizations, and such bodies as the Red Cross, Y. M. C. A., National Catholic War Council, Jewish Welfare Board, Salvation Army, American Federation of Labor, the War Camp Community Service, draft boards, and others, that are preparing to find employment for returning soldiers and sailors. To prevent duplication of work and loss in efficiency all such organizations are asked to co-operate with the United States Employment Service, of which W. Pratt Dale, Lincoln Building, Louisville, Ky., is State Director, to organize a Central Bureau in each community, to be supervised by a Board of Management composed of representatives of the Community Labor Board (wherever such a board exists) of the Community Council of Defense, of the local branch of each welfare organization such as those already named, and of each local commercial body, a representative of labor and other representative citizens. Such a Board of Management should appoint a small Executive Committee and vest in it such powers as may be necessary for prompt and effective action.

"In charge of each Bureau will be a Bureau Manager, who will be selected by the Board of Management. Such manager will be sworn into the Federal Service as a special agent of the United States Employment Service of the Department of Labor and will be entitled to the franking privilege of that Department and be subject to the instructions of the Director General of the Employment Service and of Mr. Dale, Federal Director of such service for Kentucky.

"It will be the duty of the Board of Management to secure a suitable office and equipment. The offices of the United States Employment Service, wherever considered suitable, are offered for this purpose. Where this is not the case, an office should be arranged for at local expense. Any present employee of the Employment Service considered available by the Board of Management will on its request be assigned this work. Where this course is not possible local arrangements will have to be made to get the proper man for Bureau Manager and to see that he is properly compensated, if necessary. In some cases the services of paid officers of some of the national organizations interested may be available. Where needed it should be possible to secure competent volunteer assistants to the Bureau Manager. All opportunities for employment should be reported to the Bureau so that all information as to positions may be available to any returning soldier or sailor or released war worker at one central office.

"The Board of Management should bring to the attention of every possible employer in the community that it is his patriotic duty to register all positions which he has open with the Bureau, and to notify it promptly when such positions are filled and to give all further information which may be useful.

"The Board of Management should secure the co-operation of all bodies within the community and bring to the attention of the public through the newspapers, churches, and in every other possible way, the fact that information as to the positions open may be secured from the Bureau for returning soldiers and sailors.

"Where there is a Community Labor Board, it will, under instructions from the State Director, proceed at once to

**LIMESTONE AS BUILDER OF WORN OUT SOIL**

Farmers of Kentucky have learned that limestone is one of the most essential requirements for improving soils, and the demand has increased far beyond the supply. One solution of the limestone problem is home-grinding. The College of Agriculture, University of Kentucky, will give demonstrations in grinding limestone with different types of home grinders on Thursday, January 30th, during Farmers' Week. Also demonstrations of different methods of spreading limestone will be given at the same time.

**DOLLIE'S VALENTINE STARTS GREAT FAMILY OF COWS**

Dollie's Valentine, 105049, was a registered Jersey cow that was purchased by the Kentucky Experiment Station in 1896. She looked to the authorities there like a real producer and a useful sort of cow. She was milked carefully and fed well, and produced in one year 10,218 pounds of milk and 676 pounds of butter. She was a prolific cow that had a calf every year, giving birth to thirteen calves before she died in 1910.

Like a great many motherly cows Dollie's Valentine passed the regular breeding habit on to her offspring. One daughter had ten calves, another daughter eleven and a third had an even dozen. As a consequence of this prolific nature her descendants today dominate the Station herd. Daughters, granddaughters and great-granddaughters of the old cow are in the herd. Best of all she handed on the ability to produce great quantities of milk and butter, because her daughters and granddaughters are all making register of merit records that vary from seven to eight thousand pounds of milk and from four to six hundred pounds of butter in a year.

Dollie is a fine example of a good cow that founded a very useful family. The herd at the Station has rapidly increased in production as the best offspring of Dollie are mated with fine bulls year after year. This is an illustration of constructive breeding, a subject that will be fully discussed at Farmers' Week at the University of Kentucky, January 28th to 31st, and this useful family of cows will be exhibited and the methods of breeding, feeding and caring for them will be fully explained to visitors.

**LIVE STOCK JUDGING CONTEST.**

An interesting feature of Farmers' Week at the University of Kentucky the last week of January will be a live stock judging contest in which those in attendance will be allowed to engage. This contest will be conducted by Mr. T. G. Paterson, Manager of Harford Farms at Versailles, Ky. Col. E. H. Taylor, Jr., proprietor of Hereford Farms, kindly consented to send some of his fine specimens of Hereford cattle to the Experiment Station to be used in this connection.

invite co-operation of the Community Council of Defense in calling a meeting of all organizations which are interested in cooperating in the movement. Such meeting should be presided over by the Chairman of the Community Labor Board, who will explain the purpose of the organization. At such meeting a representative Board of Managers, constituted as herein before indicated, should be chosen.

"The Board of Management chosen at such meeting will be called together by the representative thereon of the Community Labor Board, who will act as temporary Chairman, leaving it to the Board to select its permanent officers and to provide its own form of organization.

"Where there is no Community Labor Board, the County or Community Council of Defense will perform for these purposes the functions of the Community Labor Board."