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FARMERS' WEEK AT ALFRED UNIVERSITY

School of Agriculture
Annual Event For week
of March 9-12

Plans are being posted announcing the Annual Farmers' Week which is held each Winter at the York State School of Agriculture at Alfred University, Alfred, New York. This year it will be held during the 2nd week of March, namely, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday, March 9, 10, 11 and 12.

Some of the special features from the usual lectures and demonstrations will be discussion papers for the more profitable raising of potatoes, special lectures and demonstrations for each afternoon and a conference of men looking for help for the young men of the school in positions as hired men.

Arrangements are being made to hold one of the best potato shows ever held in the state, also a poultry show, including an international exhibit from Cornell University will be held throughout the week.

There will be no charge for admission to either the lectures or the shows nor any fees of any kind whatever. Conveniences will be arranged for any who wish to bring their lunches. The coffee of the Domestic Science Department will serve coffee free. Complete program may be had by writing the School of Agriculture, Alfred, New York.

LOGIC OBJECTION

Irving Fletcher, at a dinner advertising men at the Ritz in New York, said: "There is only one logical objection to advertising and that is one offered by Joe Doolittle, the Cinnamon general store, why don't you advertise, said the editor of the Cinnamon Scimitar.

"Because I'm agin' advertising," Joe answered firmly. "But why, Joe, are you agin' advertising?" "I don't leave a man no time," Joe said. "I advertised wunst in my life and the consequences wuz, I had to have time to go fishin'." "Well, till arter McKinley's section in 1900."

PORTER-BASSETT

Porter-Bassett, a Westminister man, Saturday evening, at Hornell, by Rev. W. Dane, Miss Winifred and Earl C. Bassett, both of Andover.

Miss Snyder and Miss Illa of this village, were the guests. The young couple are young people here, and many friends join with them in congratulations and best wishes. They will make Andover their home where Mr. Bassett is employed in the Clay Company plant.

ARGUMENT FOR PROHIBITION AND WOMAN SUFFRAGE

Indianapolis, Ind., Feb. 4.—Debate of the Democratic Party to afford to stand with the prohibition and saloon-keeper against woman suffrage, Secretary of Wm. Bryan, in a speech at the banquet of the Democratic Party here to-night, severely decried the liquor traffic and said that woman suffrage was to come.

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FARM BUREAU WORK

Conducted by F. C. Smith
County Agent

THE WORK OF THE ALLEGANY COUNTY FARM BUREAU ASSOCIATION

Jan. 1, 1914—Jan. 1, 1915.

The work of the Allegany County Farm Bureau Association for the past year has been of a preliminary character. A part of the manager's time has been spent in explaining the Bureau and in getting in touch with the conditions in different localities. For the purpose of brevity and clearness I will discuss the work from three view points; as it affects the farmer, the community and the county.

One of the most important things started has been along the line of farm business or farm organization. The manager assisted in planning two farm buildings; took about 10 farm survey records and has interested 25 farmers in keeping accounts for next year. And a number of discussions along Farm Management lines have been held.

One of the limiting factors in farming in the county is the extreme acidity of the soil. Appreciating this, and also desiring to stimulate interest along co-operative lines, the manager inaugurated a lime campaign. Many farmers were already using lime. But many more have responded. And there is greater uniformity of form and quality. About 85 per cent. of the farmers are now using the ground limestone; and about 65 per cent. of the farmers are using lime.

Appreciating the fact that many were using Basic Slag at a price higher than acid phosphate; and also in view of the fact that lime was needed, some twenty tests were made comparing Basic Slag with equivalent amounts of lime and acid phosphate. These tests were run mostly for educational purposes. Ten tests using ground rock phosphate were also started, with the same general object—education, as to its value. Results will show in the future.

Many were becoming interested in alfalfa. Sixty-three acres were seeded last Spring and are being watched to learn the conditions under which it is advisable to grow alfalfa in this county.

Three farmers treated seed oats for smut with excellent results. Twenty-one orchards were pruned and sprayed. All gave gratifying results and the owners agreed to spray again next year.

Fifteen balanced rations for dairy cows were figured and adopted. Six milk scales were purchased and distributed. Milk record sheets were given to ten dairymen. Suggestions as to barn improvements, manure and bedding, etc. were given as occasion demanded.

Nine farmers were given advice on poultry management and quite a number were furnished with the Cornell rations.

Drainage has occupied some time. Work has been done on twenty farms. Five were assisted with army worms; 18 were helped in selecting seed potatoes.

Five lawn improvements were suggested; one water system improved and one sewage disposal plan put into operation.

A number of minor tests were run with vetch, soy beans, alfalfa, renevation, corn varieties, etc.

In relation to the community considerable work has been accomplished through the Granges. The manager addressed the various Granges in the county, aided the County Deputy in organizing one and in organizing two new Granges. Seventy-seven meetings were addressed with a total attendance of 9810. There were 1500 letters of direct information to farmers and 1400 arrangements in addition.

HEARD F. A. ROBBINS' LINCOLN LECTURE

During the Winter of 1913 my wife and myself had the privilege of hearing Hon. F. A. Robbins deliver his lecture on "Lincoln," and it is of absorbing interest from start to finish; showing as so an exhaustive research, and presenting many facts not available to the average student of history.

I cannot too strongly urge every person in this vicinity to hear Mr. Robbins, if your stay away you will regret it always.

ERWIN D. BAKER

OPERATION SUCCESSFUL

The many friends of Leck Baker are pleased to learn that he is recovering rapidly from an operation for the removal of a large goiter at the James General Hospital, at Jamestown. He expects to be able to return home next week.

Fifty-eight newspaper articles were published.

The Bureau has conducted a Farmers Exchange for the keeping of information as to farms for sale or rent; live stock or other commodities for sale or for securing hired help.

Assistance was given in starting one Boys' Potato Club, in the County Fair Stock Judging Contest; started the annual stock judging contest at Alfred with the co-operation of the Dept. of Animal Husbandry at that school. Organized the Genesee Valley Cow Testing Association.

From the County standpoint, the manager assisted in organizing the Allegany-Steuben-Holstein Club. And through the Pomona Grange secured the County Co-operative Committee, whose object is to discuss ways and means of decreasing the cost of materials and of better marketing.

A systematic study of the county statistics has been made and a bulletin is being prepared dealing with the agriculture of the county. This will be published in the county papers.

Arrangements have been made with the District Superintendents to conduct Boys' and Girls' Clubs the coming season.

Conferences have been held for the purpose of attacking the more permanent problems of the county. A farm management survey has been arranged for. Definite projects for the next year have been written out and approved by the State Director. Arrangements have been made to co-operate with the Farm Crops Extension Agent in working out demonstrations in the county to improve the humus content of the soils. Top dressing of meadows and the running of a four year rotation.

Some work has been done to develop the Farm Bureau Association. Town Committees have been organized in a number of towns. The plan is to secure one leader or committeeman with the township as the unit for forming a committee. This committee to work with the manager in solving problems of that particular town and to co-operate in tests and to arrange for demonstrations. These committees will also assist in the Spring in conducting a membership campaign. The idea behind the committee work is to develop the community into united work so that should the Farm Bureau be abolished, the organization would still exist.

The work of the Bureau for the past season has been partly propaganda work, partly educational; but in the main, preliminary in character a general as well as detailed survey has shown the principal problems, has placed the Bureau before the public and now the primary, most important work will be to attack those problems which are most vital to all the county. The work of the future will be more permanent and will be directed as to reach every town in the county.

Respectfully submitted,
F. C. SMITH,
Manager, Farm Bureau,
Agent, U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.

STATE TRAMP FARM LIKELY

State-Wide Movement to Start Industrial Farm Colony—Tramps and Vagrants to be Made to Work.

"The 'State Tramp Farm' will begin operations this Summer at Greenhaven, Dutchess County, if the Legislature will grant an appropriation of \$200,000 for the maintenance of prisoners and of the necessary staff, including the superintendent." This important fact is announced to-day by the Prison Association of New York, one of the many charitable organizations of the State demanding that the State Industrial Farm Colony shall use the eight hundred acres of land that have been purchased in Dutchess County for that purpose.

Unemployment exists in New York State this year on an unprecedented scale. Vagrancy is more frequent than for years. Every community in the State suffers from tramps, who fill the jails, do little or no work, have "easy times," and cost the taxpayers millions of dollars a year in charitable and correctional assistance. Civic and charitable societies throughout the State are protesting because the State has for several years granted no appropriations whatsoever for an enterprise that when established by law in 1911 was the most popular charitable movement that had appeared in the Legislature for years.

Samuel Untermyer, president of the Board of Managers, wants to get the farm colony started. The board plans to receive inmates at the earliest moment possible, to house them in temporary buildings, build the permanent buildings so far as possible by inmate labor, give the more helpless vagrants and tramps a good chance to reform and learn a trade, and reduce the jail population throughout the State.

"We have no intention of giving anything but the most humane treatment," says O. F. Lewis, secretary of the colony board and also General Secretary of the Prison Association of New York. "The law expressly provides that only the intentional tramp or vagrant shall be committed to us, not the honest workingman temporarily out of work. We shall have farm work, and road work, and simple industries. Commitments may be made from any proper court in the State, and for a period not exceeding two years. But, when a man is reformed he may be released on parole at any time before the expiration of his maximum sentence."

The tramp colony bids fair to be the most economically constructed and conducted institution for delinquents in the State. The Board of Managers believe in a good day's work, a reasonable compensation for the hard-working inmates, an employment bureau that will help the inmates to secure work when they come out, and an administration that will make the institution so far as possible self-supporting.

The requested appropriation of \$225,000 has the support at Albany of the Fiscal Supervisor's Office and of the State Board of Charities.

CHAS. TRACY SERIOUSLY ILL

Charles Tracy suffered a shock of paralysis Friday, and is seriously ill at his home on Pleasant avenue. His right side was affected.

DAVID SLOCUM DEAD

David Slocum, one of Andover's eldest residents, died at his farm home south of the village, Monday morning. Mr. Slocum was in his eighty-eighth year. An obituary will be published in the News next week.

THE ANDOVER HIGH SCHOOL

Conducted under Supervision of Principal C. Sterner, Faculty and Pupils.

Last Wednesday morning Regina Raufenbarth brought to chapel exercises news items in regard to political Washington. Our criticism is that her discussion was too short. Lela Slocum gave a timely reading. Emmett Dawson recited a character piece and Anna Joyce read a story of historical interest.

Program for Wednesday 24.
Song
Current topics Agnes Taylor
Reading Lovina Osburn
Recitation Doris Livermore
Reading Shirley Crandall
Song

A number of people have enquired of the principal as to the size of the class of 1915. In our opinion there will be about eight graduates this year. There are eleven students trying to graduate, but three are very doubtful.

HIS SENSE OF HUMOR

There is a judge in a certain eastern city noted for his grouch. The most comical incident has no more effect on his frown than upon a wooden Indian. But one day a lawyer who had tried in vain to make the judge laugh walked into court and found the jurist doubled up with mirth. The lawyer hurried to his colleagues to find the reason.

"Dinner to the man responsible for that," he said. "Who told the story?"

Another lawyer drew a sheet of paper toward him and wrote the words, "The judge." — Chicago News.

A SCOT'S CRITICISM

The late Sir Henry Campbell-Bannerman, who was noted for his genial humor, was once severely criticised by a fellow countryman for his un-Scottish habit of joke making.

He had just been elected M. P. for the Stirling burghs, and a disappointed Scot remarked, with a sigh:

"He'll nae do for us, mon. Why, he can joke wi'out deaficulty."

HIS LEG HURT

"I got home very late last night from the reunion," said the old veteran, "and my wooden leg hurt me horribly all night long."

"Nonsense!" said a second veteran. "How could your wooden leg hurt you?"

"My wife lammed me over the head with it," the first veteran explained, with a loud laugh. — Chicago Herald.

A PLEASING ENTERTAINMENT

"The Packing of the Home Missionary Barrel" at the Baptist church, Tuesday evening, Feb. 16th. Price 15 cts.

Ad answerers become judges of values—so that a store which expects to interest and attract them has to offer real inducements.

MOTHER AND CHILD BURNED TO DEATH

Mrs. William Barnum and daughter, Miriam, aged seven were burned to death at Centerville, this county, Jan. 30th. The family had moved into the second story of the cheese factory at that place one week before. Mr. Barnum arose early and went down into the factory to work. At six o'clock he heard a scream and ran upstairs to find the bedroom afire, having caught from an overheated stove. Mrs. Barnum was trying to smother the flames with bed-quilts. Finding this impossible they attempted to reach a porch but the door was frozen so tightly they could not open it. The stairway was a mass of flame and in Mr. Barnum's frantic efforts to break a window it gave way and he was thrown to the ground. Before a ladder could be raised to reach the room the roof fell in burying his wife and child. In less than an hour the building was consumed and only a few charred bones were found of the bodies.

Mr. Barnum was severely burned in his attempts to rescue his family.

SURPRISE VISIT

A company of friends and neighbors gave Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Clark a surprise visit, Tuesday evening at their home on First street. Refreshments were served by the young ladies in charge and a very pleasant evening enjoyed. Mr. Clark is one of our substantial farmers who has decided to try life in the village to which they are cordially welcomed.

B-Z-Z-Z! HEAR THAT CHORUS? IT SAYS, "AN EARLY SPRING."

A familiar buzzing caused Lieut. Martin Cassidy to raise his head yesterday as he was booking a prisoner in Bayonne, N. J., Police Headquarters. He saw a small flock of mosquitoes, the advance guard of the 1915 army, and they were big, lively and hungry. Old policemen said the early appearance of mosquitoes indicates an early Spring.—N. Y. World.

LUCY STONE CLUB

The Club will meet at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Pease, Tuesday evening, Feb. 17th.

Young Peoples' Meeting, Paper, "Suffrage Work in Colleges," Miss Ruth Seabury.

Sealed Program, Chairman, Miss Mackay.

Committee, Young People of the Club.

Parliamentary Law Drill, Mrs. Pease.

NOTICE

Children's meeting is to be observed by the Rebekah Lodges in the State. All children of members of Andover Rebekah Lodge are invited to attend the meeting at I. O. O. F. Hall, Wednesday evening, Feb. 17th.

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