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EARL MONAHAN
A Builder of the Cattle Industry
The University of Nebraska Block and Bridle Club dedicates this annual report to Mr. Earl Monahan, a member of one of the most noted livestock families in Nebraska history. Earl Monahan was the 26th man honored by the club for outstanding contributions to the Nebraska and National livestock industries. A portrait of Mr. Monahan was hung in the University of Nebraska Animal Science Hall. This portrait was formally presented May 7th at the annual Block and Bridle Honors Banquet.

The Monahan Cattle Company near Hyannis, Nebraska is now under the active management of James Monahan, Mr. Earl Monahan's son. It consists of more than 100,000 acres of grazing land stocked with 2,000 head of commercial Herefords and 150 head of registered Herefords. James H. Monahan founded the family ranch in 1887 and turned it over to Earl in 1921. The ranch began as a small homestead, two cows and two calves. Earl increased the holdings greatly during his tenure of management and established the purebred herd.

Mr. Monahan has held the following important offices in state and national livestock organizations: past vice president and president of the Nebraska Stock Growers Association, past president and director of the American Hereford Association and presently a director of the American National Cattlemen's Association. His choice as the 1964 honoree was based on his combined qualities of "a cowboy's cowboy, astute business man, and an exceptional leader".
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Meat Laboratory

Animal Science Hall
Dr. Robert Koch, Chairman

**ANIMAL SCIENCE FACULTY**

**BEEF NUTRITION**
- D. C. Clanton
- W. R. Woods

**SWINE NUTRITION**
- E. R. Peo Jr.
- D. B. Hudman

**ANIMAL BREEDING**
- K. E. Gregory
- L. A. Swiger
- C. T. Blunn
- V. H. Arthaud
- L. Sumption

**PHYSIOLOGY**
- D. Zimmerman

**TEACHING**
- M. Alexander
- R. B. Warren

**EXTENSION ANIMAL SCIENCE**
- L. Lucas
- P. Q. Guyer
- D. Williams

**PROFESSOR EMERITUS**
- M. L. Baker
BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB MEMBERS

Back Row: W. Fidler, V. McClatchey, G. Klein, S. Caruthers, D. Lydic, D. Dorman, R. Jorgensen, R. Downs, G. Libal, K. Stafford


Front Row: L. Sumption, advisor; J. Belden, T. Lewis, Vice President; K. Carlson, M. Harding, Secretary; W. Ahlachwede, President; A. Svaig, Treasurer; D. Travnicek, B. Cheney, E. Johnson.
President .................. William Ahlschwede
Vice President ............... Tom Lewis
Secretary ..................... Michael Harding
Treasurer ..................... Alan Svajgr
Marshal ....................... Bruce Cheney
Ag. Exec. Board Representative . Dale Travnicek
Historian ..................... Keith Carlson
Co-Historian .................. Jay Belden
Faculty Advisors .............. Lavon Sumption
                          Donald Clanton
Advisor of the Nebraska Block and Bridle Club is Dr. Lavon Sumption. Being active in Block and Bridle is nothing new to Dr. Sumption. He was a member and officer of the University of the Minnesota Block and Bridle Club while doing undergraduate work there. From 1951-1957, Dr. Sumption worked as an assistant animal husbandman and research assistant in Minnesota. In 1957 he came to the University of Nebraska campus and has been a professor in the Animal Science Department since that time.

Animal breeding is the principal research area in which Dr. Sumption works. He is project leader for both swine and beef cattle breeding at the University of Nebraska. Besides research, Dr. Sumption teaches an undergraduate animal breeding course. Although Dr. Sumption has been extremely busy in his work, he has sacrificed many hours for the Block and Bridle Club. The club sincerely appreciates the guidance Dr. Sumption has given it this past year.
SAMPLE MINUTES

Bio-Chemistry Auditorium
April 9, 1964

President Ahlschwede called the meeting to order with 37 members and our faculty advisor present.

Ag Executive Board representative Dale Travnicek reported the procedure for putting up signs for the rodeo.

Treasurer Al Svajgr presented a $24.08 bill for Dan Lutz's tour expense.

Lamoine Hall reminded the members that the meat judging contest will be held Saturday, April 11 and the livestock judging contest will be held on Saturday April 25.

Menu for the May 7 banquet was decided by the banquet committee. It is to be: country fried steak, corn and strawberry sundae. Doug Dunn told members the ticket price will be $2.25.

Walt Bjorkland reported that a trophy buckle is needed yet for the Quarter Horse Show. A work session will be planned at the next meeting.

Lydic, Eggers and Raemakers summerized the tour. The chairmen were given a hand for their tour efforts.

President Ahlschwede reminded members that election of officers is to be held at the April 23 meeting.

Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Mick Harding
Secretary
### 1963-64 FINANCIAL STATEMENT

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| Total                               | $14,048.99 | $13,179.62 |

| Balance in bank June 1964           | $14,048.99 | $14,048.99 |
MERIT TROPHY WINNER

Tom R. Lewis
University of Nebraska
Graduated, June 1964
Cambridge, Nebraska

A. SCHOLARSHIP
1. Grade Average - 7.5 (possible 9.0)
2. Rank in Class - 3rd in College of Agriculture and 1st in Animal Science
3. Scholarship Awards
   a. Alpha Zeta
   b. Gamma Sigma Delta Banquet Honoree
   c. High Junior Scholar - Animal Science
4. Scholarships
   a. Regents - 4 years
   b. Ak-Sar-Ben
   c. Samuel R. McKelvie Memorial
   d. Mr. and Mrs. O. M. Johnson Memorial
   e. Ralston Purina

B. BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB ACTIVITIES
1. Ag. Exec. Representative
2. Nebraska National Junior Scholarship Entry (4th place)
3. Member and Advisor of Tour Committee
4. Chairman of Program Committee
5. Vice President

C. OTHER COLLEGE ACTIVITIES
1. Alpha Zeta
2. Student Council
   a. Parking Committee
   b. Masters Committee
   c. Associates Committee
3. Ag. Exec. Board
4. Intramural Athletics
   a. Football
   b. Basketball
   c. Softball
   d. Volleyball
5. Junior and Senior Livestock Judging
   a. Denver - Livestock and Wool
   b. Iowa State - Block and Bridle Contest
   c. Nebraska - Block and Bridle Contest (1st)
   d. Austin - National Barrow Show
6. Senior Meats Judging team
   a. Kansas City - American Royal
   b. Madison Wisconsin - International Contest (10th)
   c. Nebraska - Block and Bridle Contest (1st)

7. Student Assistant - Burr Hall Men's Dorm

8. Work Animal Science Department
   a. Data Collection
   b. Assisting in Judging Lab
   c. Senior Research Project on Live Estimation of Carcass Merit

9. Finalist for Independent Spring King

This record of Tom Lewis does not fully measure his contribution to his major department, the Block and Bridle Club. Tom is an intelligent, inquisitive, cheerful person who commands the highest respect from his fellow students and the college faculty. He is an avid debater of the important issues not only in animal science but also the various facets of economic, political and social life which should concern a well educated person. Tom has developed a faculty so essential for continued learning - the ability to ask sound questions. Tom Lewis established an excellent record of achievement as a scholar and campus citizen. The Block and Bridle Club is proud to honor him as the outstanding senior of 1964.
BLOCK AND BRIDLE JUNIOR SCHOLARSHIP AWARD

Galen Frenzen, an Animal Science major, was the recipient of the first annual Nebraska Block and Bridle Junior Scholarship. The scholarship is awarded on the same basis as the National Block and Bridle Junior Scholarship. Nebraska's local winner is the automatic candidate for national competition. The award is based 50% on scholarship, 30% on Block and Bridle activities and 20% on other college activities. Mr. Frenzen was the high scholar among the Junior Animal Science majors with a 7.6 average out of a possible 9.0.

Mr. Frenzen has been active in the college community in addition to his academic achievements. For these outstanding accomplishments he received the 1963-64 Junior Scholarship Award.

Early in the college year, Mr. Frenzen was appointed to investigate procedures for establishing Nebraska's junior scholarship through the University of Nebraska Foundation. He did an excellent job of making arrangements.

Nebraska's Block and Bridle Club established the junior scholarship to provide tangible evidence of its encouragement of high scholarly achievement. The club honors itself by recognizing Galen Frenzen as the 1964 recipient of the Junior Scholarship.
CALENDAR OF EVENTS
1963-64

October 10 - Meeting (Speaker, Dr. Gregory) -- 7:15
October 24 - Meeting (Smoker) -- 7:15
October 31 - Informal Initiation

November 7 - Meeting (Formal Initiation) -- 7:15
November 12 - Block & Bridle Club Pictures -- 9:30
November 14 - Special Meeting (Ham Sale) -- 4:30

December 7 - Ewe Sale
December 12 - Meeting (Speaker)
December 20 - Last Day to Deliver Hams

January 9 - Meeting (Speaker)
January 25 - Classes End

February 13 - Meeting (Speaker)
February 14 - Ag Union Winter Dance (B & B Queen)
February 22 - Showmanship Contest
February 27 - Meeting (Smoker, Speaker)

March 5 - Informal Initiation
March 12 - Meeting (Formal Initiation)
March 26 - Meeting (Tour)

April 1, 2, 3, 4, - Tour
April 9 - Meeting (Speaker)
April - Judging Contest
April 9-10 - F. F. A. Judging Contest
April 11 - Iowa State Judging Contest
April 23 - Meeting (Election of Officers)
April 30-May 2 - Quarter Horse Show

May 7 - Honors Banquet
May 21 - Picnic
May 28 - Meeting (New Officers)
It was the goal of the Block and Bridle Club at the beginning of the term to have a short, informative, speaker at most of the regular scheduled meetings. Because of the many and varied activities of the club and the busy schedules of many of the members, the club was unable to schedule a speaker at all regular meetings. However, five speakers were heard at various times during the year. Dr. Keith J. Gregory, the United States Department of Agriculture Beef Cattle Research Coordinator for the five state area, spoke at the October 10th meeting and at the February 13th meeting. He showed slides and gave a talk on his assignment in Uganda, from which he returned in the summer of 1963. He and a team of American Scientists were in Uganda
on an assignment to evaluate and formulate a program for the development of the agricultural potential of Uganda.

At the January 9th meeting, Jim Wilson, a grass seed producer from Polk, Nebraska, was kind enough to travel to Lincoln to talk about grass farming. Mr. Wilson and his wife settled in Polk County, Nebraska after he retired from a full and very successful life as a professor and world traveler. Jim Wilson is a man with a love for accomplishing something and he feels he will have done that only if he can seed Eastern Nebraska to grass.

Speaking at the February 27th meeting was Glen Railsback of Lincoln who was with the Soil Conservation Service for many years until ill health forced his retirement. Mr. Railsback currently runs a small herd of Angus cattle near Humboldt, Nebraska, and is a director of Production Registry International. He spoke of the importance of performance testing and the value of volume of product produced per unit cost.

Professor Alexander of the Animal Science Department spoke and showed slides at the March 12th meeting concerning his four year stay in Turkey at Ataturk University. Dr. Koch, the chairman of the Animal Science Department gave a short talk at our annual faculty student picnic May 28th. In addition, many of the members were privileged to hear such speakers as Forest Lee, Ted Klug, Everett Brown and others in connection with classwork.
The Nebraska Block and Bridle Club follows a definite procedure in conducting initiation of new members. Prospective members must file an application with the Club, indicating their interest in the Club and in Animal Science. The Club then checks to see that all prospective members have met the requirements and votes on the candidates.

Pledges are informally initiated in a traditional ceremony. Later they are formally received into the Club.
The following men were initiated after the fall pledging period:

Rick Adkins
Lowell Anderson
Gary Austin
Henry Buss
Stephen Caruthers
Richard Decker
Douglas Downs
James Knoch

Marshall Logan
Alan Menke
William Pageler
Frank Ramaekers
Keith Sandall
Larry Smith
Neal Smith
James Wehbey

These men were initiated following a pledging period in the spring:

Dwayne Adams
Ivan Bartling
Lauren Boeckenhauer
Thomas Drudik
Douglas Foster
Jerrold Hibbs
David Kraeger

Beryle Lantz
Clayton Miller
Weseley Musser
Thomas Reimers
Dennis Rickertsen
Thomas Scarlett
Gene Wehrbein
PUREBRED EWE SALE

The University of Nebraska Block and Bridle Club helped with the Nebraska Sheep Breeders purebred ewe sale at the Animal Science Pavilion on Ag Campus on December 14. This was a bred ewe sale with all major breeds in the state represented. These were consigned by purebred sheep breeders throughout the state.

The Block and Bridle Club members cleaned out and bedded down the stalls, set up the necessary equipment, numbered the sheep, assisted in getting the ewes to and from the sale ring, helped unload and load the ewes, and cleaned up the pavilion afterwards. Members also served as ringmen and assisted the clerk. By having this sale, the members gained knowledge about purebred sales and met some of the prominent sheep breeders of the state.

In conjunction with the ewe sale, the Block and Bridle Club sponsored a noon barbeque. Around one hundred people were served barbequed lamb which was prepared by the meat lab staff. The money paid to the members for work at the ewe sale and from the barbeque was used toward the annual Club Tour.
HOLIDAY HAM SALE

This year the Block and Bridle Club had a record breaking ham sale. More hams were sold than in any previous year. The Ham Sale started officially Friday, November 15, and ended Friday, December 20. Charles Licking, selling nearly 75 hams, was top salesman and was rewarded with ten dollars for his effort.

In conjunction with the Ham Sale, Miss Block and Bridle was chosen. All organized women’s houses were allowed one candidate. Seventeen applications were received from which five finalists were selected by an interviewing board. Each ham sold counted as one vote toward the candidate of the buyer’s choice. The queen was determined by basing two thirds of the contest on the amount of hams she sold and one third on the amount of votes she received.

Miss Jeanette Coufal, the 1964 Ham Sale Queen, was crowned at the Ag Winter Dance by Miss Sandy McDowell who was Miss Block and Bridle 1963. Miss Coufal was presented one dozen red roses, a corsage, and a Block and Bridle bracelet.
Winter Dance

Queen Finalists: Cheryl Flick, K. Huffaker, Elizabeth Hecox, Jeanette Coufal, Jacquelyn Coufal, Bl. Ahlschwede

President Ahlschwede and Queen Coufal

Dancing in honor of the Queen

Queen Coufal with club officers, Svajgr and Ahlschwede
SHOWMANSHP CONTEST

The annual Block and Bridle Showmanship Contest was held Saturday, February 22, 1964, at the Horse Barn. Twenty-eight contestants competed in the three divisions. In the beef division, Judge Hugh Renard of Blair chose Bruce Cheney as high individual in the event and Bill Pageler as second. The swine showmanship was won by Ted Wehrbein and second place was awarded to Bruce Cheney. The swine division was judged by Ed McReynolds from Ashland. Carolyn Cilek proved again that this is not a Man's World by winning the sheep showmanship. Judge John Skinner of Herman placed Robert Breckenridge in second place.

Bruce Cheney of Pilger emerged as Grand Champion showman and Carolyn Cilek as Reserve Champion. Herdsmanship honors went to Fred Zillich for first place and Thomas Drudik for second place.

Medals were awarded through the compliments of Ak-Sar-Ben and ribbons were awarded to all winning places by the Block and Bridle Club.
SHOWMANSHIP CONTEST

Grand Champion Showman Bruce Cheney and Reserve Champion Showman Carolyn Cilek

Herdsmanship Award Winner, Fred Zillich
Block and Bridle Club tour stops shown on the map as follows:

1. Suidoe, Inc., SPF swine operation;
2. NorthCo. Manufacturing Co., and research farm, Luverne, Minn.;
3. Lunch stop, Pipestone, Minn.;
4. Larson Feedlot, lamb feeding;
5. Visit animal science research facilities, eat supper, South Dakota State College, Brookings;
6. Overnight stop at Huron;
7. Jennings Ranch, Highland;
8. Sutton Bros. Ranch, Agar;
9. Visit Oahe Dam on Missouri River, overnight stop at Pierre, capital of South Dakota;
10. Visit Bierwagon Ranch, observe conservation practices;
11. Cottonwood Range Research Station, operated by S. D. State College;
12. Wolff Ranch, range sheep operation;
13. Overnight in Valentine, breakfast with secy. of Sandhills Cattle Assn.;
14. Visit Ainsworth Feed Lot;
15. Lunch stop at O'Nei1l;
16. Last stop — Howard Pitzer ranch, Ericson, commercial Angus cattle operation and Quarter Horses. Scheduled time of arrival back in Lincoln: 7 p.m., April 4, completing 1,200 mile journey.
The annual Block and Bridle Tour was again held during the latter part of Spring Vacation. The tour is the highlight of the yearly Block and Bridle activities and is financed primarily by the Block and Bridle Holiday Ham Sale. Attending the tour were eighteen members of the Block and Bridle Club, our advisor Dr. Lavon Sumption, our co-advisor Dr. Donald Clanton, our photographer Mr. Dan Lutz from the Ag Information Department at the University of Nebraska, and Mr. Busskohl who was our very cooperative Arrow Busline driver.

Wednesday, April 1, we gathered in front of the Animal Science building at about 4:30 in the morning. The baggage was loaded, a count was made of the travelers, and we sped on to our first stop near Sioux City, Iowa, at Suidae Inc. There we were greeted by Mr. Art Mosman, the County Agent, and Mr. Ervin O'Neill who is president of the corporation which includes his dad, two brothers and a friend. Suidae Inc. is called the world's largest modern S.P.F. installation. Suidae farrows in five week cycles and therefore farrow ten groups of sows a year. Suidae is an excellent example of good management in modern swine production.

From Sioux City we traveled 87 miles north to Luverne, Minnesota, and arrived at Northco, a manufacturer of farm automation systems. Gas chicken brooders are the main product of over 3,000 different items they produce. Mr. Donald Crust, who is manager of marketing and advertising, showed us one of their more expensive products, a confinement pork producing system. The confinement building is 38 ft. by 60 ft. and has a maximum capacity of 900 pigs per year.
This completely automated swine finishing unit costs almost $15,000.

After traveling north to Pipestone, Minnesota for lunch, we drove 20 miles to the Oliver Larson feedlot. Mr. Larson uses a highly mechanized feeding system in fattening lambs and cattle. His ration is high in roughage and produces high gains at minimum cost.

The last stop of the day was at South Dakota State University. Upon arrival we were welcomed with refreshments by the SDSU Block and Bridle Club. Members of the Animal Husbandry Department took our group on a tour of their animal production facilities and explained many of the experiments they are currently conducting.

We spent the night at Huron, South Dakota, and departed at 6:30 for our 70 miles trip to the Ted Jennings Ranch in Central South Dakota. Mr. Jennings has a 29,000 acre ranch which is divided into ten units. He has 1,429 cows and near 800 calving two year old heifers. The cows are artificially inseminated with semen purchased from IBB (International Beef Breeders). About 80 percent conceive in the 30 to 40 day period when they breed artificially - clean up bulls are then turned in. Calves of different AI bulls are marked by various colored tags in their ears. Forty calves from each sire are sent to Michigan for production testing. Mr. Jennings practices good management practices in his extremely large ranching operation.

Sixty-four miles west of our dinner stop at Highmore we arrived at the Sutton Ranches. This huge ranching operation started out as three brothers but now is run mainly by their sons. The ranches are run separately but they have joint bull sales and close cooperation between units. The Suttons have the most diversified operation that we encountered on the tour. They have both commercial and
purebred herds of Hereford cattle. Along with these, they have Quarter Horses and a string of rodeo livestock. Sutton Quarter Horses are outstanding and are recognized in Quarter Horse circles across the country. Two ranches have large indoor arenas which are used for training and stable area. Suttons have a total of 120 brood mares and 250 to 300 bucking horses. Their bull sale usually markets around 150 purebred Hereford bulls. The most unique part of the ranching operation is their 70 member buffalo herd. About 30 calves are sold each year and average near $300 per calf. Some corn, spring wheat, and winter wheat are also raised. After harvest, pigs are turned in to clean up the wasted grain.

After spending Thursday night at Pierre, we traveled 103 miles to Mr. M. E. Bierwagon's ranch. Mr. Bierwagon's ranching success can probably be attributed to his water conservation practices. He practices various water spreading techniques. Water, which comes down draws is caught and taken by ditches to be spread over alfalfa and native grass meadows. Also a small creek is dammed up and used for irrigation. Springs provide much of the needed water in this area of the Milestone Table near Milesville, South Dakota. The water spreading techniques of the Bierwagons produce adequate winter feed for his 120 head of commercial cow herd.

From Bierwagons, we drove 50 miles south to Cottonwood Station which is a Range Field Station of South Dakota State College. The station was started in 1907 and includes 2,640 acres on which agronomy and livestock research is conducted. Tex Lewis and John Nesvold, Superintendent of the station, showed and explained many of the livestock experiments to us. The main areas covered by these
two gentlemen were inbreeding, performance testing, steer wintering trials, range management and runoff control on three intensities of grazing.

Proceeding 70 miles south of Cottonwood Station, we traveled through the scenic South Dakota Badlands and arrived at the Otto Wolff sheep ranch in western South Dakota. **This ranch has a total of 31,200 acres** of which 20,000 acres are tillable. To give an indication of the size of his operation, Mr. Wolff said that he had over 110 miles of woven-wire fence. Much of the ranch is leased land from the Ogallala Sioux of the Pine Ridge Indian Reservation. Mr. Wolff showed the group some of the badlands on his ranch and then served refreshments in his sheering barn. In the sheering barn, he showed a movie of his complete sheep operation. Using the film was very logical since he uses grassland in the badlands, the Black Hills and farms near Rapid City. **He has 1,200 ewes which have been inbred since 1928.**

Near the Wolff Ranch, we stopped at a pasture on which SDSU had an experiment on some Hereford cows in cooperation with a local rancher. The experiment was concerned with grass tetany which is very prevalent in the area. The SDSU people definitely believe magnesium and calcium deficiency or the balance of the two elements is connected with grass tetany.

Approximately 140 miles south and east of the Wolff Ranch we reached our sleeping quarters at Valentine, Nebraska. At breakfast the next morning, we had a short talk by Mr. Lin Hilton of the Sandhills Cattle Association which is a mediator between buyers and sellers. About 45 miles east of Valentine, we reached the Ainsworth Feedlot and were greeted by Ted Haberer, the General Manager. It
has a capacity of 10,000 head but only 3,700 head were then on feed. Cattle are bought in the South at near 400 pounds. They are fed for 220 days and sold at 1,000 pounds. The cattle are fed on contract at from 20 to 30 cents per pound of gain. One pen of steers at the feed-lot were gaining 3.29 pounds per day. The rations were all high in silage and urea.

One hundred twenty miles east of Ainsworth, the group arrived at the Howard Pitzer Ranch near Ericson, Nebraska. Mr. Pitzer is a graduate of the University of Nebraska and was a member of the Block and Bridle Club. Mr. Pitzer has won wide acclaim for his excellent Quarter Horses but he also has a good 1,500 Angus commercial cow herd. He maintains his cow and horse herd on 25,000 acres of grass. One of the veterans of his Quarter Horse show string is Poco Sweetheart. She is a five year old mare and has been shown 97 times. Two times she has won the local Block and Bridle Show. She also won Aksarben as a yearling and went on to become an American Quarter Horse Champion (AQHA Champion). To become an AQHA Champion a horse must win a total of forty points: 12 halter points, 12 working points and the balance can be made up of either. Poco Sweetheart presently has won 214 halter points and 40 working points.

Mr. Pitzer has produced 6 AQHA Champions from his 40 member brood mare herd. After the Pitzer stop, we drove on to Lincoln - the ending point of an excellent trip. Total mileage tally for the tour was near 1,200 miles. Although the tour had fewer boys attending than usual, it would certainly be termed a great success by those who attended.
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JUDGING CONTEST

The Livestock Judging Contest was held April 25, 1964, at the Horse Barn. Contestants were divided into two groups depending upon their college judging experience.

Fifteen men competed in the twelve class contest of the senior division. The contestants gave oral reasons on twelve of the fifteen classes. At the Honors Banquet on May 7, the following winners of the senior division were announced. They were: beef cattle - Galen Frenzen; swine - Keith Gilster; sheep - Galen Frenzen; Horses - Galen Frenzen. Galen Frenzen emerged as high man in the senior division and was presented a wrist watch by Nixon and Company of Omaha.

In the junior division of the contest, 76 students competed for individual and team prizes on eight classes of livestock. Ten questions were asked on each class. These 76 students were competing for one of seven teams. The teams were composed of students representing various organizations and living units on campus. This year, for the first time, a team of coeds participated in the contest. Team winners were: first - Burr Hall; second - FarmHouse; third - Independents. Plaques and ribbons were awarded to the winning team and high individuals of the contest.
QUARTER HORSE SHOW

An American Quarter Horse Association approved Quarter Horse Show was held April 30th and May 1st at the State Fair Grounds in conjunction with the Nebraska Intercollegiate Rodeo. This was the ninth annual Block and Bridle Quarter Horse Show and it was the largest in the history of the show. Entries in approved classes totaled 281 and therefore produced a class A A Q H A show. Horses were entered from as far away as Minnesota, Illinois and Texas.

Through the cooperation of the Cutting Horse Association of Nebraska, a three hundred dollar added championship open cattle cutting contest was held. In an attempt to promote interest and knowledge of cattle cutting, the audience was invited to judge the open cutting. The winner of the contest was presented with a belt buckle donated by the Senior Livestock Judging team of 1964. Over 90 entries were received in the cattle cutting contest.

Judge for the show was Mr. Dale Wilkinson of Findlay, Ohio. Mr. Wilkinson is a well known horse breeder and trainer as well as judge of both cutting and halter events.
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BLOCK AND BRIDLE BANQUET

The 1964 Block and Bridle Honors Banquet was held May 7th honoring Mr. Earl Monahan. Mr. Monahan is probably best described by quoting the inscription on the portrait of Mr. Monahan which was presented by the club to the Animal Science Department: "Mr. Earl Monahan, a builder of the cattle industry, Hereford breeder, commercial cattleman, past president American Hereford Association".

The banquet began with an excellent meal featuring country-fried steak. Toastmaster Doug Downs welcomed the attending group and introduced honored guests - Mr. Monahan's family, two past honorees, Chancellor and Mrs. Hardin and others. Block and Bridle Awards were then presented by our advisor, Dr. Sumption, to the winner of the showmanship and judging contests. The livestock and meats team were then introduced. The outstanding Animal Science scholars of each class were presented awards by Dr. Koch. The Merit Trophy Winner, Tom Lewis, was announced.

The program then moved into the honoring of our honoree, Mr. Monahan. Mr. Paul Swaffar, of the American Hereford Association, and Forest Lee, a Brownlee, Nebraska rancher spoke on behalf of Mr. Monahan. The portrait of Mr. Monahan was then presented to department chairman, Dr. Koch, by president Ahlswede. Mr. Monahan then gave a response.

The banquet was enjoyed by the 213 people who gathered to honor Mr. Earl Monahan.
HONORS BANQUET

Mr. and Mrs. Monahan, Dr. Koch, William Ahlschwede

Merit Trophy winner Thomas Lewis with Rudy Kaliff

Response by Mr. Earl Monahan
FEEDERS DAY

On May 7, the University of Nebraska Department of Animal Science held an annual Feeders Day program. Visitors from Nebraska and surrounding states gathered at the Nebraska Center for Continuing Education to hear results of research work in the beef cattle industry and to gain an insight concerning current research.

Presiding over the morning session was Dr. Robert Koch, Chairman of the Animal Science Department. The morning session emphasized the feeding of beef cattle and was climaxed by a twenty minute question and answer period.

Dr. Kieth Gregory presided over the afternoon session which centered around the carcass value of the beef animal. After three lectures by Animal Science instructors, a short question and answer session was again held. Immediately following the program, the Nebraska Livestock Breeders and Feeders Association held their annual meeting.

The University of Nebraska Block and Bridle Honors Banquet climaxed the Feeders Day activity.
SPRING PICNIC

The Block and Bridle Club held their annual Spring Picnic which included Block and Bridle members, Animal Science instructors, and other persons closely connected to the Animal Science department. An estimated 60 people participated in the picnic which was held at Pioneer Park near Lincoln. **Almost everyone worked up an appetite** by participating in one of the two simultaneous softball games.

After the meal, Dr. Koch, Chairman of the Animal Science Department, gave an interesting talk with the Animal Science Department being the focal point.

A short business meeting was held to install the newly elected officers and finish last minute business.

Dr. Koch speaking to club members.