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OF
THE BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB
College Year - 1940-1941
ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION
BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB

UNIVERSITY OF NEBRASKA.
College of Agriculture
Lincoln, Nebraska

For The Year
September 1, 1940 - September 1, 1941
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1941-1942

Verlin Johnson

Officers of the Block and Bridle Club. Left to right—Frank Messersmith, Secretary, Orris Corman, Vice-president, John Schick, President, and Sam Nisley, Sergeant-at-arms.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENT
September 1, 1941

Receipts College Year 1940-1941

Balance September 1, 1940 - - - - - - $129.99
Initiation fees and dues - - - - - - 135.50
Activities sponsored by club - - - 172.25
Total Receipts - - - - - - $437.74

Expenditures in College Year 1940-1941

Plaques and medals for contest winners - $ 18.75
Shingles - - - - - - - - - - - 55.00
Initiation Dinner - - - - - - - - 27.75
Honors Banquet - - - - - - - - - 98.05
Ak-Sar-Ben Ball and Show - - - - - 60.46
Publicity - - - - - - - - - - 36.00
University assessment for banking service .31
Total Expenditures - - - - - - $294.32

Balance on Hand September 1, 1941 - - - - - - - $143.42
SAMPLE MINUTES

Meeting, February 5, 1941

Meeting was called to order by President Kruse. Minutes of previous meeting read and approved. Roll taken.

Committee for Honors Banquet reported that they had three men selected and would choose one from this group.

The president appointed a committee to take charge of the new membership applications. The committee consisted of:

Mylan Ross
Vern Kersherberger
Everett Lomax

Moved and seconded that all applications be in the hands of the committee by 5:00 P.M., March 2. Motion carried.

Nominations opened for manager of Junior Ak-Sar-Ben. Tegtmeier and Laird nominated. Tie vote. Moved and seconded that they serve as co-chairmen. Motion carried. Nominations for chairman of the Ball are Davis, Bacon and Trimble. Bacon elected manager and Trimble assistant manager.

President Kruse asked if club would be in favor of drawing up by-laws. Motion made that committee be appointed for by-laws. Motion seconded and carried. Appointees were: Hartnell, Gilmore, Tegtmeier.

Picture for Cornhusker to be taken February 13 at 5:00 P.M.

Shingles for new members were passed out.

Moved and seconded to adjourn. Adjournment.

Keith Gilmore
Secretary-Treasurer
OBJECTIVES OF THE CLUB

The objectives of The Block and Bridle Club of Nebraska may be stated in a few words. They are, to foster an interest in the livestock industry, and to advertise that industry through favorable publicity; to prepare outstanding students of today for leadership tomorrow; to provide a means by which a congenial group of young men may meet and benefit each from the association of the others; and to participate in activities of the Campus so that the entire student body may profit not only in money but in useful things accomplished.
JUNIOR AK-SAR-BEN BALL

Friday night, March 14, The Block and Bridle Club sponsored their eleventh annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Ball in the Agricultural College Activities Building. Everyone enjoyed the evening with the very tuneful music of Ralph Slade and his orchestra. The dance was a huge success, this being one of the better bands brought to the Campus during the school year.

The building was decorated in true St. Patrick style. The main attraction between dances was afforded by the pen of three lambs in the center of the floor. The professors of the Department of Animal Husbandry and their wives were chaperons.

This event was considered the grand opening for the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Livestock Show which followed the next evening.
JUNIOR AK-SAR-BEN SHOW

On the evening of March 15, The Block and Bridle Club held their eleventh annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Show in the Equine Auditorium.

Showmen and superintendents had prepared for this show for over a month. The decorations and arena committees, aided by pledges preparing for initiation, had done a fine job of decorating the room and building the arena. The program went through smoothly with special events between each main class of livestock.

Master of Ceremonies for the event was Marvin Kruse from Loretto. Ringmaster was Keith Gilmore, Calloway, and Mr. K. C. Fouts of Seward, Nebraska, officiated as judge.
FEEDERS' DAY

Feeders' Day is an annual event at the College of Agriculture. On this day the Department of Animal Husbandry presents its feeding experiments to the guests, which numbered 2500 this year. Also included in the day's activities is a program of speakers from other colleges and noted livestock men of the Middle-west.

The Block and Bridle Club members attend these meetings, meet outstanding men in their field, and acquire added practical information of use to them in the livestock industry.

Block and Bridle Club members serve the noon meal to the visitors so that the visitors may be kept together and the day's activities can be more unified. This year they served dinner to 1500 people in about one and one-half hours.
HONORS BANQUET

Every year The Block and Bridle Club presents a banquet in honor of some outstanding livestock man in the state.

Chancellor Emeritus E. A. Burnett was honored for his contributions to the state's agricultural industry. A portrait of Dr. E. A. Burnett was presented to the Animal Husbandry Department by The Block and Bridle Club, and now hangs in Animal Husbandry Hall.

Many faculty members, students, and friends of E. A. Burnett attended the banquet.
INITIATION OF NEW MEMBERS

This past year The Block and Bridle Club introduced a new method in selecting its new members for initiation. Scholastic requirements were left about the same, but the prospective pledge must now make application for membership to the committee on initiation, and pass a pledge period during which he performs various services for the club. The club now allows a man who plans to major in some other department than Animal Husbandry to become a member if he is outstanding in school activities, above average scholastically, and interested in what the club is doing.

In the spring of 1940 this plan was put into effect and this year thirty-nine new members were formally initiated in the Judging Pavilion. This brought our membership up to 103 with 25 graduates.
LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

On April 5, The Block and Bridle Club sponsored their annual livestock judging contest.

The contest is divided into the junior and senior divisions. Those competing in the junior division include all boys that have had no college training in judging other than Animal Husbandry 1. The senior group includes boys that have taken or are taking Animal Husbandry 3, 9, or 10.

The members of the senior livestock judging team aid in organizing the contest, but are ineligible for competition.

The contest gives practical and educational experience to boys interested in livestock judging.

Orris Corman won the honor trophy in the senior division and Rex Howard walked away with the honors of the junior division.
MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

The Block and Bridle Club sponsors a meats judging contest annually for the men of the College. The classes are arranged through the courtesy of the Lincoln Packing Company who allow the contest to be held in their coolers. Approximately forty men were in the contest placing nine classes and writing reasons on five classes. The trophy for the winner was given by the National Livestock and Meat Board and by the Nebraska Livestock Breeders and Feeders Association.

The contest gives students the opportunity and experience of meat work under competition with fellow students. The rising interest being sponsored in meats work is partly responsible for the teams turned out by the University.

Keith Gilmore won first place and the trophy with a score of 647 points. Raymond Crawford was second with 636 points and was awarded a pen and pencil set.
HOME ECONOMICS MEATS JUDGING

Students in the Home Economics Department were given a chance to exhibit their skill and proficiency in meats judging and identification in a contest sponsored and arranged by The Block and Bridle Club.

The girls placed five classes of cuts and identified five retail cuts giving the best methods of preparing these.

This year Carol Briggs won the trophy awarded for first prize while Bernice Anderson placed second to receive the award of a pen and pencil set.

If surroundings mean anything, this Shorthorn calf should be a champion. He was given recently by the Haigler (Nebraska) ranch owned by Crews and Crews, to establish a new loan fund for worthy animal husbandry students at the Nebraska college of agriculture. The girls? They are Bernice Anderson of Gothenburg and Carol Briggs of Ewing, champions of a recent meats' judging and identification contest at the college.
The Farmers' Fair is an annual event on the Agricultural College Campus presented each spring by Ag. College students. Open house for all departments is held on the campus and visitors come from the city of Lincoln and various parts of the state to view the exhibits of the various student groups and University Departments on the Ag. College. The Block and Bridle Club prepared the exhibit for the Department of Animal Husbandry.

This float was prepared in accordance with our national problem today - Defense. Nebraska was portrayed by living hogs, calves and sheep as ably doing her part as a livestock state in the National Defense program on the "home front". These pigs, lambs and baby calves were standing on green grass and at one end of the float was exhibited home-grown grain, hay and other feedstuffs while the whole arrangement was very attractively decorated and carried. Several slogans of a loyal producer such as "No Sitdowns and No Walkouts". The float was drawn through downtown Lincoln in the over-a-mile long procession.

The Block and Bridle Club is active in other phases of the Fair. Many members aided in the promotion of a rodeo as a part of the afternoon's entertainment at the Fair.
SADDLE AND SIRLOIN MEDAL ESSAY CONTEST

The Block and Bridle Club has always taken an active interest in the National Saddle and Sirloin Medal Essay Contest.

All members are reminded of the contest and urged to enter an essay for competition in the contest. A pledge's requirements for initiation are partly removed if he enters the contest. Aid in composition of the essays is given by the English Department of the University at the suggestion of the Block and Bridle Club.

A member or candidate for initiation is given the equivalent of one year's dues if he places in the high twenty contestants.

The past year Nebraska placed two men, Jack Carter, senior from Chappell, 10th, and Elton Newman, junior from York, 11th.

This contest serves to stimulate interest in the field of animal husbandry, among students in the Animal Husbandry Department and other departments on the campus.
Meats Judging Team placed third in Kansas City. With a score of 2,545 points it was only nine points behind the first place of Oklahoma A. & M. team which scored 2,463. The Nebraska team was second on pork. Don Baird of Wayne was first on pork and tied for fifth high on all classes with 830 points. Mylan Ross of Lyons was second high on lamb and tenth high on total, with 814 points. Arch Trumble of Gothenburg scored 810 points.

Meats Judging Team placed first at the International Livestock Exposition in Chicago, with a score of 2,439 points—second high score in the entire 15-year history of the contest and only 6 points behind the record set by Missouri in 1936. Nebraska won this event in 1926, 1928, 1935, 1937, 1938, and now 1940, giving her permanent possession of two different trophies (three years each). Nebraska was high on pork and only one point from a tie for first on beef. Don Baird of Wayne was high man of the contest with 822 points. He was third on pork, third on beef, ninth on lamb.

Arch Trumble of Gothenburg was tenth high man with 806 points. He was seventh on pork, tenth on beef. Mylan Ross of Lyons scored 801 points. He was high on pork, third of beef.

Livestock Judging Team ranked second at the American Royal Livestock Show at Kansas City. (Iowa State College was first.)

Don Baird of Wayne, John Beckwith of Loretto, Marvin Kruse of Loretto, Arch Trumble of Gothenburg, and Oscar Tegtmeier of Burchard.

Livestock Judging Team placed fourth at Chicago with 4,376 points. (Iowa State College first with 4,436 points.) Marvin Kruse of Loretto was ninth in average for all classes. Don Baird of Wayne was eighth on hogs. Oscar Tegtmeier of Burchard was tenth on sheep. Other team members were Mylan Ross of Lyons and Arch Trumble of Gothenburg.

They "Medaled"

Jack Carter, senior from Chappell, and Elton Newman, junior from York, were the only students from the University of Nebraska to place in the annual Saddle and Sirloin essay contest. The results of the contest were recently announced. Carter placed tenth and Newman eleventh in the contest.

The first three places are awarded gold, silver, and bronze medals in the order of their placement. The students placing fourth to tenth inclusive are awarded several agricultural books to be selected by them from a group made available by the Saddle and Sirloin essay committee.

The University of Wisconsin again won the Sterling Silver Cup offered by the Club to the College making the best showing in the contest, according to the ranking of the top twenty entries. Wisconsin had eight students in the top twenty placements. A new cup had been entered in competition this year as Wisconsin last year won permanent possession of the previous cup. The subject selected for the 1941 contest is "The Influence of Research on Livestock practices." All undergraduates are eligible to compete in this essay contest and final manuscripts are due in Chicago not later than November 1, 1941.
Ag honoraries hold annual judging contests Saturday

There was plenty of competitive spirit on ag campus over the weekend as the Block and Bridle and Tri-K clubs held their annual contests.

Karol Briggs placed first in the meat judging and identification in the girls division. Bernece Anderson placed second.

Keith Gilmore soared ahead of all competition in the men's division of meat judging contest. Ray Crawford placed second.

Corman, Howard Win In Livestock Judging

... On Ag College Campus

Highest scoring student livestock judges at the college of agriculture for 1941 are Orris Corman of Edgar, senior winner, and Rex Howard, of Gering, junior champion. They won the annual competition with more than 100 students competing.

Corman won the senior division with a high score of 908. Other individual rankings in order included Carl Ervin, McCook; Millard Ickes, Oakdale; Harold Bacon, Lexington; Vern Karchberger, Hay Springs; John Shuck, Curtis; Frank Messersmith, Alliance; Ray Crawford, Alliance.

In the junior division, Harold Howard of Lexington was the best cattle judge with Bill Hartnell of Tekamah second. Vern Karchberger of Hay Springs did the best job of placing the hogs. Wallace Fausch of Guide Rock was tops and Otto Pfeiffer of Elkhorst was second. In the sheep judging, Wallace Fausch of Guide Rock was tops and Otto Pfeiffer of Elkhorst was second. Millard Ickes of Oakdale won the horse judging with Milkwood second.

The awards were made to the students Monday night.

JUDGING CONTEST

Orris Corman walked away with the top honors in the annual Livestock Judging Contest held on April 5 at the College of Agriculture. Corman was first of 26 contestants in the Senior Division with a total of 908 points, and Carl Erwin was second with a total of 900 points. Third place was taken by Millard Ickes, fourth by Harold Bacon and fifth by Vern Karchberger.

Rex Howard, a freshman, won in the Junior Division over a group of 72 contestants. Following him were Richard Silvers, Jack Paulson, Robert McClurkin, and Harold Hansen.

The boys judged 12 classes—3 each of horses, cattle, hogs, and sheep. The seniors gave oral reasons on 8 classes and the juniors written reasons on 4 classes. The prizes were awarded at a special meeting on Monday evening following the contest.

On the left, Orris Corman proudly holding his awards for winning top honors in the Senior Livestock Judging Contest. On the right, Rex Howard, of Gering, with his trophy and ribbon for winning in the Junior Contest.
They brought in the bacon...

Above are members of the meat judging team who won first, second and third places individually in national collegiate competition. 

Lincoln Journal.

They brought in the bacon...!

Above are members of the meat judging team who won first, second and third places individually in national collegiate competition. Above left is John Springs, second from left, with team members John Schick, Robert McElrath, and others.

Keith Gilmore, Ag Senior.

Gilmore Wins Block and Bridle Award

T HE National Block and Bridle merit award of 1940-41 for the Nebraska chapter was presented to Keith Gilmore, Ag College senior from Calloway, Nebraska. This award is made for outstanding work in Animal Husbandry along with a high scholastic record.

The winner of this award is selected each year by the members of the Animal Husbandry faculty. Keith has been very active in animal husbandry work during his college career. As a sophomore, he made the trip to Fort Worth, Texas, with the junior livestock judging team. The next year saw Keith going to Waterloo, Kansas City, and Chicago with the senior team. Last summer he was chosen to represent Nebraska at the livestock marketing school sponsored by the Union Stockyards of Chicago.

Keith's versatility as a livestock man was demonstrated when he made the Dairy Cattle Judging team, which placed 3rd in the national dairy cattle contest held in Harrisburg, Pennsylvania last fall.

As a result of this award Keith has the opportunity to compete with the outstanding men of other chapters of Block and Bridle for national honors. Congratulations to you, Keith, for your fine work, and good luck to you in national competition.
Chancellor emeritus…

E. A. Burnett is feted for work in agriculture

Over 150 faculty members, students and other friends of E. A. Burnett honored the chancellor emeritus of the University of Nebraska at a dinner of the Block and Bridle club at the Student Union Friday night.

H. J. Gramlich of Chicago, told the group that Burnett was "one of the men who helped pave the way" to better livestock feeding processes.

Gramlich praised Burnett for his contributions to agriculture and his aid to the state's progress since he joined the Nebraska faculty in 1899. Burnett came to Nebraska after ten years at South Dakota State.

Dean W. W. Burr of the college of agriculture traced Burnett's career as a pioneer in scientific feeding of cattle, and lauded his work as director of the Nebraska agricultural experiment station from 1901-28.

E. P. Brown of Davey, former president of the board of regents, stated that thru Burnett's contributions "agriculture has been made more certain and more prosperous."

W. E. Reed of Omaha, member of the board of regents, said he always had respected Burnett in 30 years of association with him, and Chancellor C. S. Boucher called him "a man of demonstrated ability."

Marvin Kruse of Loretta, past president of the Block and Bridle club, national organization of animal husbandry students, presented a photograph of Burnett to the college of agriculture animal husbandry department. Prof. William J. Loeffel, chairman of the department, gave a short acceptance address. Keith W. Gilmore of Callaway was toastmaster.

Dr. E. A. Burnett, chancellor emeritus of the University of Nebraska, and Mrs. Burnett examine Dr. Burnett's portrait which will be hung in the college of agriculture along with those of other men who have performed outstanding service for the live stock industry. Dr. Burnett was honored by the Block and Bridle club at a dinner Friday night.
One Tribute to Burnett Overlooked

They honored E. A. Burnett, the university chancellor emeritus, for his contributions to Nebraska agriculture, but one tribute to this grand old man, perhaps the greatest tribute of all, was overlooked.

It is simply that farmers this spring are planting alfalfa.

Alfalfa, next to corn, is beyond all doubt the finest crop that ever blessed the acres of a live stock state. As Ray Thalmann said at Feeders’ Day Friday, “the man with shelled corn and alfalfa hay doesn’t have to worry much about anything.”

Burnett is the man who started alfalfa on its way. When he came to the university to take over live stock investigations in 1889, little of it was being fed. Encouraged to grow it, farmers wanted to know what they would do with the stuff after they got it.

Queen of Crops

Burnett demonstrated it could be fed to cattle. In 1900, he estimated, about 15 per cent of the hay fed to fattening cattle was alfalfa and 85 per cent was prairie hay. Ten years later those figures were approximately reversed.

These past 20 years of drouth have killed out much of Nebraska’s alfalfa. The live stock department once headed has done a lot of investigating of silage, sorghums, molasses, whatnots.

But the proof of Burnett’s padding is that farmers now want alfalfa again. Right through the drouth years a great many have been planting it—and losing their strides. This wet spring, and in the coming fall, farmers will see a nug of this rich, green queen of crops.

Years and Men

Three of the five “animal husbandry” department chairman were present at the Burnett dinner—Burnett, Gramlich, Leefeld.

The chancellor emeritus was first, heading the live stock setup from 1889 through 1903. He was followed by H. R. Smith (1904-11), who now lives in Chicago and works for the National Live Stock Loss Prevention Board, and then by R. K. Elise (1912-14), now director of extension at Iowa State College.

Burnett acted as head of the department again in 1915 and 1916 and then handed the job to Howard J. Gramlich, who kept it until the fall of 1938 when he went to Chicago as secretary of the American Shorthorn association, William J. Leefeld is the chairman now.

Burnett started many lines of research, but alfalfa is the major live stock feed that came to importance in his time.

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Queen of Crops

Burnett demonstrated it could be fed to cattle. He estimated about 25 per cent of the hay fed to fattening cattle was alfalfa and 55 per cent was prairie hay. Ten years later those figures were approximately reversed.

These past 10 years of drought have killed off much of Nebraska's alfalfa. The live stock department has headed off a lot of investigating of silage, sorghum, molasses, whatnots.

But the proof of Burnett's pudding is that farmers want alfalfa again. Right through the drought years a great many have been planting it—and losing their stands. This wet spring, and in the coming fall, farmers will seed a slug of this rich green queen of crops.

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Gramlich directed the department's work along many lines. In his last five years great emphasis was on sorghums, but the role of sorghum, especially grain sorghums, is not yet a settled matter. The thing most fully established during his time probably was the place and importance of silage.

Maybe Pasture?

Bill Loeffel is a young man with a research mind and a lot of good service to Nebraska ahead—if some other state doesn't grab him. What will be the big thing in his time?

Nobody knows for sure. Maybe as the crops men develop new grasses and new combinations of grasses, it will be to demonstrate what really can be done on pasture.

In the early alfalfa days, recounts Dean W. W. Burr, many farmers laughed at the idea of putting "good corn land into a hay crop."

Today some of the farmers, and none of the rest of us, are inclined to laugh at the idea of putting good crop land back into pasture. We'll see who laughs last.

Carlyle Hedgkin, Farm Editor.
Bill Smiley, Eileen Weilage, Esther Mauson, and Don Weilage make it a foursome at the Ak-Sar-Ben Ball.

Merle Brincgar and his pretty date rest a moment during the A. S. B. Ball.

A ringer! At least he hopes so. Dean Burr is "caught in the act" of throwing a shoe—horse shoe, at the Ak-Sar-Ben show.

We three! Or sum'p'n. Dale Theobald is talking to "lambie pie", who doesn't seem to be enjoying the attention too much. Marge Christensen looks on with a bit of skepticism. Taken at the Ak-Sar-Ben Ball.

Nobility among the animals. Monarch, the imported Belgian herd sire. Taken at the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben show.

Peter McGill looks just a bit sober, but happy, as he tracks his date at the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Ball. Prof. Alexander looks around: "Wonder what that can be?"—show, that's what his expression says. Leefeld and Miller try to get into the picture—we can't figure out who the young lady is.

Baa! White Sheep—have you any wool? Not now! This is a picture of Champion Lee Hester in action with his shearing machine.
PROGRAM

ELEVENTH ANNUAL
JUNIOR AK-SAR-BEN SHOW
Sponsored By The
BLOCK AND BRIDLE CLUB

EQUINE AUDITORIUM

Saturday, March 16, 1941 --- 7:30 P.M.
University of Nebraska
College of Agriculture
Champions are made at Junior Ak-Sar-Ben

Pictured above are the winners of each class of livestock and the Grand Champion, Kenneth Messersmith, Grand Champion of show and winner of his class of horse showmen; Don Tracy, dairy cattle; Harold Stevens, hogs; Earl Zeillinger, sheep, and Philip Grabowski beef cattle.

It's over—it was a success. Such may have been written in the books of the Block and Bridle Club, sponsors of the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben weekend.

Ralph Slade and his orchestra opened the weekend of activities by playing at the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Ball. The next evening ag students competed for showmanship honors by showing livestock before Judge K. C. Poate, Seward.

Traditional opening

Before the show started, the crowd's eyes were fixed upon the traditional alarm clock as it ticked off the minutes. At exactly 7:30 the alarm started the show. Marvin Kruse, master of ceremonies, welcomed the spectators. Rudolph Tomek, official trumpeter, added a spark of formalism and kept the show moving rapidly by announcing each new class of animals.

Kenneth Messersmith, Grand Champion showman of the event, is a veteran in that work. Two years ago, Kenneth was judged Grand Champion of the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben at the Curtis School of Agriculture. Last year, Kenneth was manager of the Curtis Ak-Sar-Ben.

It isn't always that such experience is needed to win. Four years ago Jeff Broady of Lincoln placed first in a class of horses. The next year he showed a baby beef and was selected Grand Champion.

Horseshoe contest

"Well, look out" warned Dean of Agriculture W. W. Burr as he came out of his wind-up and tossed a horse shoe for—well, almost a ringer, in the featured Senatorial horseshoe contest. Cheers of yells of encouragement filled the arena as Senators Louis Jeppsen and R. M. Howard out pointed Dean W. W. Burr and Regent W. E. Reed 4-3.

The Ak-Sar-Ben showmanship contest dates back for 22 years, according to Professor Loeffel, head of the department of animal husbandry. "Baby International was the first term applied to the contest during the first years of its activity. The name was changed when Omaha started their Ak-Sar-Ben.

Alliance boy tops showman at ag college

Kenneth Messersmith of Alliance, a freshman at the Nebraska college of agriculture, got the nod from the judge Saturday night that made him grand champion showman of the eleventh annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben show.

Around 450 students and townspeople turned out for the event, sponsored by the Block and Bridle club—an organization of animal husbandry students at the college. They were rewarded by good showmanship and a "high-pow ered" horseshoe game.

Messersmith ranked as champion showman in the horse class, the first one up, and later showed the same animal to become grand champion. Earl Zeillinger of David City, a student this winter in the "farm-up" short course at the college, capped the reserve championship after winning a blue ribbon in the sheep class.

Harold Stevens of Grant, a sophomore, was the champion hog showman; Philip Grabowski of Beatrice, a farm-op student, won the head of the class in beef; and Tom Ayers from Joes, a junior, won the "farm-up" beef and was selected grand champion.

K. C. Poate, Seward county extension agent, was official judge. Marvin Kruse of Albion was master of ceremonies, and Don Baird of Wayne and Oscar Tegtmeyer of Burchard were co-managers of the event. Since all the animals were university livestock, their quality did not enter into the judging which was based on care, grooming and skill in-the-ring.

Poate combined entertainment with training for the boys by such comments as "the reason this chap didn't place higher was because he gave all his attention to the hog and ignored the judge."

Top placings in the six classes were:

Horses—Champion showman, Kenneth Messersmith, Alliance; second, Dennis Pont, Albion; third, Cervena Frandsen, Walton; fourth, Norman Krupe, Albion; fifth, Harold Hansen, West Point.

Sheep—Champion, Earl Zeillinger, David City; second, Orville Manes, Alliance; third, Raymond Starbuck, Silver Creek; fourth, Wayne Young, Lexington; fifth, William Loeuf, Lincoln.

Beef Cattle—Champion, Philip Grabowski, Beatrice; second, Tim W. Adrain, Alden; third, Raymond Starbuck, Silver Creek; fourth, Carl Bennett, Kewan; fifth, Warren Gatesfield, Laurel.

Hog—Champion, Harold Stevens, Grant; second, Harold Brown, Ord; third, Ralph Tomek, Table Rock; fourth, Joe Haselkom, Silver Hill; fifth, Richard Silver, Silver Hill.

Dairy Cattle—Champion, Don Tracy, David City; second, Alvin Wehrle, David City; third, Leslie Foster, Alma; fourth, Gordon McNall, Lincoln; fifth, Willard Hoffman, Burchard.

Grand champion, Kenneth Messersmith, Alliance; Reserve champion, Earl Zeillinger, David City.
Feeders' Day affair includes varied program

State patrol escorts large Wayne delegation; Campbell will participate.

The 29th annual Feeders' Day program got under way this morning with delegations from many counties outstate, as well as farmers around Lincoln attending the affair.

Chester Walters, Wayne county extension agent, reported this morning that more than 40 cars will be in the Wayne delegation alone. It is being organized by the Wayne chamber of commerce. A member of the state patrol will escort the group to Lincoln.

John Campbell, veteran Chicago market observer, arrived Thursday to participate in the general session. Bleachers are up at the cattle barns where the experimental cattle will be viewed. More space was being provided also in the student activities building for visitors.

At four o'clock yesterday, the fire for the big barbecue was built. The meat was placed on the coals late last night.

The agricultural committee of the Lincoln Junior Chamber of Commerce will help register people at the day's session and get a county-by-county count of cars as they reach the campus. A special delegation of state senators is expected to take part in the barbecue at noon.

Block and Bridle club to honor E. A. Burnett

(From the Daily Nebraskan.)

Chancellor Emeritus E. A. Burnett will be honored by the Block and Bridle club at its annual dinner the evening of Feeders Day at the college. Each year some Nebraskan is so honored for his contributions to the livestock industry.

Burnett is being honored for being an investigator, teacher and administrator at the university since 1889. He has always been greatly interested in the welfare of the livestock industry in Nebraska and built the foundation herds of beef cattle which have been developed greatly in recent years.

The dinner in his honor will be held at the Union by the student honorary livestock fraternity. Tickets will be sold for 60 cents each and may be secured from the animal husbandry department in advance and will be on sale until noon on Feeders Day.

This will be the fourth annual dinner. Those honored at the events in the past include Sam Hudson, Cherry county rancher; Bruce McCullogh, publisher of the Omaha Journal-World; and S. N. McKelvie, Sr., Fairfield. Their portraits now hang in animal husbandry hall along with those of the late Everett Buckingham of Omaha and the late Geo. A. C. Shallenberger of Alma.
Feeders Told Stock Prices to Stay 'Good'

College Meet Attracts 2,500; Thrust at Perkins Applauded

By Carlyle Hodgkin
(World-Herald Farm Editor)
Lincoln, April 18—For at least another year, live stock prices will be good—but not too good.

Some 2,500 farmers and stockmen were given this appraisal at Feeders' day here today by John S. Campbell, chief of the government's live stock market news service at Chicago.

W. W. Burr, dean of the state agricultural college, welcomed the crowd to the campus and Governor Dwight Griswold spoke briefly.

Defense Demands Grow

Fast-growing demands of national defense were cited by Campbell as the chief reason for strong live stock prices. Six million people have been put back to work in the past six months, he said, and the back-to-work movement should "just be in good swing 12 months from now."

Campbell said live stock will remain on a "safe and secure basis for the present year and maybe more."

Cattle prices likely will stay about where they are, the market man thinks. He pointed out the government wants to make pork raising profitable, hence its price boost to $9 per hundred, but at the same time it will "not let prices spiral take place."

Will Buy Pork Products

The government will buy pork products, not hogs, Campbell explained, and if the prices go too high it can release storage stocks back into the private trade. He indicated there is little likelihood of hog prices being pegged at $17.50 per hundred as in the last war.

H. J. Gramlich, another Chicagoan, jabbed a time or two at or- ganized labor. His assertion "farmers and stockmen would feel better if there were a man at the head of the federal labor department," drew the day's biggest applause.

"Labor has been insistent about holding out for every little bit and," he said, "and the result has been higher fixed costs for what
Ag college ball features Ralph Slade

Junior Ak-Sar-Ben show opens with dance Friday; activity ends Saturday

Highlighting the eleventh annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben on ag campus will be the annual ball Friday evening in the student activities building with Ralph Slade and his orchestra playing for the event.

Slade's "Sweetest Band in Melodyland" features "The Tune Tossers" and "Do, Dick, and Darley." This trio, before signing with Ralph Slade, recently enjoyed a feature spot for eight months over the coast-to-coast hook-up of NBC. Other appearances include singing on the National Farm and Home Hour and for two years on the WHO Barn Dance Frolic. On this program they were chosen by popular vote as the most popular act of a cast of 75.

Satisfied that they have a first rate band, the ball committee with Harold Bacon, chairman, state that Slade was the hit of the Creighton military ball.

Two-day affair.

A two-day affair, the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben celebration features the showmanship competition held in the main pavilion Saturday. The competition including the showing of all classes of livestock, will be judged by K. C. Fouts of Seward.

Something unusual on the program will be a sheep shearing exhibition by Lee Hester of Arlington, who won the national sheep shearing championship at Chicago last fall and will do his stuff for the crowd.

Marvin Cruse of Loretto will be master of ceremonies, assisted by a crew of managers and superintendents including Don Baird, Wayne; Oscar Tegtmeyer, Bur- chard; Keith Gilmore, Callaway; Orlis Corman, Edgar; Millard Jickes, Page; Warren Pavalat, Lodgepole; Morris Myers, Broken Bow; Otto Pfeffer, Elkhorn; Orb Wirth, Dunbar; Robert Wheeler, Nemaha; Mylan Ross, Lyons; Harry Uhrenholdt, Elgin; Everett Lomax, Wilsonville; Robert Messersmith, Alliance, and Fred Prestor, Fairbury.

The show is put on by the livestock boys' Block and Bridle Club, at 8 Saturday night. Friday night as a commerger, the boys and girls toss off their annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben ball, managed by Harold Bacon of Lexington and Arch Trimble, Gothenburg.

Students plan ball, stock show

Ak-Sar-Ben weekend is set for March 14-15

Next big event on the ag college student activity calendar will be the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben ball on the 14th with Ralph Slade and his orchestra playing. Saturday night, the 15th, students will compete in a stock showmanship contest using the university pedigree stock.

Tickets for the ball, to be held in the activities building, went on sale Monday. They may be purchased from Long's Book Store, the finance office and from members of the Block and Bridle club.

U. S. shearing champion at Junior Ak show

Lee Hester, young Washington county farmer who holds a national agricultural championship, is going to show students at the college of agriculture Saturday night how such high honors are won. He will show how he won the farm sheep flock shearing championship in Chicago when he appears on the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben livestock show at the college.

The sheep shearing demonstration of Hester's is but one of the many features being arranged by students. A team of state senators is being organized to compete in a horseshoe pitching, with a squad of college professors.

Sponsoring the big student activity event is Block and Bridle club, honorary animal husbandry group. Don Baird of Wayne and Oscar Tegtmeyer of Bur- chard are co-managers of the 1941 exposition, which will be held in the horse barn Saturday night.
Jr. Ak-Sar-Ben-Ball

Friday night, March 14, approximately 300 couples danced to the tuneful music of Ralph Slade and his orchestra in the Student Activities Building. The party, sponsored by Block and Bridle, was the opening event of the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Show. The building was decorated in true St. Patrick's style. A pen of three lambs in the center of the floor proved to be the center of attraction between dances. Pictures taken at the ball may be seen on another page.
A week late...
Farmers' Fair rip-roaring rodeo scheduled to come off Saturday...

Because of rain

Though rain washed out the rodeo at the Farmers' Fair last Saturday, participants in the featured event, with spirits undampened, will be on hand to compete for awards this Saturday afternoon, according to managers of the contests.

Beginning at 2:30 p.m., the rodeo will feature steer riding and roping, a western stock saddle riding contest, an inter-sorority ride, a bucking ford contest, and a polo game between ag and city campus teams.

Polo team members will be mounted on the largest of the ag college draft ponies, and will use broomsticks as mallets. Members of the city team are Paul Svoboda, Bob McNutt, Bob Sleigh, John Theisen, Clyde Marts and Dick Young. Ag team members are Dale Tohobald, Keith King, Miles Cadwalder, Charles Marcy, Arlo Wirth and Warren Hutchison.

The Farmers' Fair board stages their rodeo on sunny afternoon

The Farmers' Fair board pulled one over on the weatherman yesterday and had their rodeo without rain.

Beginning slowly, the rodeo spirit gained momentum as the steers bucked harder, twisted more and bellowed louder. Winner of the steer riding contest was George Pete Post, jr, student at Wesleyan college.

The inter-sorority ride, one of the attractions of the afternoon's events, was won by Betty O'Shea, Kappa Alpha Theta. Joan Metcalf, Kappa Alpha Theta placed second, and Mary Kier, Alpha Phi, placed third. The decision of the judges was based on the ability of the girls in handling and riding their five-gaited horses at different paces.

Ag polo team wins.

Probably one of the most comical events of the rodeo took place as the ag college polo team, starring Warren Hutchinson, whaled the city team 18-0. Swift and careful maneuvers by the ag team played an important part in the victory.

When the "open the chute" order was given in the calf roping contest, out bolted the victim calf. Scared stiff, with tail high, the calves made an attempt to dodge their ropes and in some cases succeeded.

Object of the contest was to lasso the calf and tie it in the shortest time possible. Winner of the contest was a team composed of M. E. Ikes and LaVerne Curry.

Stock saddle contest.

In the western stock saddle riding contest, Don Roth and Isabel Canet placed first; Clarion Buethe and Eleanor Jacka placed second and Charles Marcy and Louise Reed, third.

Probably the title for most wicked bucking goes to Bill Greene's mechanical horse. A saddled barrel tied to a plank that extended to the rear of the Ford caused many would-be cow-punchers to "pull leather" as the blocks tied to the rims of the rear wheels provided the necessary flips, spins, rolls, and reels to outdo the riders.