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1935 - 1936

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ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NATIONAL CONVENTION

BLOCK & BRIDLE CLUB

University of Nebraska

College of Agriculture

Lincoln, Nebraska

For the year

November 1, 1935 to November 1, 1936

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Officers for the Year 1935-1936

Paul Pierce ----- President
Raymond McCarty -- Vice-President
Vincent Arthaud -- Secretary-treasurer

Active Members in School for 1935-1936

Vincent Arthaud
Don Baumann
John Bengston
Floyd Carroll
Hugh Chay
John Clymer
Vincent Jacobsen
Delos Johnson
Herbert Nore
Harold Larson
Raymond McCarty
Paul Pierce
Burr Ross
David Rice
Charles Rochford
William Shricker
Dale Smith
Chester Walters
Norman Weitkamp
Clyde White

FEEDERS' DAY

Each year the College of Agriculture department of Animal Husbandry holds a feeders' day meeting. This meeting is an occasion when some of the experimental work of the department is reviewed. Speakers from other colleges and men of importance to the livestock industry are invited to come and speak.

The Block and Bridle Club members serve the meal to the visitors. By serving the meal on the college campus, it helps a great deal in keeping the people together, and in making the day's meeting more unified. The members of the Block and Bridle Club have the opportunity of meeting some of the outstanding men in their field as well as being of service to the meeting.

BREAKFAST FOR DUNCAN MARSHALL

During Organized Agriculture week the Block and Bridle Club was fortunate in having Duncan Marshall as guest speaker at a breakfast held at the Agricultural College cafeteria. Mr. Marshall is an international livestock breeder of Ontario, Canada. He has been to Scotland various times to purchase stock for importation into the United States. At this breakfast he gave the club a talk on livestock production in Scotland as well as in his home country of Canada.

JUNIOR AK-SAR-BEN SHOW

On March 7, the Block and Bridle Club held their sixth annual Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Show. The show took place in the Equine Auditorium. The decorations along with the lighting effects gave a very showy appearance to the stock brought into the ring. Each showman wore white overalls and light shirts which also added to the appearance of the show.

The master of ceremonies for the evening was Burr Ross. Vincent Jacobsen was the ring master and Edwin Loeffel was the junior trumpeter. K. C. Fouts, county agent of Seward county, was authorized to give the placing of the various classes according to the fitting, and the ability of the showman in presenting his animal. In each of the five classes of stock, prizes and ribbons were awarded. First place award was a cane and ribbon. Second, third and fourth place contestants received a Botany tie and a ribbon, while the fifth rating showman received only a ribbon. These awards were presented by the manager of the show, Vincent Arthaud.

Each showman competing in the champion class had to show his ability by showing each kind of animal in the contest. James Saunders won the championship class. Winning in the beef cattle division with a snow-white Shorthorn, he went to the championship class and showed his ability with the other kinds of livestock and was presented the cup for the show.

Two other features of entertainment were on the program. One was a mock auction sale. Two steers were auctioned off and the person guessing the value of the steers most nearly correct, received a tie. The winner was determined by a committee of instructors of the department. The other feature was a calf catching contest. Two calves were turned loose in the ring and seven boys about ten-years-old were given rope halters and the one putting his halter on a calf first received a box of candy.

The show proved to be a very interesting event and its benefits were received not only by the spectators, but also by the sixty contestants of the show.

JUNIOR AK-SAR-BEN BALL

One week following the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben Show, the Block and Bridle Club sponsored a ball held in the College Activities Building. The dance was one of the mixers sponsored by the club for the Agricultural College students for the season.

Professors of the department of Animal Husbandry and their wives were chaperones for the evening affair. The ball turned out to be a very enjoyable evening's entertainment.

BLOCK AND BRIDLE LIVESTOCK JUDGING CONTEST

The Livestock Judging Contest sponsored by the Block and Bridle Club is an annual event. It occurred this year on April 3.

The contest is divided into two divisions, the junior division and the senior division. Those judging under the junior group are boys having no more judging courses than animal husbandry 1. The senior group includes boys that have taken or are taking animal husbandry courses 3, 9 or 10. The members of the Senior Livestock Judging Team are ineligible for competition, but aid in organizing the contest.

Those in the junior division write reasons, while the members of the senior division give oral reasons. Twelve classes of livestock are judged, with reasons given for six.

The contest gives competitive experience to many boys interested in livestock.

MEN'S MEATS JUDGING CONTEST

The annual Men's Meat Judging Contest occurred during the second week of April this year. Thirty-five boys competed in the contest. Classes of meat to judge consisted of beef carcasses, ribs and rounds, pork carcasses, hams and sides, and lamb racks and carcasses. These classes were furnished by the packing house, the contestants returning to the college after judging, to write reasons. Premiums were awarded to the high men of the contest. The premiums consisted of a cup, fountain pen and pencil set, a book, and ribbons.

WOMEN'S MEAT JUDGING CONTEST

On April 4th, the Home Economics girls competed in a meats judging and identification contest. Approximately twenty girls competed in the contest. They judged several classes of meat including beef ribs and rounds, pork hams and bellies and lamb racks.

High ranking individuals received premiums consisting of a cup, a book, fountain pen and pencil set, and ribbons.

SUMMARY

There are 20 active members in the club at the present time. All of these men are outstanding in the Animal Husbandry department as well as on the campus.

During this year's activities, five regular meetings were held besides several special meetings.

The club has many activities including the Junior Ak-Sar-Ben, judging contests, picnics, mixers, and the awarding of medals to the Senior Livestock Judging team. The club also assists the Animal Husbandry department in promoting such occasions as Feeders' Day, Rooters' Day, and Omaha Day as well as helping out with the 4-H and High School Judging Contests.

The Nebraska Club maintains a club room in the Animal Husbandry Hall. This is open to all men on the campus and contains magazines, appropriate pictures and decorations. The trophies and ribbons won by the various judging teams are also found here.

CONCLUSION

In this report we have tried to give some of the activities of the Nebraska Chapter of the Block and Bridle Club.

The club ranks high among the organizations on the campus, and membership is considered an honor of no little merit. It is a goal that all animal husbandry majors strive for.

I believe that the Block and Bridle club is doing a great deal of good at the University of Nebraska.

Don Baumann
Secretary