

# Adams County Farmers' Corner

## County Agent's Corner

### 4-H Beef Enrollment:

4-H beef enrollment for 1963 will probably be a little higher than 1962. Several new members have been enrolled and most of those having calves in 1962 are going to gain more experience. If you know of someone who hasn't gotten his enrollment card in yet, tell him to hurry up!

### Farmers Income Tax Guides:

A good supply of farmers income tax guides has been received at the county extension office. They are free for the asking. If one may be of help to you, let us know for they won't do any good for them if they don't get them.

### Soil Conservationist Attends Meeting at Purdue:

Milton Spence of the Adams district soil conservation service and the county extension agent attended the Hoosier chapter soil conservation society of America annual meeting held at Purdue University January 4 and 5. "Water," the theme of the meeting, is one of our most important natural resources.

Ralph Harvey, Indiana 10th district congressman and farmer, major speaker at the annual banquet, said, "The purity of our nation's water supply is one of our leading national problems. Although the world's water supply is theoretically remains constant, there are more demands on it today which affect its purity."

Harvey stressed that public officials at all levels of government must place water resources at the top level for serious consideration. L. L. Harrold said that, "Water is never lost, but is in circulation." Studies of this cycle at Coshocton, Ohio, research station of the USDA, are evaluating the phases of the cycle associated with the earth's surface and the effects of man's cultivation of it.

Findings were described by L. L. Harrold, project supervisor, at the Coshocton experiment station. Harrold says, "Understanding of the principles of water management are fundamental to solving the many water problems of our industrial, agricultural, and human national growth."

The soil conservation society of America is dedicated to advance the science and art of good land

use. Through our membership of over 10,000 professional and practical conservationists, the society has become a strong "voice" in soil and water conservation worldwide.

One phase the society is currently active in is the promotion of better recreational areas for Indiana. Cleaner streams and lakes, better fishing, more park areas for camping are a necessity to meet the growing needs of our population. The society recognizes this and has been an active voice in promoting this program.

A merit award presentation was made to Jay Gould, farm service director of WOWO in Fort Wayne. Glen Poe of the Allen district made the award presentation.

### Marketing Guides:

Hoosier farmers can expect steady to slightly higher prices for their corn and soybeans during the first two months of 1963, say Purdue University agricultural economists. Soybean oil meal prices are likely to rise also.

For livestock producers the outlook is mixed. Swine raisers should maintain full scale operations for hogs that will reach market before the end of the new year. However, the economists point out that slightly weaker prices for fed cattle are in prospect for the first quarter of 1963 because of continued heavy marketings.

Broiler raisers, who normally receive good returns from their operations during the first three months of the year, can expect lower prices. Supplies in January and February will run 10 to 20 percent above the same period a year ago, and prices will average one to two cents a pound below levels of early 1962.

On the other hand, egg prices probably will remain strong during January and February. Expansion of federal milk marketing orders appears likely this year. The U. S. department of agriculture has recommended broadening the Indianapolis marketing area to include 13 additional counties. This expansion probably will take place by April 1.

South Bend producers have requested a hearing to consider expansion of their existing marketing order to include all Northern

Indiana areas not already regulated. If this proposal is adopted, more than 90 per cent of all grade A milk distributors in the state will be under federal marketing orders.

### Farm Management Group Meets January 15:

Impact of new technology on organization of your farm business will be the theme of the annual meeting of the Indiana farm management association January 15 at Purdue University. This meeting will be held in connection with the 1963 farm science days program.

Dr. Paul Robbins, Purdue agricultural economist, will open the program with a review of the 1962 economic outlook for farming. Then David Garst, Cook Rapids, Iowa, will discuss the extensive farming operation he and his father and brother run. The Garst farm was visited by Nikita Krushchev when the Russian leader toured the U. S. five years ago.

The Garst operation includes more than 10,000 acres of corn, an 800-cow beef herd, and feeder cattle and swine raising enterprises. Garst will discuss "Challenges in Farming."

Dr. John Kadlec, Purdue agricultural economist, will present guide lines for sizing up new technological developments and interpreting what they mean to the farm business.

Talks by Al Keen, Dewitt, Iowa, and Wallace Nelson, Archbold, Ohio, on how they profit from modern technology will conclude the morning program.

Keen operates a 230-acre farm and feeds 1,500 head of cattle with low building and equipment investment. Nelson operates a 470-acre farm, feeds 400 head of high choice cattle from upright silos and an auger feeding system — a push-button technology operation.

Sherman Keesler, Ladoga, association president, will preside at the noon luncheon at which 1963 officers will be elected. After the luncheon, farmers Russell Jeckle, Delavan, Ill., and Robert Greene, Ainsworth, Iowa, will tell how they profit from today's technology. Jeckle raises 3,000 hogs on a 210-acre farm with a confinement system. He will relate how he has combined most of today's new ideas, plus some of his own, into a modern, highly mechanized hog raising system. Greene operates a 300-acre farm. He raises 1,000 hogs with a com-

binated pasture and confinement system by applying new ideas to an old system to keep it modern.

N. S. Hadley, Purdue agricultural economist, then will summarize comments of the previous speakers and indicate how their experiences can be used in adapting today's technology to farm businesses.

Following Harley's summary those attending can ask questions of a panel of all speakers who appeared on the day's program.

### Farm Science Days at Purdue:

Farm science days will be January 14 to 19 at Purdue University. Many interesting programs will be held. They are open to anyone interested. Ag alumni fish fry tickets are available at the county extension office.

## A. J. Hutchins, County Agent In Adams County In 1915, Speaks Through Recently-Found Report

Ever wonder whatever happened to the old county agent reports, filed in faithfully every year by the Adams county agent, and filed away?

Most are still on file here in Decatur, but the very earliest reports were never located here. This past week, a copy of the Sixteenth Biennial Report of the Indiana Department of Statistics, for the years 1915-16, formerly owned by M. H. Overton, one of the early county agents here, turned up.

In the huge volume was the full report of the Adams county agent. It makes even better reading today than it did in 1916.

Here are some passages that might be of special interest to local farmers, some of whom will recall these meetings, and will remember A. J. Hutchins, county agent, who came to Decatur in September, 1915. For the biennial report, he wrote as follows:

### Saw 7,094 People

"During my ten months in Adams county, I have attended 112 meetings and talked to 7,094 people. The main topics discussed were:

1. Control of Hog Cholera.
2. Selection of Seed Corn.
3. Feeding of Live Stock.
4. Pasture Crops for Hogs and Cattle.
5. Treatment of Oats for Smut.
6. Co-operation in the Community.

"I have also made 275 farm

visits, had 312 office calls, sent out over 685 letters, and traveled 4,065 miles."

Now, that is an enviable record, before paved roads, heated autos, and modern-day conveniences!

### Strained Conditions

Another interesting paragraph reads: "To relieve a strained condition existing in the community adjoining Decatur it was planned to hold a Community Supper, to be given by the business men of Decatur with the farmers as guests. A committee secured the necessary funds to finance the supper and invitations were sent to 1,200 farmers of who 750 responded and were present at the supper."

"It was the sentiment of the crowd that the meeting be repeated in the future and that we as a community get together to make this county one in which we could all take pride. I believe that with the community supper and the inspiring address by Prof. G. I. Christie a spirit of co-operation was created far-reaching in its influence, and one that will be of lasting benefit to the community."

### Plan of Work

"In coming to Adams County September 1st, it was my aim to accomplish several things which I thought important. The following points I believe are essential to the success of a County Agent, but whether I have succeeded in this program or not time only will tell:

## Purple Pennings

COUNTY EXTENSION AGENT HOME ECONOMICS By: Patsy Lee Leaders

At the Home Demonstration Council meeting last Thursday two announcements were made which will perhaps help the women in the county start planning their spring outfits. One is a special interest lesson which is only for Home Demonstration club women on making flower hats. This will be presented February 19 in the afternoon at Monroe in the Farm Bureau Co-op building by Mrs. Robert Barto. The supplies will be sold at an earlier date, which will be announced later.

The other meeting is the advance pattern company's demonstration of the Bishop method of sewing which will be held in Huntington county February 25 and 26. The program is different each day so the women in Adams county are invited to attend one or both of the sessions. The first day will be devoted to beginning clothing construction methods and the second day to tailoring. If enough people are interested a bus will be chartered for the sessions. The approximate cost for transportation will be \$1 per person each day.

If you are into your second week of counting calories, remember it is not only the category of food, but the way it is prepared and the amount that you eat which puts on these excess pounds. For example, a food might be classed in the supposedly low calorie category, but if you eat more than a normal serving of it and other supposedly low calorie foods, it will put on calories. Quite often potatoes are considered taboo on a restricted caloric diet, but remember it is the manner in which the potato is cooked or what one puts on it that makes to sooo fattening. A serving of plain boiled potatoes (1/2 cup diced) has only 45 calories, but the same amount of mashed potatoes, with table fat and milk gives 115 calories, french fried potatoes give 155 calories, hash-browned potatoes 235 calories, fresh fried potatoes 240 calories.

In an effort to cut feed costs, many farmers are turning to on-the-farm feed processing with portable grinders-mixers.

Production expenses of U. S. farmers in 1960 were 26.4 billion dollars — nearly four times as much as in 1940.

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"First, to get acquainted with the best farmers and businessmen in the county. This could only be done by personal visits and the holding of meetings."

"Second, the holding of corn shows and a short course, there to have discussed the various topics, bringing out the points that would be profitable to the farmers."

"Third, to place demonstrations in different parts of the county in order to show publicly the value of certain methods of feeding livestock or the growing of crops."

"Fourth, to assist the towns in securing the co-operation of the farmers and the farmers in securing the co-operation of the towns-men in an effort to build up a community spirit that makes the center of the community the center of attraction."

"I believe that in getting acquainted with this new field of work, the agent must call on the best farmers even if they have not called on him. It is my practice to also visit the banks, newspaper offices and other business houses, there to explain the work of the agent and ask to be directed to the best farmers in the community. Then from these men determine the methods employed, crops raised and conditions of the section can readily be obtained, which is highly essential if one is to be of any use in the community."

### Meetings Held

"The holding of Corn Shows, Short Courses and various other

kinds of meetings cannot but interest the people in the best methods that are practiced by Indiana farmers. We planned a county corn show, at which 187 samples were brought in for exhibition. Two main classes were shown: one for boys, the other for men."

"There were 100 samples of corn exhibited by the boys and I believe that it is as valuable to ward creating an ideal of good seed corn as a contest in the growing of an acre of corn."

"A Short Course was held at Geneva lasting three days with an attendance of 282. Types of farm animals were discussed as were various other topics pertaining to farm life. The farmers were much interested in hearing these discussions and I know it was of great value to them because I have followed up the work and know that they have applied it on their farms."

"Another phase of the work that must not be neglected is the demonstration work. This consists in the securing of men who will keep track of their operations on the farm and give a report as to the results, profitable or unprofitable. It may be the cost of a pound of pork or the cost of raising a bushel of corn that interests them; either, when carried to a successful end, is valuable to a community."

"One striking demonstration was carried out by Joe Heimann, in the feeding of prepared food to hogs."

Two lots of ten pigs were weighed out as nearly even as possible. It cost \$1.22 per pound to put on a pound of gain by the use of stock food (following directions sent with food) and about 5 cents per pound with ordinary feed!

"I have arranged for 75 acres of soybeans and corn to be planted, and when ripe either to be pastured by the hogs and records to be kept of the results, or placed in a silo and fed to cattle. Several fertilizer plots have been arranged for and started; also, several alfalfa plots from which data will be received when they are completed."

"Need Friendly Spirit "Now in order to properly interest a community in better agriculture, you must have a friendly spirit of cooperation existing between the men of the town and those on the farm. This is essential because the County Agent alone has but small influence in the community; but, by getting together, working together, the ideal of a better agriculture, a more united community, can be approached."

"In all, I feel that the year's work was but a beginning to a bigger, better agriculture for Adams county. An interest for newer agricultural ideas was created, looking to better farms, towns, schools, churches, homes and to a more satisfied community."

Respectfully Submitted, A. J. Hutchins, County Agent."

is worth reading. There are so many people nowadays who con- doctors and scientists from the field of nutrition that it is hard for the lay person to separate the true doctors and scientists from the "crack-pots." For your guide you may consider any article written by Dr. Stare or Ruth Leverton a reliable piece of information. There are other authors and as their writings are on the market it shall be mentioned in this column.

## Cub Pack 3061 Will Meet Thursday Night

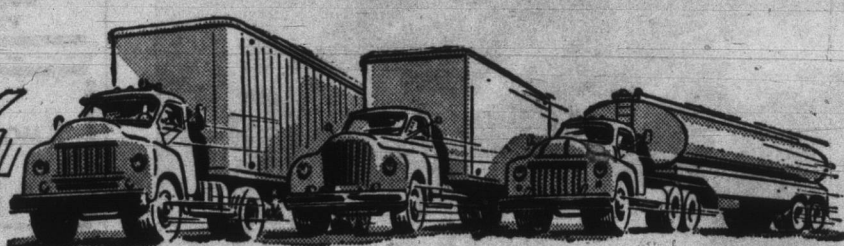
Cub Pack 3061 will meet Thursday night at 7:30 o'clock at the Lincoln school auditorium, Judge Myles E. Parrish, cubmaster, announced today. A special program has been planned and many of the

Cubs will be given advancement awards passing them on to the next rank in cubbing.

Since cubbing is a family-centered program for boys from 8 to 10, all of their parents, brothers, sisters and friends are invited and urged to attend. All of the Cubs of pack 3061 are asked to bring a new boy who wishes to join the pack and enjoy the fun.

Kenneth Erhart, chairman of the pack, announced that all Cubs should be present at this meeting because plans are under way for a "big" meeting next month. Chairman Erhart revealed that the pack has now recruited 21 new Cubs since the "go round up" started eight weeks ago.

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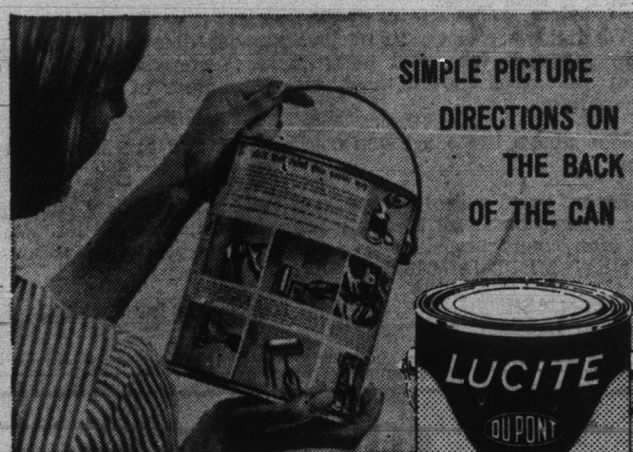
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