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SPEAKER LAUDS COW TESTS HERE

Prof. Holdaway Praises Good Records Revealed by Association's Work.

(H. W. Sanders, Secretary)

At the meeting of the Prince William County Cow Testing Association held at the home of Mr. M. J. Shepherd, of Nokesville, Saturday, December 1, Professor C. W. Holdaway, head of the experiment work in dairying at the Blacksburg station and principal speaker of the occasion, was enthusiastic in his praise of the good records that are being made in the Prince William Cow Testing Association. This organization, he says, is not only one of the best of its kind in Virginia but in the United States.

Mr. Holdaway based this statement not on observation but on the actual results obtained by the dairymen of the county during the testing year which ended August 31, 1923. The following are some of the most significant facts revealed by the numerous tables that were presented to the members: The average feed cost of producing 100 pounds of milk as computed from 20,777 dairy farms in eight representative dairy states of the union was \$1.36; the average feed cost in this association last year was \$1.12; the average production of milk was 7,941 pounds of milk and 295.3 pounds of fat as compared with 4000 pounds of milk, which is the average production of the dairy cows of the United States, and the standard of 6000 pounds of milk and 250 pounds of fat which was originally set for a good dairy cow; the largest and most economical yields of fat and milk are made when the cows freshen in the fall and winter; it costs two-thirds as much to feed cows producing less than 150 pounds of butter fat as it did to feed cows producing from 350 to 400 pounds of butter fat and their profits are correspondingly greater.

The returns per dollar on production reached 400-450 pounds, returns seem to operate and there is a decrease in the returns per dollar expended for feed. This limit is fixed by the inherent ability of the dairy cow to produce and can be advanced only by breeding. In this connection the value of a proven sire can not be over-estimated and the bull association was recommended as a most satisfactory means of obtaining proven sires. The man who uses a sire whose ability is not proven has the odds against him of ten to one.

Many dairymen are tempted to sell their best cows because the buyers offer what seem to be fabulous prices. In reality the seller is the loser as is illustrated by the following figures: Feed cost represents on an average 50% of the cost of production. For the cows in the 350-400 pounds of fat class, the feed cost was \$101.90 and the income above cost of feed, \$206.69. Deducting from this \$101.90, which represents the cost of labor, insurance on buildings and miscellaneous expenses, we have \$103.79 net profit. This means that the cow is paying interest on an investment of approximately \$1700 at 6%. Can you afford to sell such an animal at any price? On the other hand the cows producing less than 150 pounds of butter fat did so at a cost of \$65.36, leaving only \$19.41 income above feed cost. Deducting \$65.36 from this we have minus \$45.95. Such animals are worth just what they will bring on the market for beef.

In conclusion Mr. Holdaway predicted a bright future for all dairymen who establish their business on the cornerstones of correct practices in feeding, breeding and management and pointed out the relation of land values and general prosperity to the progress of the dairy industry and the reputation established by the county for breeding good cows.

The tables used by Mr. Holdaway were computed at the dairy extension office and will be incorporated in the annual report of the association which will be published and sent to all members of the cowtesting associations of Virginia. They may be secured by non-members on application to Blacksburg.

This meeting was the first of three to be held by the organization during the year 1922-1924. Announcement will be made at a later date of the second meeting at which can equally interesting program will be presented.

"WARLESS WORLD" IS TOPIC

Missionary Society of Grace Church to Meet with Mrs. Cocks.

(Mrs. J. L. Gorrell, Secretary)

The December meeting of the Woman's Missionary Society of Grace M. E. Church, South, will be held at the home of Mrs. L. A. Cocks on Thursday, December 13, at 3 o'clock. The topic for this meeting will be "A Warless World."

There will be a "minute quiz." Come and find out what it is. The election of officers for the new year also takes place at the December meeting, and also the round up of dues and pledges. May there be a full attendance at this important meeting.

MRS. T. H. HOLMES DIES AT CANOVA

Burial in Manassas Tuesday—Husband, Parents and Eight Sons Survive.

Mrs. Lillian Roberta Sullivan Holmes died at her home at Canova, near Manassas, Saturday evening, at the age of forty-nine, after an illness of three months, during which time she underwent an operation at George Washington University Hospital in Washington.

Her remains were interred in the Manassas cemetery Tuesday afternoon, the body being borne to its last resting place by her six sons, Preston, Harry, Thomas, Stanley, Wendell and Madison.

Burial services were conducted at the grave by Rev. J. Murray Taylor, pastor of the Manassas Baptist Church and a schoolmate of Mrs. Holmes. "O Paradise," one of her favorite hymns, was sung by Mrs. May Hixon. Many beautiful floral tributes attested the esteem in which she was held. Mrs. Holmes was the eldest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Sullivan, of Independent Hill. She was married to Mr. T. H. Holmes, who survives, together with eight sons and a stepdaughter, Mrs. G. W. Stokes, of Washington, and Messrs. Preston V. of George, Md.; Thomas B. of Washington, and Harrison H., Stanley S., O. Wendell, Madison F., Shelton G. and Lester R. Holmes, all of Canova.

She also leaves to mourn her loss five grandchildren, Genevieve, Gladys and Preston Holmes and Helen and Gordon Stokes; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. I. Sullivan, of Independent Hill; two sisters, Mrs. L. Potter, of Orlando, and Mrs. John Oleyar, of Independent Hill, and three brothers, Messrs. A. F. and J. I. Sullivan, of Washington, and Fred T. Sullivan, of Milford, Nebr.

COMMODORE VEEDER DIES AT GREENWICH

Retired Naval Officer and Former Commander Under Farragut Passes Away.

Commodore Ten Eyck DeWitt Veeder, U. S. N., retired, died at his country home at Greenwich on Saturday, after a short illness. He was sixty-eight years old. Funeral services were held on Monday and his body was laid to rest in the National Cemetery at Arlington.

Commodore Veeder was a native of New York. He was graduated from the Naval Academy in 1873, and at one time commanded "The Hartford," former flagship of Admiral Farragut. Later he commanded the modern battleship "Alabama" in the cruise around the world in 1907. He also served as commandant of the navy yard at New York and as superintendent of the Naval Observatory at Washington.

In 1893 he was married to Miss Mary Green, daughter of the late Charles Green, of Savannah, Ga., and "The Lawn," near Greenwich. He is survived by his wife and by six children, Lieut. Ten Eyck DeWitt Veeder, Jr., of the Navy; Midshipman William S. Veeder, of the United States Naval Academy, and Misses Mary, Suzanne, Aminta and Anne Veeder.

IMPORTANT MEETING

An important meeting of the Prince William County Law Enforcement League will be held on Monday, December 10, at 10 o'clock a. m. in the room over the Manassas National Bank.

All officers and committeemen are urged to be present. All ministers of the county are invited to be present.

H. A. KNEVELS, Secretary.

CLUB PRIZE GOES TO STONE HOUSE

Housekeepers' Club Wins \$5 Offered for Best Report of Year's Work.

(Miss Lillian V. Gilbert, County Home Demonstration Agent)

Stone House Club has won the \$5 cash prize offered for the best report made by a 'Good Housekeepers' Club of the county.

At the beginning of the year 1923 a prize of \$5 was offered to the club of women giving the best report for the year. Report cards were given to the secretary of each club consenting to use them, also a secretary's book, the reports to be sent to the county home demonstration agent after each meeting and the secretaries' books to be sent in after the November meeting. Three secretaries sent in their books, Bethlehem, Gold Ridge and Stone House.

The 1923 prize goes to the Stone House Club, Mrs. Harry Hundley, president. The reports were made by the secretary, Mrs. Wilson Hundley. The same prize will be offered again for 1924, the year beginning with December, 1923, and closing with November, 1924.

It is hoped that other clubs may be organized and that Manassas, Catharpin and Hickory Grove will enter the contest for 1924.

The Stone House secretary's report follows:

The last meeting of 1922 of the Stone House Good Housekeeping Club was held on December 16 at the home of Mrs. G. H. Ayres. Eight members and one visitor were present. Officers for the year 1923 were elected at this meeting, also a sick committee appointed. Mrs. Moss, our retiring president, was presented with a lovely present. After lunch was served we adjourned to meet at the home of Mrs. H. L. Hundley in January.

January 18th the club met at the home of Mrs. Hundley with eleven members and one visitor present. Each member answered to roll call with a nursery rhyme, which took us back to our childhood days. After a nice lunch we adjourned.

February 19th the club met at the home of Mrs. S. A. Moss. Seven members and one visitor were present at this meeting. After lunch we adjourned.

The club met at the home of Mrs. Swart March 10th, and was entertained by Mrs. Swart and Mrs. Groff, six members and one visitor present.

April 21st we met at the home of Mrs. A. L. Henry, on the historical Henry Farm, where both first and second battles of Bull Run ended. Ten members answered to roll call at this meeting and two visitors were present. After business our hostess served ice cream and cake.

We held no May meeting because of sickness and death of relatives of club members, but the 16th of June, we gathered together once more to carry on our work at the home of Mrs. W. H. Rollins. Our county demonstration agent was with us, demonstrating salad making, and making ice cream with a vacuum freezer. Seven members and two visitors were present. Mrs. Rollins served us with a lovely lunch.

Miss Julia Rowzie entertained us July 11th, eleven members and five visitors being present. We had lunch after business and adjourned to meet in August.

We met with Mrs. Wilson Hundley in August with nine members and four visitors present. Mrs. Hundley received congratulations of the members of the club upon having been awarded second prize—a beautiful congleum rug—in the recent "Better Kitchen Contest" held in Prince William county. The neat little kitchen, with all its newly acquired conveniences and improved appearance, owing to the industry and zeal of its present mistress, was duly inspected and properly praised by the interested women present. This was followed by a short business meeting. Then we were served a nice luncheon and adjourned.

We met September 15 at the home of Mrs. Freddie Harrover, eleven members and one visitor present. When the one visitor left, she had become a member.

Important on the program for this meeting was a report from the two girls who went to the county short course. With the program in hand used at the short course they as a team of two related the many events that took place, and what the course meant to them.

After a short business session, we

FOURTEEN COWS ON HONOR ROLL

Both Individual and Herd Honors Go to Mr. J. B. Manuel of Nokesville.

(T. T. Curtis, Tester)

The report of the Prince William Cow Testing Association for the month of November follows:

Mr. J. B. Manuel has the high herd and the high cow for the month. Twenty-four herds containing 548 cows were tested, and of this number 46 made 40 pounds of butterfat or more and 14 attained the honor roll, making 50 pounds or more of butterfat during the month.

Mr. Manuel's herd of 14 grade and purebred Holsteins averaged 779 pounds of milk containing 29.9 pounds of butterfat. One of his grade Holsteins made 1659 pounds of milk containing 86.2 pounds of butterfat. Mr. Manuel is the second member of the association to get high herd milked with a milking machine, Mr. Ashby Lewis being the first. The list of honor roll cows follows:

- Blaze, grade Holstein owned by J. B. Manuel, 1659 pounds milk, 86.2 pounds fat.
- Lilly, grade Holstein, J. B. Manuel, 1575, 63.1.
- Brownie, grade Holstein, F. A. Lewis, 1820, 61.9.
- Nora's Norens, Jersey, Clover Hill Farm, 817, 61.2.
- Black, grade Holstein, S. C. Harley, 1396, 61.2.
- Gold, grade Jersey, M. J. Shepherd, 1024, 60.4.
- Lilly, grade Holstein, J. N. House, 1500, 55.5.
- Ola, grade Holstein, F. A. Lewis, 1201, 54.1.
- Stella, grade Jersey, J. N. House, 911, 52.8.
- No. 53, grade, Ben Lomond Farm, 1134, 52.2.
- Free, grade Holstein, F. M. Swartz, 1870, 51.8.
- Rhane, grade Poll, C. C. Lynn, 1235, 51.8.
- Fiona De Kol, Holstein, S. C. Harley, 1229, 51.6.
- Tom, grade Holstein, C. C. Lynn, 1302, 50.8.

The average of the association was: Milk, 608 pounds; butterfat, 23.2 pounds.

BLACKSBURG DIRECTOR TO ADDRESS FARMERS

Prof. Hutcheson to Speak Here Tomorrow—Business Men Specially Invited.

Prof. John R. Hutcheson, director of extension work at Blacksburg, is to speak here tomorrow before a gathering of farmers. The business men of the county and the women have been specially invited to attend, to join with the farmers in mapping out an agricultural policy which will serve the best interests of the section.

The meeting is to be held at the courthouse at 10:30 a. m., according to announcement made by Mr. W. L. Browning, county agent. At the close of the meeting a county agricultural advisory committee is to be appointed.

Mrs. R. J. Adamson made a business trip to Culpeper on Tuesday.

Refreshments, and adjourned.

October 13 we met at "Groveton," the home of Mrs. W. H. Dogan, seven members and four visitors present. Each member answered to roll call with a health rule. Miss Ayres, teacher of Groveton school, gave us a talk on health of school children. We were served hot chocolate and cake and adjourned.

The next was a business meeting held at the church—five members and one visitor present. This meeting was November 3.

November 17 we met at the church with ten members, for the purpose of cleaning the church. We swept 1465 square feet of floor and swept the auditorium, also carried in wood.

Profit from play given by Club, \$22.85; profit from strawberry festival, \$11.56; business meeting held, \$1; social meetings (with business included), \$12; visiting the sick, \$22.9; flowers for funerals, \$15; fruit for the sick, \$16.25; donated for Battlefield Park, \$10; for Rat Campaign, \$2; for Short Course for girls, \$6.

All members present at every meeting took part in program. Each member carried on one and some more than one home-renewative and community project.

MRS. HODGE IS HOSTESS

Entertains Ladies of Presbyterian Missionary Society.

(Mrs. J. H. Dodge, Secretary)

Mrs. Chloe Hodge entertained the Presbyterian Missionary Society on the afternoon of November 26. A very interesting devotional period was held, in keeping with the Thanksgiving spirit. The afternoon's study was on "Siam." A number of instructive articles were read, telling of the work on the Mission field and of the outstanding work of the medical missionaries.

After the benediction an enjoyable social hour was spent with the hostess. Delightful ice cream and cake were served.

DAMAGE SUITS SETTLED MONDAY

Goode and Weir Administrators Awarded \$4,500 Each in Death of Sons.

Judgments for \$4,500 each were awarded on Monday in two suits instituted against the Southern Railway by R. M. Weir, administrator, and Mary J. Goode, administratrix, whose sons—Eugene Taylor Weir and John W. Goode, respectively—were killed when the automobile in which they were riding was struck by a train at Manassas on the night of December 23 last year. It is understood that parents of two other young men, members of the same automobile party, who were killed, received \$9,000 each without entering suit.

Common Law. Sheriff's report showing no prisoners in jail and clerk's report of fines paid to him by justices of the peace from October 1 to December 1 examined and ordered filed.

The following county officers, elected for the term beginning January 1, 1924, qualified according to law:

- W. J. Keys, Dumfries district, overseer of poor; \$500 bond with William Crow, surety.
- W. A. Evans, Manassas district, overseer of poor; \$500 bond with C. B. Evans, surety.
- J. E. Keys, Coles district, supervisor; \$1,000 bond with Brown & Hoof, surety.
- William Crow, Dumfries district, supervisor; \$1,000 bond, Fidelity & Casualty Co. of N. Y., surety.
- E. P. Davis, Occoquan district, overseer of poor; \$500 bond, I. C. Reid, surety.
- D. E. Earhart, Brentsville district, supervisor; \$1,000 bond with J. A. Hooker, surety.
- Thomas H. Lion, commonwealth's attorney.
- R. M. Weir, commissioner of revenue for District No. 1; \$3,000 bond with C. A. Sinclair, surety.
- B. F. Liming, Dumfries district, justice of the peace.
- J. M. Keys, Brentsville district, justice of the peace.
- J. W. Cook, Brentsville district, justice of the peace.
- C. A. Barbee, sheriff; \$5,000 bond with U. S. Fidelity & Guaranty Co., surety.
- T. M. Russell, commissioner of revenue for District No. 2; \$3,000 bond with Leamon Ledman as surety.
- Mary J. Goode, administratrix of John W. Goode, deceased, vs. Southern Railway Co., a corporation—Judgment for plaintiff to recover \$4,500, all proper costs of litigation to be deducted and remainder paid to W. E. and Mary J. Goode, father and mother of John W. Goode, deceased; jury, P. D. Lipscomb, foreman.
- R. M. Weir, administrator of Eugene T. Weir, deceased, vs. Southern Railway Co., a corporation—Judgment for plaintiff to recover \$4,500, all proper costs of litigation to be deducted and remainder paid to R. M. Weir, father of Eugene T. Weir, deceased; jury, P. D. Lipscomb, foreman.
- Lavinia J. Brooke, executrix of F. C. Brooke, deceased, and Newton N. Brooke, partners trading as F. C. Brooke & Son, vs. H. H. Clatterbuck—Attachment dismissed on motion of plaintiff.
- R. M. Jenkins and A. H. Jenkins, partners trading as Jenkins & Jenkins, vs. C. J. Timmons—Attachment dismissed on motion of plaintiff.
- Montague Mfg. Co. vs. Virginia Construction Co.—Suit dismissed on motion of plaintiff, defendant to pay costs.
- W. Hill Brown and A. A. Hoof, partners trading under style and firm

MRS. L. WILBUR REID DIES IN ALEXANDRIA

President of Lady Managers of Alexandria Hospital Passes Away at 86.

Mrs. Emma C. Reid, widow of Col. Leigh Wilbur Reid, C. S. A., died Monday afternoon at her home in Alexandria at the age of eighty-six. Mrs. Reid was born in Fredericksburg and went to Alexandria in 1865. She was active in community welfare work and for years had been connected with the board of lady managers of the Alexandria Hospital, serving for the past several years as president of that body. She was a member of St. Paul's Episcopal Church.

Mrs. Reid is survived by two sons and a daughter, Dr. Leigh W. Reid, of Haverford, Pa.; Commander James H. Reid, U. S. N., retired, of Cronst, and Mrs. E. C. Dunn, of Alexandria. Her late husband was a brother of the late James Henry Reid, of Prince William county, who died in Manassas three years ago at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Norvell Larkin. Mr. and Mrs. Larkin attended the funeral in Alexandria Wednesday.

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CHURCH SCHOOLS FORM A SYSTEM

Bridgewater and Daleville Figure in Merger—Hebron a Part of System.

What is regarded as one of the most important events in the educational policy of the Church of the Brethren was made public in a chapel announcement by President Bowman, of Bridgewater. After two days of arduous work the trustees of Bridgewater College and the trustees of Daleville College, of Daleville, in joint session, have completed the preliminary details for the merging of these two institutions into a united system of schools and passed a resolution by unanimous vote declaring the conditions of the merger satisfactory. The system is to be known as the "Bridgewater-Daleville System of Schools." The Bridgewater Academy, which has been operated in connection with the college, will be transferred to Daleville and the college work at Daleville will be transferred to Bridgewater. The new system therefore will be composed of Bridgewater College, of Bridgewater, Daleville Academy, of Daleville, and Hebron Seminary, of Nokesville. The latter has been affiliated with Bridgewater for several years and while not a charter member of the system is from a practical point of view a part of the system.

Bridgewater and Daleville will be operated under one charter and one board of trustees with endowments, equipment and other financial interests held intact for each institution. This merge almost doubles the resources of each institution and creates an unlimited field for expansion and development. The Brethren people of Virginia, West Virginia, Tennessee, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Florida and parts of Kentucky and Mississippi constitute the constituency of these schools.

Bridgewater College was founded in 1880 and has for many years been fully accredited as a standard senior college by the state board of education of Virginia. With all of her energy and resources concentrated upon a strictly college program this school will no doubt enter upon a new epoch of development and progress. Daleville College was founded in 1880 as Botetourt Normal Institute. It has been rated as a junior college by the state board of education of Virginia for several years.

This system of schools is committed to the policy of co-education, holding that the presence of men and women in the same institution is both normal and helpful and under careful supervision makes possible a cultural atmosphere which is of inestimable value in the training of young men and young women.

A tentative organization of the board was effected and committees appointed and authorized to take the necessary steps to carry out the decisions of the board of trustees. The tentative organization of the newly constituted board was as follows: H. G. Miller, of Bridgewater, president emeritus; J. A. Dove, of Cloverdale, president; J. C. Myers, of Broadway, first vice-president; W. P. Crumpacker, of Roanoke, second vice-president, and Dr. John S. Flory, of Bridgewater, secretary of the board.