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THE STATE FAIR got off to a good start yesterday with a clear day and a big crowd. Thanks to "Bob" Bowers the pyramid of fruit is turning happily, much to the delight of those who pass thru the Station exhibit. Credit for the attractive arrangement of the fruit on the pyramid goes to "Jack" Steadman, Mr. Corcoran's right hand man, who "laid up" the apples.

THE PYRAMID and the miniature landscape planting of ornamental evergreens arranged by Mr. Mohr, are easily the most popular features of the main Station exhibit, altho all of the exhibits are being well received.

MISS McGUIGAN is doing the honors in a booth demonstrating the inspection of dairy glassware and the opinion is sharply divided as to whether the crowd stops because of interest in the exhibit or the attendant.

MR. SWEENEY and Mr. Moore have worked out an attractive exhibit showing "Where all the Grain Goes" meaning the various by-products from corn, wheat, oats, and barley.

THE DAIRY Division has contributed an interesting feature on the food value of dairy products to the Dairy Building for which it receives no credit, only a feeling of "service" to the Dairy industry.

NEWS OF the success of the Station exhibit would not be complete without mentioning the important part played by the Editor in making the exhibit one which the Station should take pride. In the absence of Mr. Luckett, we are moved to express our appreciation for his efforts and interest in developing the display and to tender him a large share of the credit for its acclaimed success.

MR. MAURICE YALE until recently in charge of the Sanitary Milk Control for the Pittsburg Dairy Council and formerly City Bacteriologist, is at present representing the Bacteriological Division in a cooperative project with the D. H. Burrell Co., of Little Falls, and the Dodd Alderney Dairy Company in Buffalo in studying methods of eliminating certain resistant organisms associated with pasteurized milk. Mr. Yale has established a field laboratory in Buffalo in connection with one of the pasteurization plants and will continue his investigations until the opening of fall term in Cornell in September.

MR. PAUL PRICKETT formerly connected with the Bacteriological Division called at the Station last week enroute to Rouses Point to join the staff of the Federal Food Testing Laboratory located at that point. Mr. Prickett is rejoicing in the fact that he has driven 8,000 miles "since June 15th".

A SMALL exhibit of the editorial output of the Station has been sent to the annual meeting of the American Association of Agricultural College Editors in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The meeting convenes tomorrow and continues for three days.

PAUL ARNE HANSEN, now research bacteriologist at the Butter Control Laboratory of the Ministry of Agriculture, Irish Free State, Dublin, has been appointed Assistant in Research in the Bacteriology Division here to fill the vacancy occasioned by Dr. Prickett's resignation. Mr. Hansen is a native of Denmark and formerly was assistant in the Laboratory of Prof. Orla-Jensen in the Royal Polytechnic Institute at Copenhagen. Mr. Hansen expects to enter on his new duties about October 1.

WHILE THE Editor is away should be a good time to spring this one that appeared recently in the Prairie Farmer on "How to Write Bulletins that will Appeal to the Hired Man", by John Turnipseed, feature writer for The Prairie Farmer. Says John:

The trouble with you, says the county agent to me the other day, is that you read too much sport news and not enough bulletins.

That ain't my fault, I says. If them there professors would git some of them baseball writers to write their bulletins for 'em they wouldn't have to give 'em away and git Congress to mail 'em free in order to git folks to read 'em.

Another trouble with them bulletins is that they ain't got no sex appeal, so how can you expect 'em to be best sellers. Here's one that come the other day, for instance, that's about white and yellow corn for brood sows. Here's what it says about them sows:

"Eight sows that had been raised on well-balanced rations were selected for this experiment and were divided into groups of four each. Each group contained one sow of each of the following four breeds: Duroc Jersey, Poland China, Hampshire and Chester White." What is there about that to make you sit up nights to find how it come out? If I was writin' that there bulletin, I'd start it something like this:

"The eight sows in this experiment was trim little flappers with a come-hither look in their eyes. Two of 'em was red-headed, two was blonde and two was brunettes. The other two was harder to classify, bein' the light-haired, black-eyed kind that does the most damage of all."

Then here's another bulletin on feedin' soybean and sweet clover hay to draft fillies. Here's what it says:

"The development made by these fillies was very satisfactory. The purpose in feeding was not to make maximum gains but to grow the fillies out well, keeping them sound in their joints if possible and in thrifty growing condition. Several of them should mature into ton mares."

There ain't nothin' in that to make the hired man read it instead of the Red Book, is there?

Here's the way that bulletin ought to start out if the professors want folks to read it.:

"The way them fillies developed sure would of surprised their grandmothers. They wan't fed heavy, on account they was havin' such a good time they didn't have much time to eat, much less to sleep, and anyway, we wanted to keep 'em trim in the ankles and sound in the knees. Speakin' of knces, you might look a long time and do worse. Of course, you never can tell what will happen, and in spite of the best we could do it looks as if some of them fillies would develop into ton mares if they don't eat less candy and more pickles and take reducin' exercises." Or you might write a bulletin on dairy cows something like this:

"Pieterje Johannes Babe Ruth knocked a home run right into the milk pail when she made 69 pounds of butterfat in 30 days. The old cream separator on third base busted a cog trying to git the ball, but Pieterje Johannes slid home safe and won the game for the DeKalb Cow Testing Association in spite of the other side knowkin' out the umpire with a Babcock tester."

That 's the way them there bulletins ought to be written.

They wouldn't be scientific, says the county agent.

Mebbe not, I says, but they'd be read.

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THE LIBRARY now has an up-to-date atlas, and one that gives much more detailed information than anything that has been available in the reading room for some time.