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Harry Iliff Produces World's Champion Cow

St. Mawes' Lad's Lady, a Jersey heifer in the herd of Harry D. Iliff is the world's champion yearling.

The official test was completed at midnight Friday of last week, showing that she produced approximately 828 pounds of butter fat in one year. In the official testing the cattle are divided as to ages, the term "senior yearling" indicating that she freshened at less than two years of age.

The record in the senior yearling class of 800.08 pounds of butter fat, made over a year ago by Lulu Alpheia, Jersey in herd of J. J. Van Kleek & Sons of Beaverton, at that time surpassed previous records by over 100 pounds of butter fat for the year. St. Mawes' Lad's Lady topped the 800 pound mark August 11th.

The new champion began her test August 20 of last year and produced in September, her first full month, 51 pounds of butterfat an 883.2 pounds of milk. In July of this year she made 81.79 pounds of butterfat and 1193.8 pounds of milk, increasing the percentage of butterfat in her milk from 6.15 per cent to 6.84 per cent. She was milked twice daily at first, changing to three times in October and four times in May.

The new champion was bred by G. G. Hewitt of Monmouth and Mr. Iliff bought her at auction June 10, 1920, for \$625.

The test for the year was made by Oregon Agricultural College experts. They spent two days of each month on the Iliff farm, checking and weighing the milk and its fat content, and they have the milking records from every milking time to check over. The formal official acceptance of the figures by the A. J. C. C. may take some time, but the figures now made public are perfectly authenticated.

PRODUCE MUTTON FOR TABLE

There Are Many Areas Where Few Sheep Could Be Kept at Advantage—Thrive on Brush.

Sheep are not very generally kept on farms for supplying the family with meat. There are many areas, especially in hilly or mountainous regions, United States Department of Agriculture specialists point out, where nearly every farm could keep a few mutton sheep to advantage. Boys' and girls' clubs in some parts of the country have done much to foster home production of mutton.

Sheep naturally graze over rather wide areas and seek a variety of plants. This habit adapts them to being kept in large numbers on lands of sparse vegetation or which furnish a variety of grasses or other plants. They do better on short and fine grass than on coarse or high feed. They will eat much brush and, if confined to small areas, will do a fair job of cleaning up land. When used in this way or on land producing brush only they cannot be expected to prove very satisfactory in producing good lambs or good wool. Useful information for anyone undertaking the raising of sheep will be found in Farmers' Bulletin 840, while slaughtering and methods of cooking and curing the meat are discussed in Farmers' Bulletin 1172.

Airlie Woman Answers Summons of Death

Mrs. Winney Crucilla Rose, a well known resident of Airlie, having owned a hotel for a number of years, died at the Dallas hospital August 12, after a short illness.

Mrs. Rose was born in Arkansas August 6, 1852, and was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Estes. She is survived by five daughters and three sons, Mrs. Hugh Williams, Mrs. Frank Byerley of Newport, Mrs. D. Thrasher, Mrs. Nan Berlin of Seattle, Mrs. Sam Hastings, Byrce Rose, of Hoskins, Joe Rose of Clotis, Wash., and Pearl Rose of Seattle. The funeral services were held August 15 by Rev. Pace of Monmouth at the Airlie United Evangelical church and the remains were laid to rest in the English cemetery near Airlie.

CAPS ADVANTAGEOUS IN PROTECTING HAY

Would Obviate Much Difficulty With Alfalfa Crop.

Old Methods Used in Curing Mixed Timothy and Clover Not Always Adequate for Good Grade of Alfalfa Hay.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Hay caps can be used to advantage on many farms in the eastern half of the United States, to keep rain from wetting hay in cocks. It is pointed out in Farmers' Bulletin 977 of the United States Department of Agriculture.

In the corn belt, where thousands of farmers are growing small acreages of



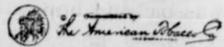
Alfalfa Hay, Showing Cocks Covered With Canvas.

alfalfa, and beginning to realize the great value of this crop, the use of hay caps would largely obviate the difficulty now experienced in curing the first and the last cuttings. The old methods used in curing mixed timothy-



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and-clover hay are not always adequate for alfalfa, and in many instances a good grade of alfalfa hay might be assured by the use of hay caps.

In the South, where the weather is rainy a large part of the time during the long laying season, the hay cap is an especially valuable addition to hay making equipment. Alfalfa, also alfalfa and Johnson grass mixed hay are cut from three to five times a year in the South, and a great deal of hay of inferior quality is made as a result of trying to cure by ordinary methods. In this section hay caps have been used to good advantage, especially with legume hay grown for market.

ESTIMATE OF LUMBER WASTE

By Careful Cutting Much Can Be Saved and Short Pieces Can Be Used in Odd Places.

Don't forget to estimate the waste in buying your lumber for building a poultry house, barn or other structure. In figuring on common sheathing add one-tenth for waste, and one-fourth for matched flooring and all kinds of siding. By careful cutting you can save much of the waste; and there are many places in a building where the short pieces can be used.

Don't buy too many nails. If you do they are almost certain to be scattered around the place, especially if there are children. Some specialists in the United States Department of Agriculture prefer wire nails as they are easier to use than cut nails, although the latter kind have greater binding power. Use 10 to 20-d nails for framing; 8 to 10-d for sheathing; 6-d finish or casing nails for clapboarding, and 8-d for siding. Four-penny nails are 1 1/2 inches long, 6-d are 2 inches, and 8-d nails are 2 1/2 inches. It takes about four pounds of 8-d nails to 1,000 shingles; 18 pounds of 6-d for 1,000 square feet, board measure, of beveled siding; 20 pounds of 8-d, and 25 pounds of 10-d for 1,000 square feet of sheathing; 30 pounds of 8-d for 1,000 square feet of flooring, and 15 pounds of 10-d, or 25 pounds of 20-d for 1,000 feet of stud-

CULL "SLACKER" FOWLS IN FLOCK

Poultry Methods Greatly Improved by Campaigns in Communities in Idaho and Iowa.

FARMERS' WIVES GET \$177.22

Many New Poultry Houses Have Been Constructed and Others Repaired and Cleaned—Breeding Eliminates Nonlayers.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Culling campaigns in Iowa and Idaho have greatly improved poultry methods in the communities where they were carried on. The home demonstration agent, co-operatively employed in Marshall county, Iowa, by the State Agricultural college and the United States Department of Agriculture, states that many new poultry houses have been built and many others repaired and cleaned. In one month, with the assistance of a specialist from the State Agricultural college, 96 demonstrations of culling were



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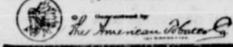
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given, 350 persons attended and 7,326 birds were handled from which there were 3,003 culled out. Tuberculosis was found in 43 flocks and cholera in 17.

Records Were Kept.

Thirteen egg records were kept for two weeks before and after the demonstration. The owners found that 2,219 birds laid 5,402 eggs before culling and that after culling 1,527 birds laid 5,379 eggs, which meant that 692 were not producing. The "slackers" were sold for 25 cents per pound, and netted \$177.22 for the farmers' wives.

In another county in Iowa during one month 62 demonstrations were held in the culling of home poultry flocks by the home demonstration agent in which 6,833 birds were handled and 2,000 culled out, at a saving of \$3,322 on feed. About \$1,200 was realized from the sale of these nonproducing birds.

Big Saving in Idaho.

Six home demonstration agents in Idaho counties report poultry culling

with the result of saving \$31,996. Interesting reports from the counties include the building of 25 standard-type poultry houses, a tuberculosis eradication campaign, two poultry excursions with an attendance of 170 interested people and a community breeding circle to demonstrate that systematic breeding tends to eliminate nonlaying hens. Two counties conducted fall culling campaigns followed by co-operative marketing in carload lots. Definite poultry records are being kept by demonstrators in each of the six counties.

CANADIAN TOBACCO.

Tobacco farmers of Canada are preparing for a 60,000,000-pound crop this year, which should have a total value of more than \$15,000,000. Ontario last year produced 21,688,500 pounds on 20,114 acres. Quebec, the premier tobacco province, produced 26,400,000 pounds last year, an average of 800 pounds an acre. It was a 50 per cent increase over the preceding year. The tobacco industry is also flourishing in the Kelowna district of British Columbia.

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