

THE NORTHWEST HAS PRODUCED 37 OF 118 GREATEST HOLSTEINS

**CHAMPION IDAHO  
BEET GROWER, GIRL  
ONLY 15 YEARS OLD**

Grows Enough on Acre to Supply Sugar for 60 People for a Whole Year

IDAHO FALLS, Ida., March 17. —Ruth Hansen, a fifteen year old farm girl of Idaho Falls, has been awarded the title of champion sugar beet grower of Idaho. The young farmerette raised 49,320 pounds of marketable beets or 24.66 tons on an acre of land on her father's farm in a state-wide sugar beet growing derby in which farm boys and girls competed.

Miss Hansen was awarded a \$50 prize for her achievement by the American National Bank of this city. In addition she realized \$184.98 from the local factory of the Utah-Idaho Sugar company for her beet crop. She did all the hand work on her field, blocked and harvested the beets herself, and hauled them by wagon to the sugar factory. Moreover, she found time to help her father in cultivating nineteen acres of beets and potatoes on his own farm.

Miss Hansen beat out two boy farmers in the beet growing championship finals. James Kemper, 14 years old of Idaho Falls, won reserve honors with an acre yield of 23.20 tons which he sold for \$174.06, besides second prize money totaling \$25.

Thomas Davis, 13 year old farmer of Lincoln, ranked third with a yield of 22.14 tons per acre. The record of these youthful beet growers was about ten tons per acre higher than the average farm production for the state.

"Women are excelling men in business and athletics all the time," said Miss Hansen, "so I decided I could grow more sugar beets than any boy in Idaho. I just pitched in and did it."

Manufactured into beet sugar, Miss Hansen's acre of beets would total about 6,363 pounds, or enough to supply the daily sugar requirements of sixty people for an entire year.

**FARM HOMES ARE MORE IMPORTANT**

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Give its support. The sooner that support is accorded, the smaller will be the amount of help required in the end. The longer the task is put off the greater is going to be the requirement of government. So, as a matter of economy, we should be at the task without delay.

"Congress is endeavoring to work out some practical measure to meet this trying problem, just as every congress has been striving since disaster was visited upon the agricultural people following the war. It seems to me that we have studied and theorized on this matter long enough. Congress cannot much longer be excused for failing to do those things which can be done to help agriculture back onto its feet. However diversified may be the opinion as to policy and mechanics, the time has come for the adoption of some practical method of procedure and to get under way with it.

"It is most untimely, in my judgement, that just as we are in the midst of the program of working out one of the greatest problems our nation has ever confronted, we should have injected, for example, an outlandish navy building program calling not only for hundreds of millions of dollars to

complete, but still more to sustain, when whatever of strength judgement, and resource we have should be devoted to an undertaking of this program which has as its purpose the restoration of the farming industry which so long has been recognized as the backbone of genuine and lasting prosperity.

"If we are to depart momentarily from such a program, let us utilize whatever resources is ours, rather to pay off more of our old war debt before we take on more war inspiring activities such as a world's greatest navy would be. LET WAR AND AGENCIES OF WAR STAND BACK AT LEAST FOR THE TIME BEING FROM THE PUBLIC TREASURY AND PERMIT THE NATION TIME TO CATCH ITS BREATH AND MEET SOME OF THE MORE TERRIBLY PRESSING PROBLEMS, THE GREATEST OF WHICH NOW IS CHANGING THE FARM CONDITION THROUGHOUT THE LAND.

"It is time notice was served upon the constant and increasing greed of our military establishments that they must give the people of this nation some respite so that we can devote the time and resources necessary to correct the overhanging clouds of distress and threatened disaster of our agricultural interests. Unless such respite is granted, the very source of raising revenue to meet the avaricious demands will fail utterly and their own ill-timed demands will be their own downfall.

"If we are to permit American agriculture to decay still further and to permit prosperity to be much longer restrained, there will be such an exodus from the farms as will make the problem of all our peoples one of bitter struggle for existence.

"Now is the time to talk plain sense on a plain and important question. I am for such military establishment as will afford adequate protection in defense of our borders and our own institutions, but what is adequate for such protection does not call for any new naval structure with billions of dollars as its toll. Such a program is both untimely and unwarranted, and those interests which are involved in this program ought to be warned that while the nation has always given and always will give whatever resources is necessary for adequate protection, that they must for the time being stand back from the public till, give the American people a chance to catch their breath, and above, all else, let the farmers and their related interests have a chance to get on their feet and on to a plane of measurable equality with industry in general.

"Unless this is done and we can rebalance the scales of economic justice and give fair distribution of the blessings of national prosperity, our entire national fabric faces graver difficulties from within than from all possible dangers which might come from without.

"This farm problem, I repeat, is our greatest national problem today. It is decidedly more important that we sustain our farm homes with contented families and

producing service to the rest of humanity, than it is for us to create great embattlements with gold braid and tinsel for the few who and strive to terrorize us with the great danger of war."

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