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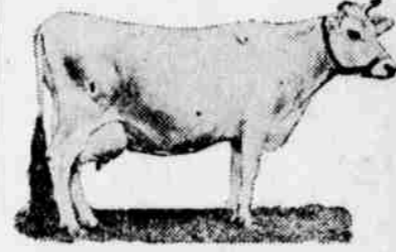
COW-TESTING ASSOCIATIONS

Some Notable Improvement in Milk Production Reported From State of New Hampshire.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In seven cow-testing associations in New Hampshire, 218 cows were sold during 12 months, and their places filled by more profitable animals, according to a report made to the dairy division, United States Department of Agriculture. This averages nearly 31 cows for each association. In these New Hampshire associations some notable improvement in production is reported.

In six cow-testing associations in that state, which have been at work for two years, 19 herds made an aver-



Testing Associations Furnish Dairyman With Means of Detecting Unprofitable Producers.

age increase per cow of 763 pounds of milk annually, and an increase of \$49.20 in the income over cost of feed. In six associations that have been at work for three years, six herds secured an increase of 895 pounds in the milk yield per cow, and an income over cost of feed of \$98.31 more than the herds formerly averaged.

In general, cow-testing association work in New Hampshire is on a good, sound basis, the department says. Association members are studying individual cow records, the ability of purebred bulls to increase production, wise feeding practices, and the proper raising of young stock. The influence of these studies is affecting even dairymen who are not members of the associations.

DEVELOPMENT OF GOOD COWS

Typical Letter From Dairyman Aiding in "Better Sires—Better Stock" Campaign.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

To illustrate how a good herd of cattle may be developed from a small beginning, the United States Department of Agriculture makes public the following letter from a farmer near Nokesville, Va. This letter is typical of many contributed by practical farmers aiding in the "Better Sires—Better Stock" campaign.

"I am a farmer and dairyman. I milk 75 cows and raise about two calves a year so as to be able to cull my herd two cows a year and replace with young calves.

"I started with common grades of all kinds, but they were good ones. Then I began using my neighbor's purebred bull, and kept the best heifers. But this was slow progress, so I bought six grade Holstein heifers and also a purebred bull. Then I added two purebred cows.

"I now find a ready sale for stock I wish to sell, even for my grades. When one uses a good bull and good cows, well cared for, he does not have any scrub calves."

The letter points out clearly how it is possible for one to develop gradually into a breeder of purebred and high-grade live stock.

SEPARATE STALL FOR COWS

Youngsters Prevented From Crowding and Nursing Each Other's Ears—Expense Is Small.

A Wisconsin farmer, who had a number of calves, thought it might be well to find some means of keeping them separate while feeding. They pushed and pulled and "nursed" each other's ears so that the stronger ones were well fed while the weaker went hungry. Steel stanchions were an expense which he did not feel was justified with his small herd.

At little cost and with small labor he built wooden stalls to which the calves could be tied while feeding. Board partitions separate them more completely from one another, and individual earthenware bowls, which fit into a wooden frame, form separate feeding devices which may be easily renewed and cleaned.

RIGHT SPEED OF SEPARATOR

If Bowl Does Not Travel at Proper Speed Inefficient Skimming Will Be the Result.

The speed at which the cream separator is operated is a matter of importance. If the bowl does not travel at the proper rate of speed, inefficient skimming will be the result, too much butterfat being left in the skim milk. A decrease in the speed of the machine will cause a decrease in the fat test of the cream, while running the machine too fast will cause an increase. Care should be taken to operate the separator at the speed designated by the manufacturer. To be sure that the machine is being run at the correct speed the revolutions of the crank should be timed by a reliable indicator or a watch.

O. A. C. BOY SEES GRIM TRAGEDY

Starving Chinese Clamor For Garbage Thrown From Diner.

Conditions too appalling for description and misery too awful to look upon were witnessed only six weeks ago in the famine districts of North China by W. A. Sellwood, Y. M. C. A. secretary and graduate of O. A. C., who has just returned from 18 months' service in Russia and China, and who travelled 10 days, covering 800 miles, through the famine-stricken section from Peikin near the northern boundary, to Nanking, near the Chinese coast.

"That ten-day journey was one long horror," said Sellwood. "I am haunted yet by the memory of the drawn, despairing faces and the pitiable cries for food of the starving, half-naked men, women and children who crowded under the train windows, lifting up their arms in desperate supplication to us, every time the train slowed up or stopped. There are 45,000,000 Chinese confronted with starvation in the famine district, and the daily death rate is 15,000 a day. Typhus and pestilence are adding their toll to that of wholesale starvation, and conditions are simply beyond any adequate description.

"In Russia I have seen corpses stacked up like cordwood, and many other things very shocking to people who live comfortable, well-ordered lives here in the United States, but these were nothing to the tragic things that were visible on every hand all along the 800-mile journey through the famine districts of north China. The corpses were not stacked up in orderly fashion as in Russia. The survivors are too weak and wasted to undertake any such task, and those who perish are left to lie where they fall, or are rolled into streams nearby.

Almost at any time we could look out and see bodies floating in the streams or lying about on the ground. It is a common thing for famine victims to succumb while digging for roots to eat, and the mute evidence of this last futile effort to secure some morsel that will sustain life a little longer, is visible on every hand; the dead bodies of men, women and children may be seen lying beside the hole in the ground that has been dug with sticks, or with the wasted claw-like hands of the starving. Long ago all dogs, cats and even rats have disappeared in this land of horrors, except for a few wild, half-crazed dogs that are dreaded by the emaciated human creatures because they fight so tenaciously for food and sometimes attack the children in their desperate hunger. Everything eatable has been eaten except leaves, roots and grass, and these are rapidly being exhausted.

Where there are trees the bark from these is also used, and most of the trees are dying as a result. This vegetation is ground up into a sort of meal, and made into a kind of cake by mixing with water. It is baked when fuel can be obtained. Millions of Chinese are living on this diet alone.

"One of the most pitiable incidents of the journey was the wild clamor all along the railroad at points where the garbage from the dining car was dumped daily. Knowing approximately where to expect this garbage to be dumped, thousands of gaunt, starving creatures gather for hours in advance and await the passing of the train. The railroad company, to prevent the frantic people from throwing themselves under the wheels in the struggle for this garbage, have built fences two or three feet from the train, and the rails are emptied outside this fence. Policemen stand guard along the fence to hold back the older and the better-nourished people while the children and the weaker adults are let through to get the first pickings."

Sellwood also tells of a desperate Chinese mother who tried to sell him her little three-year-old daughter for 50 cents. Recognizing the face of an American at the window of the train, this woman crowded to the front, holding up the child in her arms, and imploring him to buy it. It was explained to Sellwood that all Chinese mothers in the famine section are eager to sell their children, particularly to Americans, as this means that the child will be fed and have a chance to live, also that the returns from the sale will also mean a little food for the children that are left and for themselves.

Tired. No matter how "hard up" you may feel, you are rich in comparison with the starving peoples of China and Armenia. You know that you can easily help fill a few plates on the big relief table. Fifteen thousand people are dying in the Chinese famine district. But for the accident that you were born on this side of the globe, one of them might have been you—Western Leader.

Well said. But for the fortune of birth in a favored zone, one of them might have been you, or yours. The American public is tired of drives—so it is often said—but it will be yet more tired before famine gives way to plenty, death to life, or a chance for life, and chaos to order, in less for tunate parts of the world.

Tired? Of course everybody is tired. But others are even more tired of hunger, destitution, disease, and all the horrors that go with famine and destruction. Being tired is no excuse for closing either ears or pockets to the cries and needs of helpless people—Morning Oregonian.

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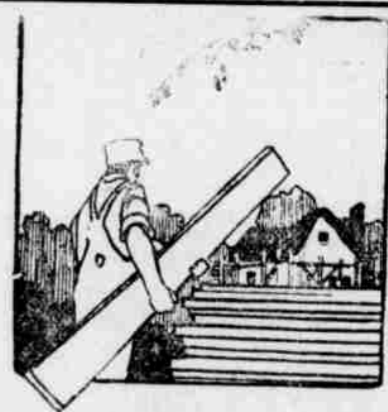
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