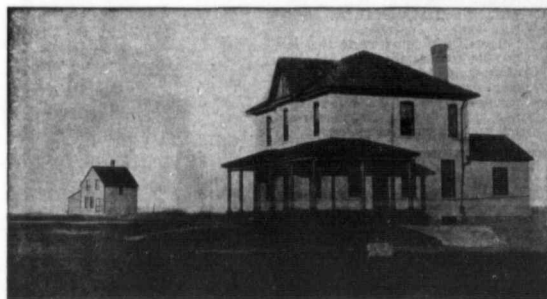


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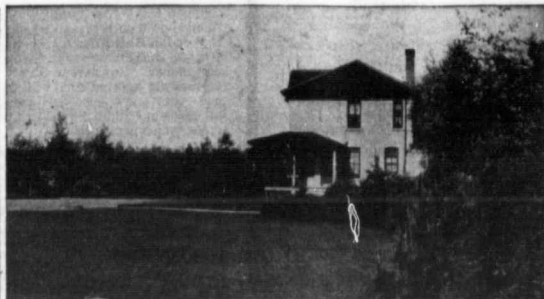
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Announcement has been made by the Agricultural Extension Department of the University of Saskatchewan, Saskatoon, of the provincial Seed Fair, January 8 to 11, 1918, and the Agricultural Societies' Convention and Dairy-men's Convention during the same week; and the annual short course in agriculture at the college January 14 to 26.

The first prize offered in the cereal classes at the seed fair is \$20 in cash and there are eight liberal prizes in each class. This should encourage a large showing when there is so large a percentage of good wheat. The inspections at Fort William indicate that 71 per cent of the wheat graded is 1 Hard and 1 Northern.

The theme of the annual Convention of Agricultural Societies this year will be "Boys' and Girls' Work for the Rural Districts." It is planned to procure the services of experts to deal with the work which is becoming popular with the societies. A great advance in the work in this province is about due.

The Herbert Agricultural Society is planning to get a team of five boys from each of the municipalities which give the society financial support and provide a short course of two days, the boy from each municipality making the best showing in the judging

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competitions to be selected as a member of the team to be sent to the Regina Exhibition.

It will be noted that the short course at Saskatoon this year will occupy two full weeks. It is planned to devote a day to each prominent section in the field and animal husbandry departments, as wheat day, oats day, etc.; horse day, cattle day, etc. This will enable those who are unable to spend the entire two weeks at the course to take in such days as appeal most strongly to them. The field husbandry week will be the first.

The director has received many very interesting letters from presidents and secretaries of agricultural societies in respect to his communication of September 8th. Mr. T. L. Neish, president of the Moose Mountain Agricultural Society, Carlyle, has written a most illuminating letter, extracts from which are quoted. Referring to the work of the Carlyle Agricultural Society, he says: "Finances are so concentrated that they cover a limited number of events sufficiently rather than being spread over a number of events so insufficiently as to cause such to

be failures. So with limited funds and a more or less irresponsible directorate there has to be a certainty that the policy is in line with the means and the feeling of the members. Anyone with an enlarged duty-of-agricultural society-turn-of-mind will be apt to court disaster and to fritter away the means of the society against the slowness and unresponsiveness of the farming community. To such minds agricultural societies are apt to be dead because not recognizing that an agricultural society should conform to the nature of farming and be conducted quietly and continuously they are apt to aim at something new. Better rather that the management communicate with the real farmers who are students of things exhibited; livestock, seed grain, plowing, etc., and who are the reason of being of the society and its real support. To such the society means competitive exhibitions and the real advantage and success of an agricultural society is in the betterment from year to year of the quality of the exhibits. Agriculture is not dead because it moves quietly, nor dumb because it talks little in public, nor

deaf because it is slow to respond, nor blind because it follows no flag.

The directors of the Stoughton Agricultural Society in declining the date for the seed fair set by the director makes the naive assertion that there is to be a three days' show for which \$600 is guaranteed by ten influential citizens!

Some time during the next few weeks an appeal is to be made to the general public through the various organizations such as municipal councils, grain growers' associations, agricultural societies and homemakers' clubs for financial contributions to the agricultural relief for the Allies fund. This fund will be for the purpose of procuring the necessary seed and machinery for use in rehabilitating the devastated agricultural areas of the war zone. It might be well to give the matter some consideration at your annual meeting so that out of the abundance of our own good things generous contributions may be forwarded to the treasurer of the fund. There will be only one appeal for this fund.

The Dominion Food Controller is asking all Canadians to avoid wastes and to save wheat, beef and bacon for the Allies. There is a grave shortage in food supplies and it is intimated that before the lapse of six months