

NEW COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS A SOURCE OF PRIDE

THIS YEAR'S COUNTY FAIR AN INDEX TO RESOURCES

The Greatest Fair in West Central Minnesota in the Making.

The Kandiyohi County Fair is destined to become the leading fair of West Central Minnesota. Its new fairgrounds have a very handsome location. A part of the same is a natu-

During the last three years that I have had charge of the Fruit Exhibit, all visitors have marvelled at our apples and plums. Many questions have been asked, "In what state have these apples been grown?" etc. When told they have been grown here in Kandiyohi County, they have paused and exclaimed, "Can that be possible" and some have left skeptical as to our telling the truth.

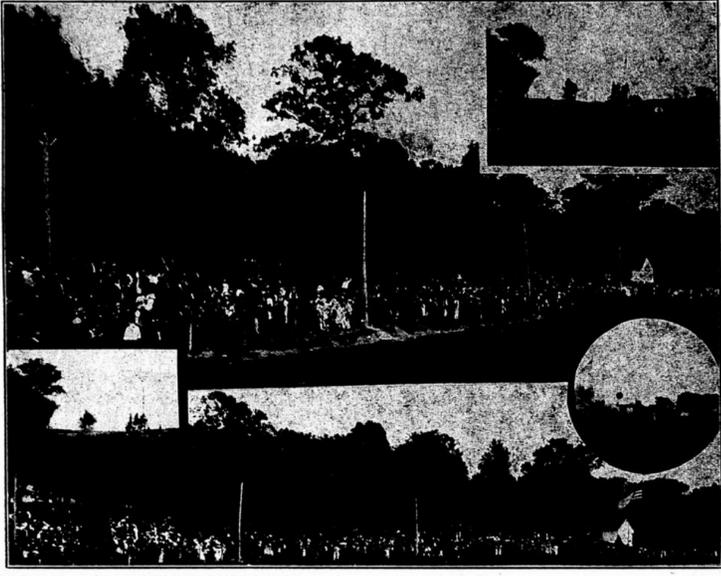
Yes, we can raise apples and lots of them too; a more juicy apple than the coast states raise. The only trouble with our people is we have too many summer apples and no marketing association to enable us to dispose of them, but this defect will be remedied in time.

JOHN WICKLUND.

22 in sweet peas; 30 in dahlias. The exhibit was tastefully arranged in a white pagoda made for the purpose by the superintendent, Sheriff Bonde.

Hand Needle Work—326 entries. Hand Needle Work, Children's Department, 14 Years or Under—113 entries. The rush in the Ladies' Department was great. The amount of handsome fancy work was so large that the need for a good roomy woman's building was felt very keenly.

Paintings—23 entries, showing that



VIEW TAKEN DURING THE RACES THIS YEAR AT THE NEW KANDIYOHI COUNTY FAIRGROUNDS. The upper right hand corner insert shows a lively heat in the 2:30 trotting race. The lower right hand insert shows a bunch of running horses in a half mile dash. The left-hand insert shows the motor-cycles starting on a five mile heat.

at grove of large trees covering 12 acres on a peninsula in Foot Lake. Some low land separating the grove from the mainland has been acquired and a fast half mile track has been graded around it. Eventually the ground inside of the track will be filled and used for an athletic field. An auditorium with seating capacity of 1,500 gives a good place for large gatherings. The entrance to the grounds are located within a mile of the heart of the city of Willmar, and passenger depot. The development of these grounds into an ideal place is a project worthy of the best efforts of the people of the community.

The 1915 fair was a great success in a general way although rainy weather cut down the attendance on three days. The exhibits were nicely arranged. The following summary of the number of entries will serve to show somewhat the scope of the exhibits:

Horses—56 entries. There were nine entries in hitched single drivers class, and the judging of these on the track was an interesting event.

Cattle—131 entries. All the leading breeds were represented. There were seven entries of Shorthorn bulls, under one year, and eight entries in Shorthorn cow, 3 years or over. The silver cup for the best dairy herd was won by a Holstein herd.

Sheep—36 entries. The silver cup offered by the Minnesota Live Stock Breeders' Association for the best general live stock exhibit was awarded to a swine breeder on account of quality of exhibit and number of specimens bred by the owner.

Poultry—101 entries. Besides this exhibition there is an annual show put on by the Kandiyohi County Poultry Association. The poultry industry is an important one in the county.

Angora Kittens—Two entries. Fruit—47 entries, making a wonderful exhibit. There were 25 entries in Duchess apples; 28 entries in Hibernal apples; 25 in Okabena; 23 in Patten's Greening; 33 in Wealthy; 32 in Wealthy crabs; 15 in Bushel boxes of Wealthy; 6 in bushel box of Pat-

we have some artistic talent.



"Farmer Johnson" husking corn with a ladder, at 1915 Kandiyohi County Fair. The corn was 16 1/2 feet tall, with fully developed ears eight feet from ground. The corn was grown by member of Green Lake Farmers' Club.

FRUIT GROWING IN COUNTY.

The prospects of raising fruit in

STEVENS LAKE FARM.

Thelander Johnson came from Sweden in 1877. He located in Fahlun, then moved to Roseland where he farmed seven years. Fifteen years ago he purchased his present farm of 283 acres in Sec. 29 of Whitefield. The son, Axel T. Johnson, is associated with his father in managing the farm. They have started a Shorthorn herd, having a purebred sire, two purebred cows, two heifers, besides some high grade cattle. They have spent from \$600 to \$700 in tiling and have redeemed some 40 acres for cropping purposes by so doing. They made the mistake so often committed of putting in too small tile. They have experimented with a limited area of cow-peas as forage for the hogs and find it excellent.

Axel T. Johnson is becoming quite widely known in the county as the progressive president of the Sunnyside Club, of which something is said in this edition.

GILBERT ELMQUIST. C. Gilbert Elmquist, son of the late John Elmquist, now lives on the old home farm of 480 acres in Fahlun township, where he engages in general lines of farming. He raises Shorthorn cattle and now has a herd of about thirty head, purebred and high-grade.



Prize Wyandottes at Kandiyohi County Fair.

ORCHARD BEACH FARM.

The Orchard Beach farm of two hundred acres in Sec. 7, township of Fahlun, is owned by Joseph C. Bjornberg, a native of the state. It consists of two hundred acres and is beautifully located on the south shore of Lake Wagona. Mr. Bjornberg engages in general farming and has a good orchard.

MIDWAY FARMERS' CLUB.

The Midway Farmers' Club was perfected as an organization last March with the following officers: President—A. G. Anderson; Vice President—Emil Hanson; Secretary—George E. Vick; Treasurer—Fred Stenberg.

At present we have a membership of seventeen. We have not met during the busy season but expect to

ASSEMBLY PARK.

A part of Kandiyohi County Fairgrounds.

hold meetings again in November, when we intend to order supplies and necessaries in large lots. We have had several good programs, given by local talent and various speakers from the Extension Division, also assisted by Mr. Poe, June 19th, we gave a picnic which was deemed a social success.

We also have on hand a traveling library which has been used to some extent. N. E. Nelson has several acres of alfalfa and is well satisfied with it. Clover is raised in varying acreages by many of the members. Four have silos, two being erected this summer. Several non-members in this community have silos also. Considerable interest was aroused this spring in regards to corn culture and the various breeds of cattle.

There are not many breeders of full blooded cattle in this community. H. S. Nelson raises pure bred Angus. But nearly all farmers, club members or not, are grading up their herds by the use of pure bred sires. A. G. Anderson raises pure bred Duroc Jersey hogs.

GEORGE E. VICK, Secretary.



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NEW LONDON FARMERS' CLUB.

The New London Farmers' Club was organized in February, 1912. In this time, we have sent for two carloads of oilseed and expect to send for another carload in a short time. Two carloads of bran have also been shipped in.

Last February, our club organized the New London Farmers' Shipping Association which has shipped nineteen carloads of live stock in the first six months since its organization.

The officers of the stock shipping association are: President, H. H. Brix; vice president, J. E. Jensen; secretary, E. O. Fiesland; manager, Alfred Lundberg. We have seventy-five members in this association.

The membership of the club numbers twenty-five but we hope to gain more during the winter. The officers for the New London Farmers' Club are: President, H. H. Brix; vice president, T. A. Larson; secretary, M. O. Fiesland.

The Farmers' Club has also put on a poultry and corn show at the school-house each winter since the club was organized.

Our club members raise purebred cattle and poultry as follows: Holstein Cattle M. O. Batterberry and W. Price. Shorthorn Cattle L. A. Metcalf. Jersey Cattle D. E. Price. Red Polled Cattle T. J. Lawson. Guernseys August Jordis. Poland China Hogs Alvin Ogren. Wyandotte and Ancona Chickens A. J. Anderson. Wyandotte Chickens O. A. Quam. Black Orpingtons M. O. Fiesland. Rhode Island Reds Swan Anderson. Buff Orpingtons and Rhode Island Reds.

M. O. FIESLAND, Sec'y.

SOUTH EDWARDS ALFALFA CLUB

The South Edwards Alfalfa Club was organized March 21st, 1914, for the purpose of bettering farm conditions, both social and agricultural,

found on nearly every farm. There are approximately 1100 acres of corn grown by members of the South Edwards Alfalfa Club, which comprises about twenty-two families.

In the short time the club has been organized, there has been a marked improvement in the corn yield and acreages. This club supplied seed corn for the J. J. Hill farm this year. Shorthorn and Holstein cattle are the leading breeds and there is a gradual increase in the number of pure bred sires. Pure bred Poland China and Duroc Jersey swine are made a specialty of by some of the members. Fifty per cent of the members raise pure bred poultry.

The present officers of the club are: Charles E. Reed, president; James Torkelson, vice president; H. W. and boost alfalfa, clover, corn, etc. Today, alfalfa, clover or both are used to promote the community spirit

better prices. The farmers of this community have and are successfully operating a co-operative creamery, a co-operative store and a live stock shipping association. A telephone system might also be mentioned and farmers from this community were among the first ones to start the co-operative elevator at Willmar.

In regard to our plans for the future, will this club was organized for the purpose of improving ourselves,



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THE ASSEMBLY PARK AUDITORIUM.

Reed, secretary; Mrs. Wm. Van Buren, treasurer, all of Raymond mail routes.

CHAS. E. REED, Pres.

KASOTA LAKE VIEW.

One of the most beautifully located farms in Kandiyohi county is the Kasota Lake View Farm in Kandiyohi township, owned and operated by the well-known pioneer citizen, John Wicklund, who arrived here in 1858. The farm consists of 214 acres in Section 25. The beautiful home is on the hill which was part of the early townsite selected thru Gov. Sibley as the capital city of Minnesota. Mr. Wicklund successfully carries on diversified farming. He says he has always made good in some branch. Cows and hogs have brought good revenue. He has a fine herd of Berkshire hogs.

While engaged in diversified farming, Mr. Wicklund is best known as a horticulturist, and his large orchard produces hundreds of bushels of the finest apples and plums. A visit to Kasota Lake View is always a treat. The scenic beauties of the neighborhood are much that the writer has advocated that a road be laid out that would enable auto parties to swing around at "Capital Hill" and down around the lakes. Such a trip will reveal some of the finest scenery of the county as well as a section of rich farm country with the best of improvements.

Mr. Wicklund is a willing booster of public improvements in the best sense, and one of the public spirited men who are willing to contribute effort to build up the community,

know each other better. Membership in this club is numbered by families instead of by individuals and about 30 families are now members of the club. A membership fee of 25 cents a year is charged. Henry A. Johnson who was principal of the school here for two years worked hard for the club and put in much hard work getting up programs and preparing for the meetings.

Last year several of the meetings held were special silo meetings where after the regular program the farm-

FARM CLUBS DOING MUCH TO ADVANCE COMMUNITY LIFE

Booths at Fair Were Samples of Public Spirit Fostered.

SVEA FARMERS' CLUB.

The Svea Farmers' Club was organized Nov. 22, 1913. The following officers were elected: Henry A. Johnson, president; J. G. Freberg, vice president; James Matson, secretary, and Oscar H. Johnson, treasurer. When Mr. Freberg retired from farming Harold C. Nelson was elected vice president, and he is now the president of the club, as Henry Johnson has left us also.

The Club has been a success from the start owing probably in part to the co-operative spirit in the community. The farmers in this community being used to co-operate took a hold of it and boosted it from the start. The club so far has been more of a social

ers got together and talked about silos. The county agent, Mr. Poe was present and several outside speakers and gave their views of the proposition. Silo agents were also invited and the farmers had a chance to get information about the different kinds of silos and prices on same if bought several at the same time. Four members of the club have this year built silos and many more will be added in another year, no doubt.

Clover and alfalfa as well as corn and small grains, live stock and horticulture have been topics discussed and several members of the club have plots of alfalfa, of from one-half acre to two acres and all of them seem to have had success with same and are planning on planting more. Swan Nelson is one of the members that has been successful in raising big crops of clover.

Several carloads of fence posts have been ordered direct by the farmers as a result of getting together and clubbing their orders, thus getting

vice president John Bengtson; secretary, Jerry Bonaks; treasurer, C. T. Eddy, all of whom are still serving with the exception of the vice president, who has moved out of the district. His place is now filled by Albert Van Buren.

We have our meetings on the last Saturday evening of each month and a regular program with discussions on the farm problems is carried out. A lunch is served by the ladies for which the small fee of ten cents is charged from all adults, but children are free. This money is used for buying the necessary refreshments and the balance goes to the treasury of the club.

The purpose of our club is to better our farms, our community and ourselves in general. Our secretary's report shows a family membership of sixteen families or a total membership of thirty-eight. The average attendance is sixty-five.

Our club has had a booth at the County Fair each year and we secured first premium at the 1914 and 1915 fairs. In preparing this exhibit, the club has received a great lesson in neighborhood co-operation.

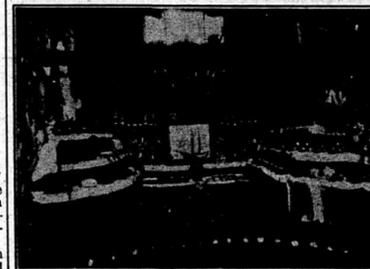
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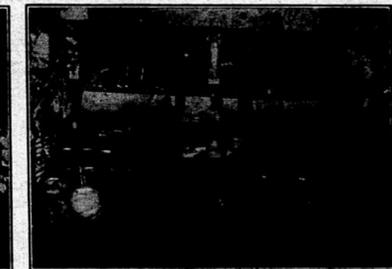
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SOUTH EDWARDS CLUB.



GREEN LAKE FARMERS' CLUB.



SUNNYSIDE FARMERS' CLUB.

These Booths were very attractive features in the main exposition Hall.

affair and meetings have been held once every month in the large school house which is a splendid place for meetings of this kind. This is in accord with the wide spread movement to promote the use of public schools as community centers. These meetings bring together all the people of the community, not only the men folks but the women, the young folks and the little children and gives neighbors a chance to get acquainted and

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GREEN LAKE FARMERS' CLUB.

The Green Lake Farmers' Club was organized in January, 1915, with Victor Swenson as president; F. R. Hamilton, vice president; J. J. Klostner, secretary and John Ahlstrom, treasurer. It has enjoyed five meetings and one picnic.

The Farmers' Club has agitated for a farmers' elevator; and a live stock shipping association is under way. The club won second premium for its booth at the Kandiyohi County Fair this year. Among the speakers who have addressed the club at their meeting is Mr. Caldwell of Lakefield, who spoke on "Rural Credits."

There are about fifteen or twenty acres of alfalfa and about one hundred and twenty-five acres of clover in our neighborhood. Both clover and alfalfa did fine this year.

Here are the names of persons in this vicinity who have purchased cattle and the breeds they specialise in: F. R. Hamilton.....Shorthorn Swenson Bros.....Aberdeen Angus David Swenson.....Holstein Conrad Monson.....Shorthorn A. M. Thompson.....Shorthorn J. J. Klostner.....Holstein Rasmus Norby.....Shorthorn Jarmer Larson.....Shorthorn Swenson Bros. won a few prizes at the County Fair on the herd of Aberdeen Angus, the bull taking first premium.

J. J. KLOSTER, Sec'y.

THE GREEN VALLEY FARMERS' CLUB.

The Green Valley Farmers' Club has not met during the busy season. It was organized a year ago last March and consists of about 30 members enrolled. The officers at present are, Olof Negaard, president; L. L. Johnson, vice president; Henry Haug, secretary; Melvin Johnson, treasurer.

So far nothing special has been accomplished. It has been more in a social way and discussing all kinds of farm questions. The members have been wide awake to the fact that only pure bred stock should be kept and in a few instances such has been purchased.

OLOF E. NEGAARD, Pres.

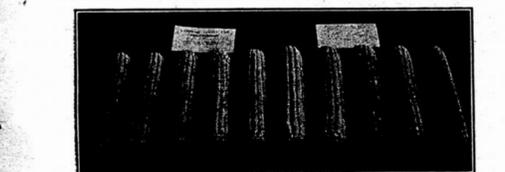
OTHER FARMERS' CLUBS.

Other farmers' clubs in the county are Crow Wing Farmers' Club, T. Shipstead, secretary; Ringville-Georgville Farmers' Club, F. T. Hatorvon, secretary. The Equity Society has a strong club at Pennock, of which C. H. Masterson is president.

Minnesota has 12,540 acres in state parks and an equal amount in state forests.

SOME WEALTHY APPLES

Picked on Kasota Lakeview Farm.



Prize Corn Raised by Norling Bros.

tens. We doubt if a better quality of apple exhibit has ever been made in the Northwest than were shown in Kandiyohi County this year.

There were thirteen entries of Concord, Beta, Moore's, Early grapes, eleven of Compass cherries, and there were plums, crabs, etc., galore.

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