MAKE YOUR OWN SILO

Homemade Structure Recommended as Good and Cheap means to Help Reduce Feed Bills.

The silo was never so valuable to the farmer as it is now in furnishing one of the best means of reducing feed bills. It can be made on the farm with little trouble, of either wood or concrete, says the United States Department of Agriculture, which will furnish plans and specifications without cost. Where there is no silo, or when another is needed, the department recommends the building and filling of one before frost comes.

Advantages of the Silo.

Among the advantages claimed for the silo, particularly at this time when the high price of grain threatens the very existence of the dairy industry, is that less grain may be fed without reducing milk production, provided the dairyman feeds more silage and legume hay. It is pointed out that the building of silos at this time is like the building of ships or fortifications; the silo will help to win the war because it means the saving of grain. Less grain is available for the feeding of cattle, since it is needed for human food and must be conserved for that need. Yet milk production must be maintained, and this can be done by supplementing a shortened grain ration with silage.

The silo offers the best way of preserving the mature corn crop, 40 per cent of the food value of which is in the stalks and leaves. It also saves the crop which, for any reason, must be harvested before it is mature. When the farmer harvests only the ears of corn he loses nearly half the value of the crop; when he puts it into the silo the loss is very small. When drought, frost, or insects threaten a field of corn before it is ripe the entire crop may be lost unless the farmer has a silo ready in which to preserve it.

Value of Succulence.

Just as fruits and green vegetables are canned to supply succulence to the family during the winter, the silo supplies succulence to the cow, and succulence adds to the milk flow. The abundant milk flow obtained from June pasture is, to a large extent, due to the juices of the grass; the silo provides a similar juiciness during winter, when pasture is not available. It promotes the health of dairy cattle by providing the coarse feed to which the digestive system of the cow is accustomed. Cows like silage, and no other feed combines so well with dry hay and grain to produce much milk at little cost.

BLOOMWOOD

The Farmers' Club met Oct. 9th, at the school house. The following program was rendered:

Song ---------- By Club.
Reading ---------- George Ekman
Song ---------- Eileen Larson
Reading ---------- Otto Nelson
Duet, Clara Ekman and Elna Erickson
Reading ---------- Mrs. E. Lofberg
Reading ---------- Lewis Larson
Song ---------- By Club.

Mrs. Mary Dahlquist, from Warrenton, is visiting with her daughter, Mrs. C. G. Ekman.

Miss Esther Person, who is teaching near Oslo, spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

A number of ladies pleasantly surprised Mrs. Lewis Larson Friday afternoon.

The Ladies' Aid Society will meet at Alfred Lindberg's Thursday afternoon, Oct. 18. The Young People will meet at the same place in the evening.

Clara Ekman and Elna Erickson called at Person's Saturday.

Ethel Haugen, from Foldahl, is assisting Mrs. E. Lofberg with her work.

Heimer Dahlin is erecting a large house on his farm.

Ernest Lofberg brought home a Dodge car from Argyle last week.

Rev. Lundgren conducted services at the school house Sunday morning.

Quite a number in Bloomwood are planning to attend the Argyle fair which will be held October 22 to 27.

Joe Munson has purchased a Ford car.

Mr. and Mrs. C. J. Person and family visited at Holt's in Alvarado Saturday evening.

Orchard and Garden

Unsprayed orchards are never profitable. Clean bright fruit, free from disease always finds a good market.

Use more fruit and vegetables in the home. They will take the place of other more expensive foods.

Wrap apples in paper and store in a cool cellar. Do not store near potatoes or other vegetables or the flavor may be spoiled.

Apple butter is not a bad substitute for dairy butter.

After the first frost clear the garden of all trash and burn it. It's a good plan to plow or spade the garden in the autumn.

Is the strawberry bed in good condition and free from weeds? The fruit crop of next spring depends largely on the condition of the bed this fall.

Moist hay, straw, or lawn clippings are good materials with which to mulch blackberries. They hold moisture in the soil, keep the fruit clean and keep down weeds.

Cabbages keep best in a cool cellar. If possible, hang by the stump to the ceiling. Wrapped in paper, they keep well. Do not pile thickly on shelves or in bins, or they will be likely to rot.

Some farmers appreciated the windbreak last year as never before. Were you one, or did you and the stock wade in snow all winter? Better start a good windbreak now.

ALVARADO

THE PEOPLES LYCEUM COURSE.

Read this for a clearer and better understanding of the Peoples Lyceum Course of Alvarado.

What It Is.

The Peoples Lyceum Course of Alvarado is a series of five entertainments distributed thruout the winter season and given under the direction of the University of Minnesota. These programs will lead among the winter's pleasures that will long stay in your memory because of their superior quality and high class. They are the kind of entertainments that you have long wished for and a price that puts them within everyones reach. This course is for you. It will interest and entertain you better than any series of shows that have yet been seen in Alvarado.

The Profit.

There is no profit. Any money that there may be above the cost of the course will be turned into the treasury to apply on a better course next season.

If a Loss Who Stands It?

Several of the men of Alvarado have pledged themselves to see that a certain amount is paid for the entire course. Should the sale of season and single admission tickets fail to bring in sufficient money to pay for the course then the signers of the contract will make up the deficit. If anyone takes advantage of this wonderful opportunity (and we hope everyone should and will) then there will be no deficit and a better course for the coming season is assured.

The Admission.

Adults season tickets including a reserved seat for the season, $1.50; child's season ticket, $1. If reserved 50c additional.

Get your season ticket early and have your pick of the reserved seats. All seats may be reserved at the Alvarado Drug Store on and after Monday, Oct. 29. The first one at the store with their season ticket at 9 o'clock that morning has the choice of any seat in the house.

Do not hesitate. We need good shows here and you want them. Here is the opportunity to have them as a permanent institution and at a very low rate. No "traveling show" with its cheap class of entertainment can begin to compete with these high class performances at any rate.

Buy your ticket from one of the salesmen and help him win the prize.

Mrs. Ekblad Surprised.

Mrs. C. H. Ekblad, of Alvarado, was tendered a surprise party by the members and friends of the Swedish Baptist church of Vega last Friday evening at her home in Alvarado. The choir was there for their weekly practise when an hour later the large gathering of friends came and took the home in possession. Rev. C. Wahlin, of Warren, gave an interesting speech and also read a clever poem written for the occasion by himself, and presented to Mrs. Ekblad, in appreciation of her services as organist for the church since her arrival here last June, a sum of money exceeding $50.00, for which sum they desired that she procure a warm coat so that she would be able to continue her services even during the cold of the winter season. After singing, speeches by Rev. Wahlin, Mrs. Ekblad and Rev. Ekblad, and prayer, a delicious repast was served by the ladies. The guests departed at a late hour, all having enjoyed the evening.

Sw. Luth Church of Alvarado.
J. W. LUNDGREN, Pastor.

Service next Sunday at Elim, 10:30 a. m.; at Alvarado, 7:30 p. m. All are welcome.

Baptist Church of Vega.
C. H. EKBLAD, Pastor.

Sunday, Oct. 21: Sunday school at 10:30 and preaching service at 11:15 a. m. The evening service will be held at Alvarado in Alvarado hall, at 7:30. The choir and string band will serve both morning and evening.

The Ladies' Aid meets at the home of Mrs. John Swanson Tuesday, Oct. 23 at 2 p. m.

A cordial invitation is extended to all.

Notice to Shippers.

The Alvarado Shipping Association will ship stock out of Alvarado on Saturday, Oct. 20th. Notify the manager what you have by Wednesday, Oct. 17th.

VICTOR M. EDMAN,
Manager.

Parts of Letter Received from France Written by Lieut. J. W. Sands.

Amexforce, France, Sept. 20, 1917.
Dear Brothers and Sisters:

I am still here safe and sound and like it O. K. so far. I have got my pay for 15 days in August and mileage here, so have enough to do me until next month. So far I have heard nothing of my bedding roll I lost in New York. I bought $35 worth of clothes.

What I would want is a good olive drab knitted vest (no sleeves), home made. Will somebody make one? The winters are like ours, so you know how cold it will be.

I sent Tricky a card kidding him about the Reo car. Remember the night we pulled in the old cars. The Reo truck is here too.

I suppose threshing is all over now. Let me know who has reported to Iowa for the draft.

So long,
John.

School Enrollment Good.

The enrollment of the Consolidated schools of Alvarado shows a marked increase over preceeding years. The enrollment in each department is as follows: Kindergarten, 13; First grade, 7; Second grade, 6; Third grade, 11; Fourth grade, 10; Fifth grade, 10; Sixth grade, 21; Seventh grade, 2; Eighth grade, 3; Freshmen, 17; Sophomore, 3; making a total of 83 in the grades and 20 in the high school.

There are nine boys taking Manual Training, three boys taking agriculture, fourteen girls taking high school Home Training and nine girls taking grade Home Training.

It is not too late to enter any department. The school authorities feel that there are several in the district that should be in school. Your opportunity is now. Do not put it off. Enroll and start your work at once.

Work of Alvarado Red Cross.

That our community is deeply interested in the welfare of our soldier boys is shown by the enthusiasm of the Red Cross of the village, every individual realizing the need of service. The membership roll shows a steady increase, there now being eighty-seven members, twenty-two having joined during the past two weeks. Following is a list of the new members:

Mrs. S. S. Trickey, Clara Peterson, Hilma Palm, Mrs. Otto Klingborg, Hannah Larson, Martha Johnson, Mrs. S. W. Anderson, Mrs. B. Sundin, Mrs. J. J. Hoglin, Mrs. A. W. Neujahr, Mrs. C. O. Olson, Mrs. N. G. Backstrom, Mrs. C. Lindell, Mrs. Sanfrid Johnson, Della Hallin, Mrs. O. L. Holt, Mrs. Henry Hill, Mary Merene, of Alvarado; George Johnson, of Thief River Falls; Ellen Watne, of Stephen; Ruby Anderson, of Argyle; Anne Tharaldson, of Thief River Falls.

As the names of the charter members of the Red Cross have never been published, we are giving them this week:

Mrs. Henry Backstrom, Mrs. J. A. Hultberg, Mrs. M. H. Sands, Olga Blomsness, Ella Sands, Mrs. Henry A. Sands, Mrs. Hilma Fering, Mrs. Oliver Dahlgren, Mrs. I. N. Lodoen, Frank J. Stumke, Nels Backstrom, I. Iverson, M. H. Sands, I. N. Lodoen, of Alvarado.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Danielson and sons, of March, were Sunday visitors at the home of C. O. Olson.

August Lundgren and daughters, Ella and Alice, and Mrs. Edward Lundgren, of Warren, were Alvarado callers Sunday.

Mrs. Nels Backstrom, Mrs. Holtberg, Mrs. Henry Backstrom, Mrs. Frank Dahlgren, and Sam Porten were Grand Forks visitors Monday.

A Halloween Festival will be held Friday evening, November the second, at the Alvarado hall and school house, the proceeds to go toward a piano for the new school building. Among other things there willl be a program, different Halloween booths, and a Conundrum lunch. Watch next week's Sheaf for more particulars, and make plans now to attend the big event.

Holcomb Sands left for Devon, Mont., Monday evening after a short visit with relatives and friends.

Peter Hedlund, a farmer south of town, marketed a hog here last Saturday which tipped the scale at 700 pounds and netted him $119.00. This we believe is a record for this vicinity.

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O. E. Hunt, of Grand Forks, was in our village in the interest of the Northern Packing Co., which is under construction west of the city of Grand **Forks.**

Nels Malm, from Big Woods, was in our village Tuesday.

J. D. Bacon, of Grand Forks, passed thru our village Tuesday enroute to Greenbush, where he went to buy blooded stock for his farm.

S. S. Trickey drove up to town of Fork Saturday on business.

FOUND—Between the Farmer's Elevator and Soo depot, a ball of pink mercenized crochet thread, and crochet hook. Owner call for same at State Bank.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Neujahr are the proud parents of a nine pound baby boy born Monday, October 15.

The seat sale for the Peoples Lyceum Course is progressing very encouragingly. Definite notes will be published **later.**

The Flora Prentiss Company is the first number of the Peoples Lyceum Course and will be given Nov. 9. Single admission, 35c; children, 25c.

Owing to scarcity of hard coal, we wish to inform our trade that we will not assume any responsibility or guarantee to furnish any hard coal from now on, throughout the future.—Atlantic Elevator Co., By A. H. Nystrom, Agent.

DEMAND FOR RAMS EXCEEDS SUPPLY.

The sheep industry in Minnesota is suffering from a shortage of purebred rams, according to an announcement being sent out by the animal husbandry department of the Minnesota College of Agriculture. The announcement says that the demand exceeds the supply, breeders having disposed of practically all of their available stock.

Because of the conditions the animal husbandry department of the college of agriculture is offering its services as a clearing house for those who may wish to buy or sell. It asks that those who have one or more pure-bred rams of serviceable age shall notify the department, which will try to put them in touch with buyers. All notices should state the breed, age and price of the rams offered.

SOUND SEED FOR NEXT YEAR'S CROP.

Sound, clean, healthy seed is the first requisite for the billion bushel wheat crop which the government hopes to see harvested next year, say the specialists at the Minnesota Experiment Station. A farmer who has seed from his own crop should lose no time in getting it ready for storage until the time of planting comes around. In preparing his seed for storage, a fanning mill is the first demand, as a means of removing weed seeds, smut and shriveled grain. Treatment for smut should follow. Treatment for scab is less likely to yield satisfactory results, but the fanning mill assists materially. A farmer who depends on outside sources for his seed should buy from his neighbor if possible so that he may get seed adapted to local conditions. As to varieties, a farmer should be guided by the experience of his neighbors or by the advice of his state experiment station.

After a supply of sound, clean, healthy seed has been made ready, it should be stored where it will be safe from mice, rats and insects.

Feed Shortage in North Dakota.

Almost every Saturday "Cattle King" Thorson ships a car or two of stock to the St. Paul market. On account of the shortage of feed many of the farmers are compelled to ship their stock just as they are getting nicely started in the stock raising business.—Adams Standard.

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Among them are those mentioned above. It won't do any harm to get the tar paper on now while the weather is nice and if you order your storm windows at once you can have them ready to put on at the first signs of real winter.

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