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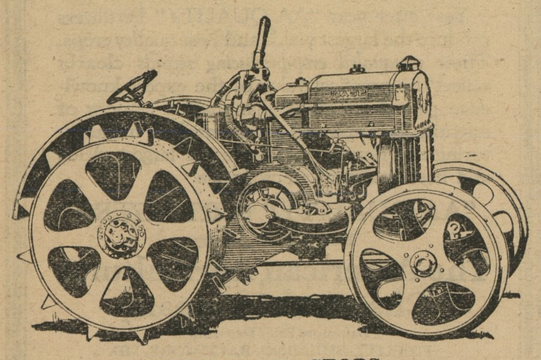

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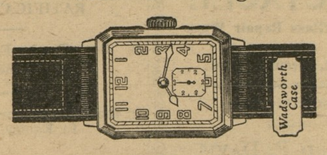

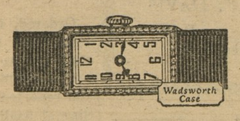

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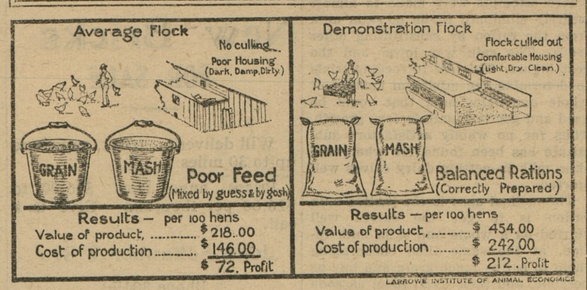


UNLESS a poultryman is clearing at least two dollars for each layer in his flock every year, there is something wrong with the methods he is using, says the Larrowe Institute of Animal Economics. It may be a case of poor layers, poor housing or just plain poor food.

Even the best bred hen will not lay day after day unless she is fed with those elements which she must have to turn into eggs. Any hen will lay in the spring—it's her nature to do this—but if poultry keeping is to be a profitable business the hen must be induced to lay throughout the year. During the cold weather season the days are short and the fowls require additional food. Quantity of grain is important but it takes mash containing egg-making nutrients to produce eggs from Labor day to Easter.

THE EVOLUTION OF TELEPHONE SERVICE IN FIFTY YEARS

(1) The first telephone as it appeared in 1876. (2) A modern central office. (3) When boys were operators in 1880. (4) The telephone of today.

A long row of young women seated at a switchboard; hands moving rhymically as plugs are thrust deftly into jacks; the faint click of metal against metal; a low hum of carefully modulated voices and everywhere an atmosphere of quiet efficiency—such is the modern telephone exchange.

But in the exchange of less than half a century ago a far different situation presented itself to the eye—and to the ear—of the chance visitor. Almost without exception the operators in the first exchanges in large cities were boys, as they were in the Gold and Stock exchange, New York City, in 1879.

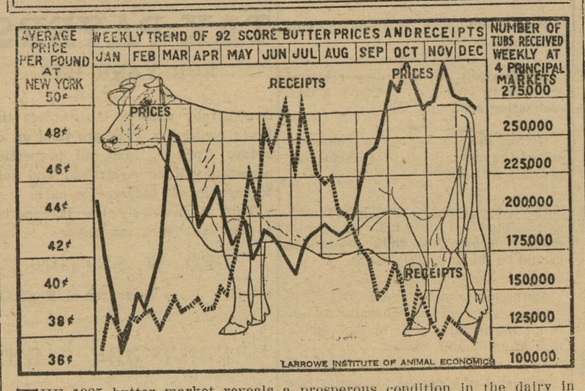
And boys were then, as they are now and ever will be, just—boys. Many an operator of that early day delights to tell his grandchildren of the pranks the youngsters played on each other or—it must be recorded in all candor—upon the subscribers. The apparatus was not arranged to permit the quiet operation of the present day, and its youthful guardians had to shout to each other—at the top of their voices, when traffic was heavy—the numbers called for by subscribers.

Even when discipline in the central office was at its best, the air was filled with strident cries, with the shuffling of many feet as the youngsters ran to and fro, with snarling threats and even the sounds of physical combat when the paths of two of these Mercurial Mercuries crossed in the middle of the central office floor.

A strange contrast, surely, with the modern exchange, where the volume of traffic is so great as to make that of one of these early exchanges seem insignificant, but where this vastly more complicated business is transacted with not the smallest fraction of the ado that made the telephone operating room of 1879 little less than a place of unending uproar, a veritable bedlam.

In such contrasts as this the history of the telephone has been written. And yet such contrasts have not been brought about by radical and sweeping changes, but by a process of gradual evolution toward better apparatus and operating methods — a process which is still going on and must continue until telephone service has been made as nearly perfect as it is humanly possible to make it.

Prosperous Dairy Year Shown by Butter Prices



THE 1925 butter market reveals a prosperous condition in the dairy industry, according to the year-end agricultural review of the Larrowe Institute of Animal Economics. Although butter production during the first nine months of the past year seems to have lagged behind the corresponding period in the year previous, it was larger during the last quarter of 1925 than in the corresponding period of 1924. Beginning with October, receipts were the largest on record at this season of the year For the year as a whole they were about 3 per cent less than in 1924.

Prices averaged higher than in 1924. The average wholesale price of 92 score creamery butter on the New York market in 1925 was approximately 45 cents a pound compared with 43 cents the year previous. Highest 1925 prices were received in October and November when weekly averages reached 52 and 51.5 cents, respectively.

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