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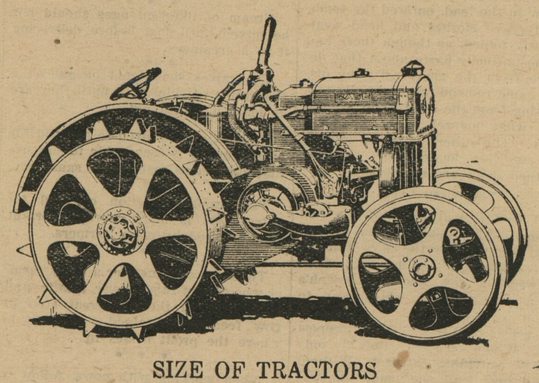
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DAIRY FACTS

BALANCED DIET IS ESSENTIAL FOR COW

Old Bossy out in the dairy barn may not be hungry, but she may not be getting what she should have. She perhaps is giving milk, but a balanced ration may cause her to give more milk. Perhaps old Bossy is giving all the milk that she can, but if her ration was figured changes may be made which would greatly reduce the cost of production. The dairy cow in milk has definite food requirements and these must be met before economical production is assured.

During the winter months old Bossy would appreciate a little of the following:

About two pounds of nice, bright alfalfa hay for every 100 pounds of live weight.

About three pounds of nice, sweet smelling corn silage for every 100 pounds of live weight.

About one pound of palatable grain mixture for every three to four pounds of milk that she produces per day.

The dairy cow would also like to have a little exercise every day. And don't forget the water. It is very essential and she will take lots of it, so keep it always available, pure, and clean.

The extension service of the Colorado Agricultural college will send upon application "Feeding Dairy Cows in Colorado," which will help in balancing up old Bossy's ration.

How is the baby? Fine. Well, remember old Bossy helps to keep the baby feeling that way, so feed her a good balanced ration and she will keep her feeling "finer."—B. W. Fairbanks, Live Stock Specialist, Colorado Agricultural College.

Keep Dairy Cows Clean and Watch Milk Supply

The use of milk as a food has increased from 42 gallons per capita in 1918 to more than 54 gallons in 1924. This is due very largely to public appreciation of the food value of dairy products and a growing conviction that they are produced and kept under sanitary conditions. The greater the demand, the better will be the price. A clean milk supply is essential if the demand for dairy products is to be increased.

During the winter when cows are stabled part or all of the time, additional attention is required to produce clean milk. Most of the dirt that gets into milk comes from the cow's body. Manure or chaff on the hind quarters or on the udders of cows falls into the milk pail during milking. The strainer will remove the coarser portions only. The manure and dirt which go into solution taint the milk, increase the bacterial count, and injure the keeping quality.

Plenty of clean bedding will help greatly to keep the cows clean and clipping the hair on flanks and udders will add still more to the ease of keeping the cows and their milk clean. The clipped regions can be wiped with a damp cloth just before milking.

Careful attention given to these factors which contribute to cleaner and better milk will be reflected in greater demand and continued good or better prices. The farmer as well as the dairyman should be concerned about this.

Dairymen Giving Little Feed Get Small Returns

Ninety-nine per cent of Kansas dairymen give their cows a little feed and get a little milk and butterfat—mighty little, sometimes—and have no idea whether they are just breaking even, profiting or losing.

The banker with thousands of accounts doesn't complain about keeping records. Yet the dairyman objects that it is too much trouble. If dairying is to be on as profitable a basis as banking, the dairyman must know his cows just as the banker knows his creditors, reasons J. W. Linn, dairy specialist, Kansas State Agricultural college, in charge of the Kansas Cow-testing association work.

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SELECTING CENTRAL OFFICE NAME IS NO LIGHT TASK

Designations For New Telephone Exchanges Chosen Only After Painstaking Study

Naming a baby is an easy job compared with naming a telephone exchange.

Some people have the idea that when telephone officials get ready to christen a new telephone exchange, all they do is to sit down and think for a while when—presto—a suitable name comes to mind and it is chosen. This, however, is far from the real facts. Naming a telephone exchange requires a long time and involves labor on the part of a large number of persons.

In other words, names for telephone exchanges are not simply plucked out of the air. They are selected only after much care and investigation. Whenever possible, names to fit the locality are chosen, but the first and main consideration is that the name shall be easily distinguishable in ordinary conversation; that it is not similar to the name of some other exchange in the same local area, and that a word is selected that is easily spelled. In order to be suitable for use in machine switching offices, the first three letters must not be used in the same area as the code corresponding to another name.

Accordingly, exhaustive tests are made by telephone engineers to determine the phonetic suitability of a word. Words are tested over telephone wires by different people. After a long list of words has been subjected to a suitable number of tests, ordinarily many thousands, the results are summarized, and those on which the smallest number of errors have been found are set aside for use, the name ordinarily being graded in accordance with its apparent desirability.

TELEPHONE NOW FIFTY YEARS OLD

On March 10, telephone people throughout the world in general and the United States and Canada in particular, celebrated the fiftieth anniversary of the birth of the telephone, and in this way paid honor to Alexander Graham Bell, the inventor, and Thomas A. Watson, his assistant, in the early experimental work. Each of the 300,000 telephone employees in America were furnished a blue button on which appeared a big white numeral, "fifty," to wear in honor of



Miss Ethel V. Downs wearing a fiftieth anniversary button. (Photo by Harris & Ewing)

the occasion. Speech was first transmitted by telephone March 10, 1876.

Fiftieth anniversary celebrations were held in many cities throughout the country. In the territory of the Chesapeake and Potomac Telephone Company and associated companies, meetings were held at Washington, and Baltimore, and Richmond, Norfolk and Roanoke, Va., and Charleston, Wheeling, and Clarksburg, W. Va.

The significance of those memorial gatherings lay in the fact that it was the one event among many in which every telephone man and woman in the United States and Canada could participate personally. It probably marked the first occasion in the history of the Bell system, and perhaps the only occasion in the lifetime of the present personnel, when each member of the telephone group could simultaneously register by a simple and universal act his or her respect for the profession and indicate faith and pride in the future of the organization.

IMPROVING THE SERVICE

The 1926 construction program of the Long Lines Department, American Telephone and Telegraph Company, contemplates plant construction to cost more than $28,000,000. Plant costing approximately $19,000,000 was constructed in 1925.

The proposed expenditures for Plant construction during 1926 are divided among various projects about as follows: Aerial wire, including new pole lines, $5,160,000; long distance cables with associated pole lines, loading coils, building and equipment, $11,200,000; switchboards and other telephone and telegraph equipment, $8,130,000; line work not included in the aerial wire and cable projects, $3,860,000.

The new facilities will provide for increases in long distance telephone traffic and will also make it possible to furnish more dependable and faster service.

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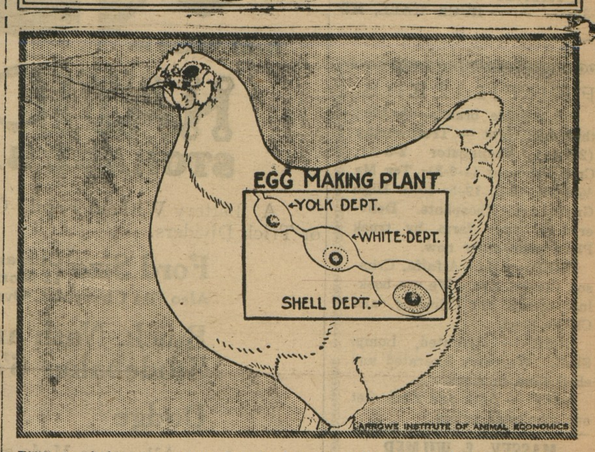
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The average hen lays about 72 eggs a year, mostly during warm weather. She should manufacture twice that number, state the institute's experts who, in experimenting with hundreds of laying hens, discovered surprising differences in the number of eggs produced by various poultry rations. If the hen's egg-making apparatus fails to work up to a standard of efficiency it is probably not the hen's fault, but rather that of the poultryman who unknowingly does not provide her with the food material the hen requires to keep all three egg-making departments working full time. When the hen is fed sound grains and an efficient mash containing egg-making nutrients that make for the greatest efficiency in her plant, she can't help but make eggs! Feed is the most important single factor in egg production. It is also the biggest item of cost. Profitable results cannot be secured with poor rations.

In addition to providing the best rations for egg production the wise poultryman will watch his flock, to continuously cull out the naturally poor layers, thus building up a flock of heavy-laying fowls. Every effort should also be made to see that the hens are comfortably housed, especially in winter, because dark, damp, dirty quarters may nullify all the advantages resulting from culling and better feeding.

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