

# ARIZONA'S FIRST POULTRY JUDGING TEAM

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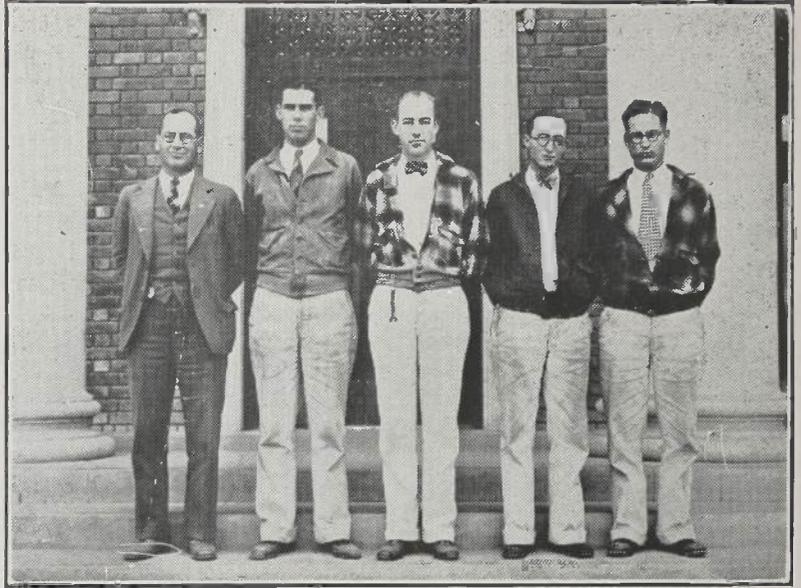
Team Takes Second in Whole Contest, First in Production Judging, Second In Exhibition Judging; Pearce Places Among Medal Winners

**I**F ANYONE had happened to be loitering around the S. P. depot in Tucson at 3 a. m. on the morning of November twenty-eighth, one might have seen four countrified looking youths following a middle-aged gentleman, who looked as if his sleep had been rudely disturbed, board an east-bound train. Well, if any of you were there you probably wondered who they might be, so here's the low-down on them.

That bunch was the Poultry Judging Team from the U. of A. going to Chicago to compete in the Intercollegiate Poultry Judging Contest held in the Coliseum. Now, in view of the fact that you might desire more specific information, here are their names: The sleepy looking gentleman in the lead was Prof. Harry Embleton, who coached the team, and, by the way, you will hunt a long time before finding as good a coach. The slightly bald fellow with the southern brogue was Leo Finch, and the tall, dark-haired, handsome chap following Finch was Charles Berkenkamp; the broad-shouldered, athletic-looking fellow with the permanent wave was Norman Pearce, and tagging along behind was the little, dried-up, skinny chap, called Lyle Young.

Now that you know who this bunch was, perhaps you would like to know something about how they happened to be going on this trip. Well, to start at the beginning, it all came about after a special Aggie Club meeting last fall, when it was unanimously decided to send a poultry team, to succeed the dairy team of last year. Of course, the main difficulty was in getting funds to finance the trip. The Club had on hand about two hundred dollars. This, of course, would not go very far, so they decided to ask some of the business men of Tucson and the Salt River Valley for donations. From the latter source around one hundred dollars was collected, making a total of seventy-three dollars to be given to each man on the team. The remaining expense was to be stood by the team.

Tryouts for the team started in September. These consisted of a trip to the Cochise county fair at Douglas, and another to the Arizona State Fair, besides work at the University Poultry plant, and last of all an exam-



The Poultry Judging Team: Coach Embleton, Charles Berkenkamp, Leo Finch, Lyle Young, and Norman Pearce.

ination on the Standard of Perfection. After these were summed up the team was picked. Ten men turned out, and the success of the team at Chicago was largely due to the keen competition put up by these men.

Now for some dope on their trip to this "Far Eastern City." They arrived there on Wednesday morning, December 1, and, after checking their luggage at the Y.M.C.A. hotel, went out to the International Livestock Show, spending the rest of the day there. The next morning, all the teams met at the Sherman Hotel, and were loaded into buses for a sight-seeing tour of the city. They first went to the Poultry Boards, where they watched the "high pressure" buying and selling. From there to an immense cold storage plant. This plant has three million cubic feet of cooling space and, at the present time, contains about \$15,000,000 worth of perishable goods. By this time it was noon, and they were taken to the Hamilton Club, where lunch was served. After lunch short speeches were made by Mr. Preebe and Mr. Killberne—the hosts of the day—and by Prof. Jimmie Rice, of Cornell. The remainder of the afternoon was spent at the Coliseum.

Friday was spent in the hotel, studying. Now comes Saturday, the big day. They arrived at the Coliseum

at 8 a. m., and were assigned numbers. Number 1 was to start on the judging and numbers 2 and 3 were to start the examination. The judging consisted of two classes, production and exhibition, of five pens each. The examination was a set of one hundred questions on the standard of perfection. Three hours were given for each of these events, so at 11 o'clock, No. 1 was started on the examination, and No. 2 on the judging, while No. 3 was turned loose until 2 p. m. The results were not learned until that night, at a banquet given in the Auditorium Hotel.

Say, folks, that banquet was great. Of course, everyone was on edge when they went in, but as soon as they were seated, the orchestra struck up a lively old-time tune, and the gang all joined in, singing, blowing horns, and, in general, making all the noise possible. After dinner the results of the contest were given. Arizona—the dark horse of the contest—walked up and picked off the cup in production judging, took second place in exhibition judging, eighth in examination and second in the entire contest! And this fellow Pearce took second in individual production judging, second in exhibition, and tied for second as high point individual. Thus giving him two medals and twenty dollars. Finch also made an enviable record.

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taking fourth in production judging, tenth in exhibition, and tied for fourth place as high point individual. The latter giving him ten dollars. Young wasn't far behind, being eleventh in high point individuals.

The team ratings were:

1. Ill. ....	2961
2. Ariz. ....	2940
3. Purdue ....	2868
4. Texas ....	2858
5. Ames ....	2855
6. Okla. ....	2834
7. Mo. ....	2803
8. Kansas ....	2765
9. Ohio ....	2750
10. North Dakota ....	2665

The ten high individuals were as follows. (Perfect score 1333.)

1. Ill. ....	1040
2. Texas ....	1025
3. Arizona ....	1010
4. Purdue ....	1010
5. Arizona ....	1008
6. Ames ....	1003
7. Kansas ....	996
8. Ohio ....	986
9. Purdue ....	978
10. Okla. ....	978

At 6 p. m., December 4, the team entrained for home, and arrived here in due time.

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This article is being written primarily to interest the incoming students of the College of Agriculture

to strive for a place on one of these teams. The value of these trips is difficult to estimate, as it gives you something apart from your classroom work, something that has more than a mere monetary value. The strain of competition, the meeting of men from other colleges, all is wonderful training for the college man.

The team wishes to extend their sincere thanks to the Aggie Club, to the Faculty of the College of Agriculture, and to the business men of Tucson and the Salt River Valley, who so cheerfully and loyally backed the team in making this trip a go.

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himself, cannot go broke. The surplus becomes a by-product produced at very low cost. Regard for home production requirements will reduce the cash crops and partly solve the surplus problem.

As to co-operative marketing, the farmer today cannot remain an individualist. Economic laws and business conditions are bound to dictate to him the character and quality of what he shall produce and how and when he shall produce these products. If he shall choose to disregard the production of others, if he shall continue to offer his products in competition with the products of other growers, he must pay the penalty. That road leads to economic disaster.—Merton L. Long, The Agricultural Review.

**A STADIUM FOR ARIZONA**

EVERYONE who has been connected with Arizona for the last few years has realized that the existing facilities for athletics has been inadequate. Arizona's teams have been handicapped by a lack of

space upon which to practice. Also, the attendance at the games has not been large because of the condition of the seating accommodations.

Athletics are recognized as the dominant force in molding real college spirit. Arizona has often been criticised as lacking in that spirit. A football season in a real stadium will go a long way toward putting over such a spirit and showing the world what Arizona can do. Let's get behind the stadium and put it over.

**AGGIE CLUB WELCOMES  
POULTRY TEAM**

Students of the Aggie Club met in room 204 of the Agriculture building on December 8, 1927. The main purpose of the meeting was to welcome the students who had won high honors in the poultry judging contest at Chicago. Each of the team gave an interesting talk on different phases of the trip and expressed their appreciation for the financial help of the Aggie club.

Professor Embleton told how different teams placed in the contest. The outcome of the contest was not known, he said, until after the banquet gathering of all the teams. Arizona placed first in production, second in exhibition, and eighth in examination, and second in the contest as a whole.

Members of the Aggie club are making advance plans for prospective ways of securing funds to send a judging team a year from now. Future plans for the next Aggie dance were also considered at the meeting.

**AMERICAN HENS LAY  
760 EGGS PER SECOND**

Dr. J. R. Mohler, chief of the Bureau of Animal Husbandry of the U. S. Department of Agriculture, recently called attention to the importance of the poultry industry of the United States. He pointed out that while it is the most important poultry raising country in the world, the United States is also furnishing more than one-third of the world's output of eggs and meats. Collectively, the American hens laid at the rate of 760 per second, or two billion dozens a year. The baby chick business has now grown to an enormous proportion. Where it used to be only 50,000 chicks sold for the year, now it is at the rate of two million chicks a day. Last year's chick business amounted to 800,000,000 chicks.

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