

County Home Improvements Moving Forward Steadily

Meanwhile, Exhibits Are Winning Prizes at Legion's Festival and Fair

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The county home has been having a successful year and its exhibits at the Durham County Fair received a number of awards, County Manager D. W. Newsom said today in a statement relating improvements made at the institution recently.

The statement of the county manager follows:

"The judges at the Durham county fair have awarded to the Durham county home two first prizes of \$5 each, one second prize of \$3 and three blue ribbons. These prizes were given on exhibits from the dairy herd at the county home. Several registered guernsey cows and calves, one cow with twin calves and one registered bull were placed on exhibit by the county home. Several registered Berkshire sows with pigs were also placed on exhibit. No prizes were offered, however, on exhibit of hogs.

"The fair management states that many favorable comments were made by visitors at the fair concerning the county home exhibit. The home expects to put on a larger variety of exhibits next year.

"Each year the county is improving its herd of dairy cattle and is building up a fine stock of hogs. Several new hog runs have recently been constructed at the home. Some of these have been planted in rape and others will be sown in rye so as to give the hogs the benefit of green food all the year around. Sheds will be built in each of these runs.

"The old mule and feed barn which has stood the storms of half a century has been torn down. Many of the timbers in this barn were of heart pine and are still in excellent condition. These timbers will be used in other construction work at the home.

"A new mule and feed barn has recently been completed, a new feed shed with central feed racks for cows is now being completed, a new blacksmith shop is being constructed and several implement sheds and new fences will be built. The well at the dairy barn has been deepened and an electric pump and pump house will be installed to supply water for all county home stock and for cleaning purposes. This is expected to reduce the county's water bill considerably.

"The program of improvements at the county home is moving steadily forward. The work house and the home for the insane have recently been painted, the infirmary is being painted inside and out, the old green house is being repaired and painted and many other improvements made. A large amount of canning of fruits and vegetables is being done and the home is preparing for the gathering and storage of heavy crops."