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FARMERS RETURN TO SCHOOL
Successful Winter Course at Muresk

Forty-two farmers and potential farmers from many widely-separated centres, attended a three-day course in sheep husbandry at Muresk Agricultural College during July. A series of lectures, film evenings and practical demonstrations by members of the college staff and officers of the Department of Agriculture proved both enjoyable and instructive.

In welcoming the students at the official opening of the course, the Principal of Muresk (Mr. W. Southern), said that work would commence at 8.15 a.m. each day with a lecture in the main hall. Practical demonstrations in the shearing sheds and yards would follow, and the afternoon sessions would also commence with lectures.

Each evening, films would be shown at 7 p.m. and these would be followed by "question time" during which students were encouraged to seek information from a "brains trust" of instructors.

The Assistant Principal of Muresk (Mr. A. J. T. Marshall), lectured on sheep feeding and management, wool production and recent research work.

Interesting talks on sheep diseases were given by a Department of Agriculture Veterinary Surgeon, (Mr. J. Craig), and the subject of blowfly control was effectively handled by Mr M. Butler, Sheep and Wool Instructor, Department of Agriculture, who also demonstrated how to care for the shearing plant and how to perform the Mules operation.

Instruction in shearing, crutching, and farm butchering was given by the College sheep husbandry instructor (Mr. H. P. Dwyer), and the Muresk farm manager (Mr. D. R. Bateman), demonstrated lamb marking, inoculation and the "mouthing" of sheep for age determination.

The complete handling of wool in the shearing shed and the culling of Merino sheep were two subjects handled by Mr. J. Reilly, another Sheep and Wool Instructor from the Department of Agriculture.

The Officer-in-Charge of Meat Production (Mr. N. Davenport) used pens con-
taining Border Leicester, English Leicester, Cheviot, Southdown and Ryeland sheep to illustrate his talks on the British breeds used in fat lamb production.

Following is a list of the students who attended the Course:

A. Tonkin (Chittering), W. R. Fiegert (Carmel), W. A. N. Hodgen (Carmel), R. Robartson (Carmel), W. Dermer (Fremantle), A. D. Reinke (Kojonup), O. E. Parkin (Narembeen), H. Brockway (Wagin), J. Harper (Gingin), J. H. Smith (Koorda), A. J. Sexton (Melville), E. Chapman (N. Dinninup), T. Chapman (N. Dinninup), J. A. Plant (Dinninup), J. I. Plant (Dinninup), N. Smith (Arthur River), R. A. Grant (Como), R. H. Dawes (Kulin), M. J. Davies (Mt. Yokine), J. B. Nicholls (Corrigin), J. W. Wallace, (Wagin) W. E. Hedley (Badgebup), A. Ladyman (Katanning), D. E. Stanley (Kalannie), R. G. Wakelam (W. Perth), W. G. Wakelam (W. Perth), D. V. Bott (Katanning), A. Newton (Wongan Hills), I. W. Goyder (Northam), D. T. Jones (Kwolyin), B. Halbert (Cunderdin), H. G. Clements (Bassendean), D. Cooper (Carnamah), W. E. Dixon (Albany), K. R. Fouracres (Manjimup), W. E. Henwood (Manjimup), E. G. Stephenson (Manjimup), T. G. Pearse (Wundowie), M. Anspach (New Norcia), M. J. Wright (Dalkeith), D. K. Bray (Bellevue), A. Hornsby (E. Wagin).
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