



Wilts County Council - Dairy School Awards Beatrice May Gale 1925

1902-1922. During this period Agricultural Education in Wiltshire consisted of instruction and demonstrations in the basic skills:- hedge laying, land drainage, horse ploughing, thatching, milking, poultry, beekeeping etc. Travelling schools were introduced whereby part-time instructors travelled from district to district demonstrating on selected farms. "On the farm training" is an efficient method of teaching and it is interesting to find the Agricultural Training Board adopting somewhat similar methods in 1976.

A typical example of a travelling school was conducted in butter and cheesemaking by Mrs. Ida Bull, who travelled from farm to farm instructing the housewives. When the Committee discontinued the travelling schools, Mrs. Bull continued her work on a voluntary basis and formed the "Wiltshire Association of Dairy Students" with branches scattered throughout the County.

Mrs. Bull was a unique and dynamic personality and devoted the whole of her retired life to the well-being of the Association. Following her death in 1973, the W.A.D.S. changed the name of the Association to the "Wiltshire Farmers' Club".

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The three certificates shown awarded to Beatrice May Gale show that Beatrice worked hard and achieved high marks in her tests. At the time these were taken Beatrice would have been in her late 20s.



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