

..... OBYE, Charles H., 1894- Major, Infantry, PMS&T, 1944-
 : Iowa St. Col. grad., in first ag. ed. class, 1916.
 : Supt. Chicago Schools E. G. Cooley, with interested
 CUT : citizens of Strawberry Point, Ia., his home in boyhood,
 : got cooperation of School Board, Community Club, and
 : Cooperative Creamery, for a trial of voc. type of ag. ed.
 Mr. Obye was selected instr., and began work in June, 1916
 During the summer, he visited farmers, helped Creamery patrons with
 their problems, and enrolled 22 boys who had completed or dropped out
 of high school for a 5-mo. special ag. course. High School ag. class
 and this special ag. course were started in fall. Of the 22 who entered
 the special course, 18 completed it. Much practical work on farms was
 done by all. The venture succeeded. Again funds for it were voted.
 After Iowa accepted Federal aid under the Smith-Hughes Act of 1917,
 the Strawberry Point ag. dept. was approved to continue the work so
 capably started; and at this writing in 1944, this dept. is still in
 operation. Here was a balanced program: itinerant for adult-farmers,
 special-course for out-of-school youth, and day-class for in-school
 pupils, worthy of universal emulation; and here, an alert and far-sighted
 pioneer who merits grateful remembrance. -- Barton Morgan and
 R. W. Stimson.

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