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YOUNG FARMERS AT COUNTY SHOW

The County Agricultural Show at Woodstock near Oxford draws young farmers from eight counties for the Cattle Judging Competition. Prize cows submit patiently to close-quarters scrutiny: after all, you can't have your milk and drink it. The big moment for the under-sixteens comes with the Scarecrow Event - the idea, to build the ugliest dummy in the shortest time.

Mabel Constandures is there to help put the feminine touch to a gallery of the most ferocious personalities seen outside the Kremlin. Straw and sticks are provided for the contestants - the clothing has to come from fathers' wardrobes.

At the finish, Mabel Constandures picks the winners ---

An aristocratic gentleman, crippled by taxes, joins the war in the wheatfields.