

EDGAR ZOBEL & HIS PRIZE-WINNING SHEEP

Edgar Herman Zobel (1883-1969) raised special Corriedale sheep on his farm near Ripon, Wisconsin. His sheep were known for growing lots of soft, high-quality wool. **Zobel's farm was the only farm in Wisconsin that had Corriedale sheep directly related to famous sheep brought from King Ranch in Wyoming.** Because of their strong family line, these sheep produced better wool than many other sheep of the time.

Zobel carefully bred and cared for his sheep. His hard work paid off, and his sheep won many prizes at livestock shows. In 1951, The Milwaukee Journal praised Zobel's sheep and called their wool some of the best in the region. At the time, sheep farming was very important in Wisconsin. Thousands of sheep were brought into the state each year, and Zobel's prize-winning wool stood out from the rest.

The land where Zobel raised his champion sheep was later saved and turned into Zobel Memorial Park in Ripon. Today, visitors can enjoy the area where his famous flock once grazed.

Edgar Zobel was more than a farmer. Raising sheep was one of his favorite hobbies. He also worked as a pharmacist and as a milk inspector for the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture. In addition, he loved music and spent time teaching, leading bands, and writing songs.

