

The Farm News Department

Special Page Devoted to the Farming Interests of Crawford County, Wherein the News of the Farmer and Stock Raiser is Chronicled From Week to Week.

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TRACTOR PROGRAM AT MANILLA

Thursday and Friday of This Week Designated as Tractor Days, When School of Instruction Will be Held

Co-operating with the Crawford County Farm Bureau, Prof. John Glass, of the Ames College Extension Department, will conduct a school of instruction on farm tractor operation, at Manilla, this week. The days set for the meeting are Thursday and Friday. Lectures will be given on tractor adjustments, and those attending and desiring to do so will be given opportunity to make adjustments. The school will be held in the Brocklesby garage, and local dealers will furnish the tractors. It is urged that all who are interested attend this school, it is free to all, and a great deal can be learned. Below we give the program as outlined by County Agent Quist:

Thursday, March 13
8:30 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.
Lecture: Gas Engine Principles.
10:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M.
Laboratory: Application of points given in Lecture.
1:30 P. M. to 2:30 P. M.
Lecture: Valves and Valve Setting.
3:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.
Laboratory: Valve Setting Practice.
8:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.
Lecture (Illustrated): "The Tractor Farmer."
Friday, March 14
8:30 A. M. to 9:30 A. M.
Lecture: Gas Engine Accessories.
10:00 A. M. to 12:00 P. M.
Laboratory: Study of Carburetor and Magneto.
1:30 P. M. to 2:30 P. M.
Lecture: Tractor Troubles and Remedies.
3:00 P. M. to 5:00 P. M.
Laboratory: Experting. Practical application of all work covered.
8:00 P. M. to 9:00 P. M.
Lecture: "Tractor Lubrication."

COUNTY BREEDERS TO MEET

The meeting of the owners of pure bred livestock that was to have been held February 14 was called off on account of the blizzard that day. It was decided at that time to hold the meeting Tuesday, March 18, when it is expected that every owner of one or more pure bred registered female animals will attend. Mr. Rex Beresford of the Animal Husbandry Extension Department has been secured to attend and give a talk. Mr. Beresford is a pure bred livestock breeder, himself, a practical farmer operating a large farm, and has helped many counties throughout the state to perfect organizations.

It is proposed to organize what will be termed a "County Pure Bred Livestock Breeders' Association." Crawford county has over one hundred and twenty-five pure bred breeders, and every one of these men ought to attend this meeting, and bring some one else. A committee is now working on a set of by-laws and a constitution, and will have them ready for the meeting of the 18th, when they will be presented for adoption. Officers and directors are to be elected at this meeting. The breeding and raising of livestock has become a very lucrative business, and breeders ought to organize; men engaged in other lines of business have organized and are organizing for the mutual benefit, and are reaping results. The livestock man is just as up to date as the average town business man, and there is no reason on earth why he should not organize and promote the welfare of his business. We trust there will be a large attendance at the meeting on Tuesday, March 18.

WHEAT AT \$2.26 PER BUSHÉL.

The administration wheat guarantee bill finally slipped through congress at the last minute, and is now ready for the president's signature. It is confidently expected that he will sign the bill. The measure appropriates \$1,000,000,000 as a revolving fund for the purchase of wheat, and authorizes the president to create an agency or agencies for the purchase of the 1919 crop at a guaranteed price of \$2.26 per bushel, and these agents or agencies have authority to control all commerce in wheat and wheat products.

PUBLIC SALES TO BE TAXED

An income tax man was at Rockwell City the other day, and on being interviewed, furnished the following particulars as to the profits of auction sales:

"Farm auction sales will have to be treated just the same as sales of land or other property. The profit must be computed in the same way. Deduct from the cost of the property, if bought since March 1, 1913, or the market value of that date if acquired before that date, the proper allowance for depreciation, (in case of farm equipment, but of course not of livestock) which has occurred since March 1, 1913, or since the property was acquired, and subtract the remainder from the sale price. The balance must be reported as profit. Stock sold at a sale would be all profit, if the taxpayer raised it; if he bought it he can deduct the cost. If the seller has been taking inventories in the past, and his books, if inspected, would prove it, the price at which the stock was bought cannot be deducted for the reason it is already reflected in the inventory.

"It would be a big undertaking to figure this all out for all of the property sold at a sale, and deputy collectors and bankers, in preparing returns, would have to require the taxpayer, largely, to furnish written data, so that the proper depreciation can be shown at a glance."

August Lorenzen, of Deloit, drove home a new Studebaker, of four cylinder capacity, on Friday. The car was purchased through the Denison agency.

McANDREWS SECOND DUROC SALE

Second Brood Sow Sale Held by McAndrews & Sons at Vail, Results in Good Prices

The second brood sow sale held by G. B. McAndrews & Sons at Vail recently was fairly well attended, and the Durocs offered brought very good prices. The roads were very near impassable, and a good stiff blizzard was raging, therefore the attendance was light. Col. Kraschel, the well known auctioneer was snowbound out in Nebraska and was unable to attend. The Messrs. McAndrews were fortunate enough to get Col. Ed Duncan of Denison, and his work is said to have averaged up with the old timers. Everything taken into consideration the sale averaged well, the figures being placed at \$155 per head for forty-four head. The following is the list of purchasers:

P. J. O'Connell, Wagner, S. D.	\$200.00
P. J. O'Connell	200.00
P. J. O'Connell	155.00
Geo. Gawley, Irwin	180.00
Wm. Harrington, Vail	135.00
Mueller Bros., Cumberland	120.00
Mueller Bros.	110.00
Robt. E. Steele, Falls City, Neb.	120.00
Frank Kral, Vail	170.00
Isaac Couts Hornum	180.00
Wm. Ewaldt, Vail	140.00
Wm. Ewaldt	155.00
Wm. Ewaldt	155.00
Wm. Ewaldt	195.00
Wm. Ewaldt	130.00
Ray McCullough, Vail	125.00
Ray McCullough	130.00
Ray McCullough	105.00
Ray McCullough	110.00
W. A. Law, Green City, Mo.	190.00
W. I. Irwin, Grotton, S. D.	160.00
Emil Schwank, Madison, Neb.	140.00
Wm. Adams, Vail	120.00
Wm. Adams	115.00
Wm. Adams	120.00
Geo. Dieter, Vail	250.00
Geo. Dieter	150.00
L. F. LeFebure, Fairfax	150.00
L. F. LeFebure	140.00
L. F. LeFebure	130.00
O. S. Larson, Logan	200.00
R. E. Patterson, Charleston, Ill.	140.00
W. K. Dobler, Vail	110.00
Geo. Moore, Vail	110.00
Geo. Moore	125.00
John Stehlik, Vail	105.00
Clem Hill, Vail	87.50
L. F. LeFebure	175.00
Robt. E. Steele	210.00

LOOK FOR PORK PRICES TO SOAR

It is not the intention of this department to tell farmers how to raise stock or how to cultivate their crops, because the farmers of Crawford county are a live bunch of fellows, and know their business. Rather it is the intention to tell the news of the farming community, and by giving the news keep the farmer and breeder in closer touch with events of the day. Now as to hogs. The government has recently removed all regulations, and prices are expected to advance. The war board has just made the announcement, and at the same time rescinded the regulations by which all applications for licenses to export these commodities to European destinations were required to bear a certificate from the food administration. With the removal of these restrictions pork

may be shipped freely to the United Kingdom, France, Italy, Belgium, Japan or Greece.

With the outlook for higher prices, or even a standardization of present prices it behoves the breeder and stock raiser to look after the brood sows as farrowing time approaches. Those in position to know tell us that those who have been feeding corn alone, or corn and wheat middlings, or corn and oats, without giving alfalfa, clover or meat meal or milk, or allowing the sows to run behind the cattle or out in the pasture, will do well to feed the sows better from now on, giving them some products such as tankage or milk, to insure stronger, healthier litters at farrowing. A little meat meal tankage or milk and alfalfa hay will do much good in the production of a strong litter, even though fed a short time before farrowing. On corn alone, these experts say, the number of strong pigs may run as low as fifty per cent, whereas with corn and tankage or corn and alfalfa, it may be increased to ninety or ninety-five per cent.

Most breeders, we assume, keep a breeding record, and know just when the sows are due. They can then be penned up at least three or four days ahead of time, but yet allowed to have the range so that they get some good exercise. If the sow is getting along nicely and you have prepared a nice place for her, a place that is warm, ordinarily she will not need extra care, but will manage for herself. If things go wrong, however, it is well to be on the spot and to assist. Of course the big problem, as all know, is to keep the pigs healthy and free from scouring. Give them plenty of exercise and do not let them get chilled. Feed the sow well, but do not overfeed. If the pigs scour take the feed away from the sow for a while, or else reduce it considerably.

ABERDEEN-ANGUS TO LOUISIANA

A Mr. Holten, of the Holten Lumber Company, down in Louisiana, has recently made his second selection of pure bred Aberdeen-Angus cattle from the herd of Hess & Brown at Waterloo. The Holten company has many farms in Louisiana as well as some cattle ticks being cleaned up in Louisiana that state will soon be a paradise for cattle grazing nearly the year round, and the Aberdeen-Angus are the best for the climate and needs, says Mr. Holten.

THEODORE BERGSTROM

Farmer
When opening our mail recently we were greatly pleased when greeted with the above heading on a letter, printed on good, substantial paper. It had the professional twang to it, such as is used by professional men, physicians, attorneys, clergymen, educators and the like. It bristled with personality, and attracted attention. Of course farming is a profession. It takes more brains to be a good farmer at Willard, Mont., where Mr. Bergstrom gets his mail, than it does to win a "professional" degree in college. Whenever any class of workers take pride in their occupation, the occupation automatically becomes a profession. Mr. Bergstrom is not the only farmer who is proud of his profession. Many of our Crawford county farmers use equally as good stationery, and it helps to put the "B" in business.

Henry Ruberg, of Goodrich township, is the owner of a new Republic truck just purchased from the Denison Auto Co., to be used as an all round farm necessity.

CONTINUE PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS

We devote space on this page to a circular letter issued by County Engineer H. B. Fishel, in regard to work of the public highways and the building of county bridges. Farmers of the county are really the most interested in good roads, and we are sure the letter will be of interest to them. The circular was mailed to all dealers having material for sale, urging them to be content with small profits, and also asking the laboring man to greater efficiency.

In an effort to avoid such difficulties as were experienced last year by a number of the firms and individuals who furnished labor and materials for certain bridge, culvert and other contractors, I wish to call your attention to the following:
First—it is to the interest of every one in this county that bridge and highway work be continued though prices for labor and materials are high. It is our patriotic duty to provide employment. Private capital is not going to invest in much of new construction work for a year or so, during which time public improvements ought to be continued in the interest of all. A lack of work may mean low prices. When has the farmer, merchant or laborer prospered when prices were low? Financial panics usually come during times of low prices in labor, materials and food-stuffs.

Second—it is the duty of every dealer furnishing materials and of every laborer to do his best to help to provide better highways and bridges. Dealers can help very materially by furnishing materials at as reasonable prices as possible, and laborers can assist greatly by increasing the efficiency of their services, and all will ultimately profit thereby.

Third—in order further to assist dealers to furnish materials on close profit margins and to protect laborers, I wish to call attention to provisions in the specifications covering concrete bridge and culvert work which

reads, "If the work is of sufficient size to extend over a period of more than one month, the contractor will, on demand, receive monthly estimates based on the proportion of the contract completed and acceptable to the engineer and the fabricated steel or finished material delivered. Each consecutive estimate shall be filed by the contractor as a claim against the county and certified by the engineer and ten (10) per cent of each such estimate plus the amount of any claims filed with the county for labor or materials shall be deducted and held until final acceptance of the entire contract by the board. The monthly payments shall be approximate only, and before final settlement is made on this contract, the board may require the contractor to furnish a list of all persons furnishing labor or materials, with evidence that such persons have been paid in full." Some contractors have worked in this county for years, paying their bills regularly, and in all that time not one claim has been filed against them. But last year some other contractors did not pay and caused considerable trouble. You may feel perfectly safe in furnishing labor or materials for contractors if you but require those whose credit you doubt to settle accounts monthly. In case of their failure to do so it then becomes your duty to notify me or the auditor at once of such unpaid claims in order that we may use the above provision in the specifications. But the claim must be filed before the contractor is paid. If you, at any time, have any large amount due from a contractor whose credit you doubt, do not fail to notify us in order that we may be of service to you.

And last—Highway and bridge improvements now need our very best and most patriotic support. Let us get as busy with business, as we have been with war and, by so doing, help to make this county and state a safe place in which to travel.
Most sincerely yours,
H. B. Fishel,
County Engineer.

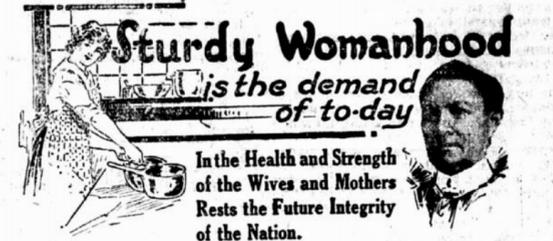
THE SEED CATALOGUES

Brilliantly illustrated seed catalogues may now be seen upon many a living room table in Denison. They cover up those handsome poetry and travel books which you got for wedding presents, but which you never read. The seed books soon show signs of being well thumbed. Many people who never come out with many bushels of vegetables, study these pictures of potatoes and corn and beans for many pleasant hours.

between the Kentucky Wonders and Burpee's Sfringless and all the other standbys that look so grand in the cuts.

The seed man can be forgiven a little camouflage if his redundant illustration entices people from their lethargy into the health giving garden game. But don't send away off to some distant grower when the stores of Denison have specialized on seeds so many years.

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Mrs. Mary Fricke, 507 Bornman St., Belleville, Ill., was one of its victims. She says: "I have weighed as little as 100 pounds. For years I suffered with my stomach, cramps and severe headaches. After reading Dr. Hartman's Health Book, I decided to try Peruna. The first bottle brought good results, but as I was bound to get well, I took twelve.

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SEEDING TIME IS APPROACHING

The thrifty look-ahead farmer is not only careful about the condition of his ground, but he is equally, if not more so, careful in his selection of seeds. He wants good seeds and to get what he wants, he buys from reliable seed concerns.

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