

# 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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### M. T. HANSEN'S HOME

One begins to realize how large a territory Crawford county comprises when one tries to visit a given number of farms in one day, and make a visit at each place. Making a stop every five minutes and calling at a home and possibly walking across a forty-acre field to meet the owner, requires time and you really don't get very far in distance. It is also surprising too, at the number of new places that have been built up within the last year or so. When driving over west of Deloit last Thursday we visited what to us was a new place—that of M. T. Hansen, just two miles west of Deloit, in Goodrich township. This farm has been built up within the last four years and is one of the show places along the road from the old Carl Hansen farm north. The buildings are all modern, well painted, rodded for lighting and the entire place is as neat and attractive as any city home.

The house is 32x32, story and one-half with full basement containing five rooms. The main floor of the home has four rooms and pantry, and the upper floor contains four rooms and closets for each room. The interior is finished in hard pine, well oiled, and the entire house is so designed as to be very convenient, furnace heated and gas lighted. It sets well back from the road and the blue grass lawn shows signs of being well kept, fenced chicken tight, and ornamented with shrubbery and nice trees, while to the north was a nice orchard and ornamental trees. A splendid water system furnished water throughout the home, and the rear porch was made cozy and comfortable because of having been screened, and it was here that we found Mrs. Hansen, busy husking strawberries for a shortcake. Mrs. Hansen is a daughter of Broder Boyesen, and was born and reared in Goodrich township, near the place she now occupies. She is the mother of two bright children, and notwithstanding the fact that she was doing all her own work, we found the children were having every attention and care. Mrs. Hansen is one of the few women who work by clock work, and when meal time comes the meal is ready, and the boys on the farm are supposed to be on hand for the meal or go without. Twelve o'clock with this lady does not mean twelve fifteen.

The large barn, cattle house, chicken house, hog house and double corn crib at this place were all well built and in keeping with the house. All the buildings were painted the same color, and harmonized with the home. The farm comprises 240 acres of land, and the most of it was being worked. In stock Mr. Hansen generally keeps a considerable number of head, and had recently sold 39 head of cattle, which he shipped to Chicago. There were some 40 head of cattle still on the place last Thursday. Then there were about 100 head of hogs of mixed breeding. The Hansens keep a number of mink cubs, and the receipts from the mink amounts to about \$25

per month. Mrs. Hansen raised 300 chickens this season, and they were a nice flock.

From a view standpoint John Fink has one of the best 120 acre farms imaginable. From this place which is almost directly west of Deloit, one can see in all directions for miles and miles. The three Fink boys all live quite near each other. Dan can be old grandfather place south of Deloit, Gene on the home place, just up the draw from Dan's farm, and John on up the road near the school house. John has lived at this place for three years, and is so well suited that he refuses to put a price on the farm for fear some one will want it worse than he does. He has the farm well improved, with a good house, barn 20x40 with room for six head of horses, and 15 cows and hay above; a silo 14x28 with a capacity of 90 tons, a double corn crib 14x28, hog house with cement foundation, and a cattle shed 28x32. He is just now getting ready to build a chicken house which will be constructed out of hollow tile and will be 14x50 in size. In stock John keeps 35 head of Shorthorns, 40 head of Hampshire hogs, and the Mrs. has a large number of chickens. The spring pigs at this place were not numerous this season, as the brood sows suffered with the flu last fall and they did not farrow many pigs. John is working 50 acres of corn and 25 acres of oats and has in five acres of alfalfa. He keeps one man during the busy season, and is getting along as the Fink's always have—fine.

### HOME OF GATES' LEADER

We made it a point to visit the farm of A. J. Siegner, about five miles north and a half mile east of Vail, on last Friday. We had often heard of Mr. Siegner's Spotted Poland China herd of hogs, but Friday was the first opportunity we had to visit the herd. We were lucky in finding Mr. Siegner at home, and after an hour's visit with him, we reached the conclusion that what he doesn't know about Spotted Poland would not make much of a book. The Siegner farm is an ideal place for the raising of a large drove of hogs, the place is so well watered, and so well pastured, the hogs simply live in clover, and bathe in cool, fresh spring water at all hours of the day. The yards lay in such a manner that they drain well, and never get to that point where much mud prevails.

Mr. Siegner has 125 pure bred Spotted Poland, and at the head of this herd is to be found "Gates' Leader," purchased from the well known Spotted Poland breeder J. D. Gates, down in Missouri. This animal weighs now in his working clothes 750 pounds and in his working clothes with little care will tip the scales at 1000 pounds. For a hog so heavy he appears to be the lightest on his feet of any of the several herd hogs we have yet seen. And he is meat all over, one could get several good mouthfuls right down at his toes, and he commenced to fill out right at the root of his tail, and continues to fill until he is measured where the car begins to protrude. His disposition is of the very best; and he is as docile as a kitten, and notwithstanding his great size can put up a pretty good foot race. We put him down as being possibly 60 per cent white although he may run 50-50. He stands right out on his toes, and has a splendid back, and is said to put the spots right where they belong.

In all Mr. Siegner has nine boars, from blood lines of Spotted Big Bone, Gates' Leader, Spotted Mammut, and Abe Longfellow. One boar we took a particular liking to was a March, 1918 pig that measured a full four feet, and was built as though from plaster paris, so round and symmetrical. Hugh McCullough has just purchased this fine boar, paying \$250 spot cash for the animal. And when we praise this particular pig, we do not detract in the least from the others on the place; they were all fine ones, having the size, bone, good backs, color and breeding. As we understand it, breeding is all right, but one must have the individuality. Breeding alone will not win the prize money. Breeding without size and form, and color, will not get anywhere in the show ring. One must have other essentials aside from breeding, and for the Spotted Poland the great claims are for their prolific qualities, their size, feeding qualities and quiet disposition. They are found to be ready to feed from the teat and to be as large at six months as any hog we have had. Admirers of this breed of hogs recommend that after you think they are ready to sell just keep them another sixty days longer, they grow on, for they have the bone and constitution to carry much weight.

We found Mr. Siegner had a large number of brood sows, and among them animals that he could turn for a great deal of money. For instance we were shown one sow that would not do for the show ring, because one day she came in contact with an automobile, yet Mr. Siegner refused a thousand dollars for this very sow. Her last farrow was nine pigs, for which the owner took one hundred dollars apiece for, and she has two litters a year. The Spotted Poland are also noted for the evenness of their litters, and on the average farrow eight pigs to a litter.

Mr. Siegner was confined to his bed for six weeks last fall with flu and pneumonia, and his hogs did not get the attention he would have given them personally, yet he has as fine a lot of young stock as one would care to look at. All the young stuff is so even, smooth and perfect in color, that unless one were an expert in selecting pigs the difference could hardly be distinguished. He is planning on having a sale, possibly the second of October, this year, when an opportunity will be given fanciers of this breed of hogs to obtain some good stuff.

Aside from raising and breeding Spotted Poland China hogs, Mr. Siegner is working 250 acres of land, the

200 he owns and an 80 he is renting from Mr. Sheridan. He has in 110 acres of corn, 20 acres of wheat and 30 acres of oats, and the remainder of the land is pasture and hay. He has 40 head of Herefords and Shorthorns, among them 11 calves. In his work on the farm he has the assistance of a splendid man, and is also breaking in a boy on the cultivator. His sister is assisting Mrs. Siegner with the house work and in caring for the chickens and the milk. Some two months ago a fine young son came to their home, and is claiming protection under the parental roof. There are also three girls, one of whom is called a boy because she likes boys' clothes.

While in the vicinity of the P. H. Sheridan place on Friday last we made it a point to stop and inquire as to how the big incubator was running along. Mrs. Sheridan informed us that she had on that morning just shipped out 300 day-old chicks, and she had many more eggs in the machine, besides a large number of chicks just out. At one time during the present month she had almost a thousand chicks on hand at one time. She says the little writeup that appeared in these columns a short time ago was the means of bringing her numerous letters from all over the country— Iowa, Michigan, Wisconsin, Missouri, and Nebraska—asking her all kinds of questions about her method of running the machine, handling of the orders, etc. The Sheridans have the hollow tile on the place for the erection of a new building for housing a new truck recently purchased.

### SCHLESWIG ITEMS

Miss Hattie Hendsen was tendered an aluminum shower at the home of Thelma Bohrer last Tuesday evening. Many useful gifts were received. The evening was spent socially and a delightful luncheon was served.

Ernest Boock has accepted a position as rural mail carrier on route one to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Bernhard Boyesen.

Miss Virginia Brechwald, of Rochester, Minn., spent the week here visiting her cousins, the Misses Theresa and Helen Rohrer.

Ernest Boock and C. D. Lafrenz were Omaha visitors Friday. They returned in the evening with two Ford touring cars.

Emil A. Boock went to Omaha last Wednesday and from there with several other implement dealers left for Coldwater, O., to look over the large factories and stocks of implements.

Misses Laverne and Lorne Schmidt departed for Rock Rapids, Ia., Monday for a visit with their father, William Schmidt, with his family.

Miss Marie Ratt returned to her home Wednesday.

Miss Alma Bottger is visiting her mother here this week.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Dick Engleking, Jr., Monday, June 10th, a baby girl.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. B. S. Dolan on last Thursday, a baby boy.

Willie Miller, of Bloomfield, Neb., arrived last Friday for a visit with his mother, Mrs. Hy Miller, and other relatives.

Bernard Boyesen has so far recovered from his auto accident as to be out again. After closer examination it was found that no ribs were broken but his back was badly wrenched.

Mrs. Carl Boll and son, John, are spending several days of this week at the Emil Bielenberg home near Ida Grove. From there they intend to go to the Aug Reiniking home at Papillion, Neb., for a visit.

Geo. Davis, the mechanic at Gus Hollander's garage, has resigned his position.

Miss Emelie Boock, of West Side, arrived Monday afternoon to spend several weeks with her cousin, Miss Zanet Boock.

The picnic at the Hanover township Lutheran church was held Sunday and a big crowd attended in spite of the heavy rain Saturday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Reimer and Miss Malinda Reimer autored to Lyon and Sioux counties for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Ed Reimer very pleasantly entertained the C. C. C. club at her home Friday afternoon.

Messames Leaver and Griffith, who have been visiting in Charter Oak, came over for a visit with their sister, Mrs. Chas. Reinking, and family. Both ladies live in the west and are spending several months visiting relatives.

Clarence Kettmann, of near Boyer, visited at the Albert Baker home Saturday. He had just returned from overseas with the 88th division.

Mrs. Ed Firnhaber and two children are visiting at Farnhamville.

Rev. H. Schwenk and Rev. Ed Firnhaber left last Monday to attend the conference at Lidderdale.

Julius Ehlers left for Minnesota to spend some time visiting friends.

Robert Miller has accepted a position as yard man with the Farmers Lumber company.

Jeannette Schmidt has accepted a position in the Bruggen candy kitchen.

Theo. Lohse drove up to Ida Grove last Tuesday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. Matt Jacobson, and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Reimer and Mrs. Emil A. Boock were Denison visitors Monday morning.

The bolsheviks think that if the boot blacks and ditch diggers can only be appointed to run the railroads and factories and the railroad and factory managers appointed to black boots and dig ditches everybody will be happy and prosperous.

Government operation of the railroads and a surgical operation on one's appendix seem to have results somewhat similar as respects the pocket-book.

It is claimed that the legislative bodies have to put in more mirrors under woman suffrage, but anyway the desks are not worn out by the heel nails.

So far the undertakers have not offered any protest against the common use of the aeroplane in daily life.

## DUNLAP ITEMS

Mrs. E. Fleming has been ill the past week, but is convalescent at this writing.

Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Moore entertained a few friends at their home one evening the past week.

The Woman's club at their session last week enjoyed a most delightful afternoon. There was some talk of a picnic but no plans were made for it. Miss Edith Dunham gave a most interesting talk on art and the opportunity that the club ladies had of placing good pictures on the walls of the new school building. Miss Dunham, in company with a friend, had visited the old building and found the condition and class of pictures most deplorable. The club ladies expect to have an exhibit of pictures here later from which a selection may be made.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hagen are making some improvements on their home on Gospel Hill by the addition of a bath and new kitchen accessories, all of which will make their home one of the modern homes of the row.

Walter Hopkins spent Sunday at Woodbine.

The condition of Phil Cronin, who was injured in an auto accident several weeks ago, improves slowly, he is still being unable to leave his bed.

Mrs. C. E. Liscomb visited in Denison last week.

Miss Bertha Hain spent the week end in town, coming from her work in Omaha.

The bible class at the church Monday evening was well attended and much interest shown.

The Children's day exercises at the Methodist church were well attended.

Mrs. R. Moorhead was sick a few days the past week.

Mr. Fowler, of Logan, spent several days in town the past week.

Thelma Bohrer has been camping in the park the past week.

Dr. Ratt and family left by auto the latter part of the week for their home in Ackley after spending a week here at the Pfeiffer home.

L. K. Moore came up from Omaha the first of the week.

Miss Helen Malone, who is attending summer school at Council Bluffs, spent Sunday at home with her parents.

O. E. S. held a meeting last Thursday evening, at which time four candidates were taken in and a fine lunch was served at the close of the evening.

Rebecca and Ellen Moore, of Omaha, have been in town the past week visiting their father, L. I. Moore.

Mrs. Robert Moorhead and children, of Omaha, have been in town to spend the week end at the parental, J. J. Moorhead home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Wettengel and daughters, Mame and Barbara, and son, George, motored to Excelsior Springs Tuesday to spend a month or so in that vicinity. While there Mr. Wettengel will make a trip to Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Smith returned Friday from a visit of several weeks with their children in Minnesota.

Miss Carrie Edwards arrived Thursday from Aberdeen for a visit of a few days at the home of Mrs. Amanda Edwards. She will leave soon for her home in Nevada, Iowa, where she will spend the summer.

The wheel of the Congregational church was entertained at the home of Mrs. I. P. Pounds on Tuesday afternoon with the usual number in attendance. Light refreshments were served at the close of the afternoon.

A son of Mr. and Mrs. L. Lambert was operated upon one day last week for appendicitis and taken to the home of his sister, Mrs. Tryon.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Bowman last week. Mrs. Bowman was formerly Miss Alana Chamberlin.

Some improvements are being made in the waiting room at the Northwest depot.

J. J. Moorhead spent the latter part of the week in Omaha.

Miss Hallene McIntosh, of Ute, spent the past week in town, the guest of friends.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Bailey were passengers east Saturday evening.

A dance was given the new K. C. members at the St. Patrick's hall on Wednesday evening. A lunch was served by some of the D. of L.'s which was thoroughly enjoyed.

Mike Kavanaugh spent several days in Omaha the past week.

Mrs. M. A. Little returned the first of the week from attending the convention at Ames and also visiting at Fort Dodge.

Mrs. C. L. Bols has been in Omaha the past week, where she had her tonsils removed and also visited relatives. Dr. Bols was there also the first of the week.

Andrew Swanz, a tenant living on the George Winans farm in Milford township, is getting ahead, and says when he finds the farm that just suits him he may buy it, but he is in no hurry and will not buy until suited. We found him last Thursday out looking for one of his horses that had broken out of the pasture the previous evening, and he was quite anxious to find the animal, because she was a good one. Mr. Swanz paying a hundred and seventy-five dollars for her last fall. He later telephoned us that he had found her, however, and we would not need advertise. Mr. Swanz formerly lived near Boyer and at Wall Lake, where he is quite well known.

On the Winans farm he has a load of steers he is now running on grass and they will be put on feed this fall, and he expects them to bring him some money. Then he has 98 Chester White hogs, of good breeding, the foundation stock having been purchased from our friend John F. Holst, and Will Cook. He has recently sold \$800 worth and will soon have another bunch ready for the market. On this

place we found 92 acres planted to corn, and there was some wheat and other small grain. Mrs. Swanz's maiden name was Darling and she was enjoying a visit from her niece, Beulah Darling, of Deloit. Her brother, Thos. Darling, has recently returned from overseas, and this was cause for much joy. He returned with the 82d division and was overseas since last July.

Gus Anderson is another tenant who is not worrying. He lives on the Geo. L. Wright farm up north of Deloit, and the day we met him was hauling in to the Farmers' elevator at Deloit five loads of barley. Wm. Ludwig was helping him, as was his son. Gus is one of those happy Swedes, content with what comes his way, and never complaining. The nearest he ever came to making a complaint was just the other day when a land agent brought a prospective buyer for the Wright farm at \$310 per acre, but the manager of the farm had different

ideas and said \$325, or we'll keep the farm.

The McAndrews boys, over north of Vail, have been lucky in securing the services of Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Doling, of Springfield, Mo., to assist with the work on the farm, and Mrs. Doling reports the raising of more than 200 chickens this spring. When we stopped at the McAndrews place the boys were not at home, but we took a view of the fine Duroc hogs to be found on the place, and for which the McAndrews' have become famous. Here was to be found one of the best looking crops of young pigs to be seen in the country. And they were of exceptional color—smooth and lengthy, broad and lively as kittens. The herd hogs were in fine condition, showing that they had been well cared for.

The heated feeling exhibited in congress may not be due so much to the grave importance of the issues discussed as to the fact that election is so near.

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