

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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WORK LIKE VERY OLD SCRATCH

Thomas Michelsen, of Paradise township, and quite well known all over the county, recently made a trip to the cattle at Chicago. The stock was sold as butcher stock and brought a fairly good price. According to Mr. Michelsen, "a farmer must keep on his feet at the time after he gets up in the morning and must make sure that he gets up early enough, if he expects to make a success of the farming and stock raising game."

"In addition to working hard with his hands he must use his head, too," said Mr. Michelsen. "By that I mean that he must employ good judgment and get to study things out; then go ahead and work like the very old scratch. I wouldn't think of feeding steers without following them with a bunch of hogs. It's the only economical method, not only during a period of high prices, but also during a low price era. I have been following this method for the past sixteen years and found that it is mighty good business."

"Yes, I think that stock cattle will be higher in the spring. The western rancher has been drained and will be on the market in order to get stock on his range. In addition the farmers in the middle west will want cattle to keep their bluegrass and other pastures down. I expect a heavy call and would not have shipped recently had it not been that I needed the shed room for the 140 head of steers which I am feeding. I figured that what I needed by keeping my cows and heifers would lose on the steers by keeping them out in the weather."

Thomas is working 1500 acres over in Paradise township. He purchased the big farm from George Jordan some time ago, and has since added many acres to that farm. He has the help of five boys, and they are installed with the same belief the father is, that "to make a success one has to get up early in the morning."

INVENTORY MAKES TAX FAIR

At the present time the farmers are allowed to make income tax returns according to the two methods of bookkeeping. First—receipts and expenses and second, inventories, receipts and expenses. According to H. B. Munger of the farm management department of Iowa State college, the second method is better.

Until very recently only a small number of farmers took an inventory of their property at the beginning of every year and for this reason it was impossible for most farmers to make income tax returns on any other basis than that of receipts and expenses. It is to the interest of the farmer, however, to take an inventory at the beginning and end of the year and also keep a record of receipts and expenses. Such records will enable him to make proper returns for the income tax and will also result in increasing returns by this method will save the farmer money as compared with the receipts and expense method.

The reason for this is that when keeping receipts and expenses and expense method, a farmer's income may be "buried" on account of his carrying over a part of one year's products into the following year. This may result in the higher tax rates becoming operative. If inventories are taken each year and returns made upon this basis each year's business will be taxed during that year. This tends to level the receipts and expense method, and prevents the higher tax rates becoming operative.

WHY PLANT CORN EARLY

Earlier planting of large, productive varieties of corn is frequently much more profitable than the normal planting of early maturing varieties. Proof of this has been obtained in many instances, announces the chief of the bureau of plant industry, United States department of agriculture, in reporting on the results of experiments conducted to demonstrate the practicability and value of the earlier planting of corn. By much earlier than normal planting it has been found that larger varieties can be profitably grown for ensilage in northern localities with much better yields than can be had from the smaller native varieties planted at the usual date.

In the south, by planting small short-season varieties earlier than normal, much earlier maturity can be secured, affording a supply of corn for very early feeding. Many rather soft varieties that rot badly when planted late produce sound corn when planted early in southern localities. The planting of short and long season varieties in winter rows has increased yields where moisture is a limiting factor.

Varities differ, it has been found, in their ability to adapt themselves and their grain production to varying stands. Pacific varieties, when given increased space, have shown ability to increase their grain production much more satisfactorily than have the single row varieties, because of their ability to make up for deficiency in stand.

The studies made by the department specialists have resulted in isolating uniform types within a variety. It has

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been found that so-called varieties of corn are largely conglomerates of many distinct types, and to arrive at basic facts in breeding work it is necessary to segregate these uniform types.

NEW MOVEMENT IN EDUCATION

This week nineteen special schools in agriculture started in Iowa for farm boys and young men fourteen years of age and upward who are not otherwise in school. These schools will run for 10 weeks and are under the direction of Wilbur H. Bender, director of the state board of vocational education and they are conducted in cooperation with the county superintendent of schools and local authorities.

Classes will be held this winter, beginning January 5th, at Cascade, Bernard, Peast, Sherrills and Holy Cross in Dubuque county; Dunkerton, Jessup, Inlet consolidated, La Fayette and Hudson in Black Hawk county; Newell, Sulphur Springs, Truesdale, Alta and Lincoln-Lee in Buena Vista county; Lincolnwood, Sugar City, Malvern and Strahan in Mills county.

Organizers and instructors spent last week at Iowa State college in a review of the field work to be covered by the department of animal husbandry, farm crops, entomology, vocational education, agricultural engineering and the bulletin section.

Two men, Peter Bachman and Wm. Wernimont, sustained injuries last week when preparing to make necessary repairs on a pump on the Anton Wernimont place northeast of Breda. Bachman lost the sight of one eye and Wernimont received two badly smashed fingers, one of which had to be amputated. The men were at work raising the pump from the well with a jack when suddenly the pump slipped back into the well striking the jack and the handle was thrown upward striking Bachman in such a manner as to cause the loss of the eye, while Mr. Wernimont's fingers were smashed by other parts of the pump. Both men were taken to the Carroll hospital for treatment and an operation was performed on Mr. Bachman Sunday. At last reports he was getting along quite well and was not suffering a great deal of pain. The loss of his eye will handicap him to some extent, but outside of that he will soon be as well as ever.

The average breeder who makes a business of breeding and raising hogs of pure breed knows more or less about the business. He knows when a hog is in condition to sell, and he knows what kind of a hog of any particular breed will sell best. The ordinary writer of farm topics is not able to enlighten such a breeder to any great extent. Now and then the said writer may attend a sale or visit a herd of hogs, and pass judgment on the same, but his opinion given from a warm office chair will not have very much bearing on the fellow who actually breeds and raises hogs to sell to other breeders. At this particular season of the year, when the selling of bred sows demands the atten-

tion of the breeder looking for new stock, many writers come forth with any amount of advice as to what kind of a sow sells best, the condition she ought to be in, whether too fat or too lean, how her ears drop, whether she has deep sides, well arched back and toll how warm her home should be at farrowing time, and then warn the seller about getting rid of the scrub, and tells him to cull out the herd. All of which the breeder knows, and has taken the precaution to do long before the said writer has "taken his pen in hand."

County Agent S. N. McKinsey, of Chickasaw county, says that clover seed will be as "high as the moon" this spring. Mr. McKinsey is advising farmers of his county to buy seed right now.

Over at Tama they say "A stream of Iowa hogs out—a flood of gold in." The Cudahy plant at Tama this last week bought 1900 hogs and paid out \$50,000 to the farmers who sold them. In two days 1,025 hogs went over the Cudahy scales, for which more than \$26,800 was paid. Thirteen car loads of hogs were shipped on these two days, and twenty-three car loads was the record for the week.

A profit of \$250 per acre besides a bumper crop has been realized by Frank Van Erdewyk, of Breda, on 26.6 acres of ground that lays just east of the C. & N. W. depot at Breda. He purchased this land three years ago at \$300 per acre and last week sold it for \$550 per acre, the purchaser being Ben Boeckman.

"There is still much speculation as to what will be the result of the increase in the price of Iowa land," says the Storm Lake Pilot-Tribune. "The general opinion seems to be that farm lands cannot come down in price, that good Iowa land may even go higher. There are already a few cases of renters who have moved to town to work by the day because they cannot take the risk of farming on such high rents. If prices stay up farming in Iowa will still pay well. But if they drop it is hard to foretell just what will happen. Improved methods of farming, making two blades of grass grow where only one grew before will do much to solve the difficulty. And Iowa land with its wonderful fertility will continue to pay long after some of the cheap-land drives the renter away."

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LEGAL PAPERS DRAWN

J. W. MILLER, Jr., Cashier, Denison, Iowa

Public Sale!

As I am going to take a position with the Farmers Lumber Co. of Buck Grove, I will sell at public auction on the Fred Hast place 1 mile north of Buck Grove, the following described property on

TUESDAY, JAN. 13

COMMENCING AT 10 O'CLOCK A. M. SHARP

7 head of horses

Grey mare 5 years old, weight 1600; grey gelding 5 years old, weight 1500; black mare 9 years old, weight 1600; black mare 10 years old, weight 1600; black mare 5 years old; span of horses 4 and 5 years old.

32 head of cattle

Twelve cows, some coming fresh in spring; 3 heifers; 9 yearlings; 7 spring calves; one bull calf.

TEN DOZEN YOUNG CHICKENS AND FIVE GEESE

MACHINERY AND MISCELLANEOUS—John Deere sulky riding plow; John Deere stag riding plow; John Deere corn planter with 90 rods wire; 2 Oliver riding cultivators; Badger riding cultivator; 2 disc pulverizers; Tower pulverizer; Superior force feed seeder; 3 section harrow; Cooper bob sled; No. 17 DeLaval separator; 3 sets farm harness; 2 lumber wagons; new hay rack; N. churn and other articles.

USUAL TERMS FREE LUNCH AT NOON

ADOLF BAUR

MALONE BROS., Auctioneers GLEN HEMPHILL, Clerk

PUBLIC SALE!

As I have rented my farm and intend to move to town I will sell the following described property on my farm located in Goodrich township 5 miles north of Denison on east side of river, 1 1-2 miles south of Deloit, 8 miles west of Vail, on

Friday, Jan. 19

Commencing at 10 o'clock a. m. sharp

14—head of horses—14

Black mare 11 years old, weight 1300; sorrel mare 10 years old, weight 1400; sorrel mare 6 years old, weight 1400; grey gelding 4 years old, weight 1400; grey mare 3 years old, weight 1000; black gelding 3 years old, weight 1100; black mare 3 years old, weight 1100; grey gelding 2 years old; 2 black geldings 2 years old; roan mare 1 year old; sorrel mare 1 year old; grey gelding 1 year old; bay gelding 14 years old. Dandy spotted Shetland pony named Muggins, 7 years old, gentle and well broke, with cart and harness.

18 head of good cattle 18

Consisting of 5 extra good milch cows, 1 fresh soon, others fresh in spring; 3 heifers 3 years old, all fresh in spring; red Shorthorn bull; 9 good spring calves.

30 HEAD GOOD THRIFTY SHOATS 18 DOZEN NICE CHICKENS

Stack of timothy hay; stack of oat straw; 1000 bushels corn; 300 bushels oats.

MACHINERY and MISCELLANEOUS—New 7 ft. Deering binder; Advance mower; Moline Good Enough sulky plow; Gretchen corn planter with 80 rods wire; Moline manure spreader; Moline disc cultivator; Moline disc pulverizer; See Saw 6 shovel cultivator; John Deere walking cultivator; Dain hay rake; International hay buck; Sterling feed grinder; Weber fanning mill; Wisconsin gasoline engine, 1 1-2 h. p.; John Deere seeder; 16 ft. drag; 12 ft. drag; harrow cart; Moline wagon; wagon and hay rack; good 2 seated carriage; good single top buggy; bob sled; 4 sets harness; 2 single sets; 2 sets leather fly nets; set single fly nets; new saddle and bridle; hand corn sheller; No. 15 good DeLaval separator. MISCELLANEOUS—Seed corn hangers; Berry's Biddy incubator, 250 egg; some wooden coops; 5 galvanized coops; Estate Oak heater, good; churn; single cot; sanitary cot; couch; book case; lamps; double barreled shotgun; tools; 9x12 rug and other articles too numerous to mention. COME EARLY

USUAL TERMS FREE LUNCH AT NOON

ASA B. BROWN

MALONE BROS., Auctioneers C. L. VOSS, Clerk

Public Sale

Having decided to quit farming, the undersigned will sell at public auction on his place in section 8, Paradise township, 7 miles west of Denison and 2 1-2 miles east of Kenwood, on

WEDNESDAY, JAN. 14th

Commencing at 12 o'clock the following property:

7—Head of Horses—7

Consisting of 1 sorrel horse 14 years old, weight 1400; 1 black mare 8 years old, weight 1200; bay horse 9 years old, weight 1200; black mare 6 years old, weight 1100; 1 grey horse 4 years old, weight 1400; 1 bay mare 8 years old, weight 1300; 1 white pony 10 years old, weight 800.

12—Head of Cattle—12

Comprising 5 milch cows, 1 fresh; 1 bull 2 years old, Hereford breed; 4 spring calves; 2 yearling steers.

35 Duroc Shoats, 2 Purebred Duroc Sows, (Bred)

Three dozen mixed chickens; 500 bushels corn; 400 bushels oats; 65 bushels Marquis old wheat; 2 stacks timothy; 2 stacks clover; 1 stack alfalfa.

MACHINERY—1 wagon; 1 cultivator; 1 manure spreader; corn planter with 160 rods wire; 1 mower; 1 buggy; 1 16 in. riding plow; 1 harrow; 2 sets work harness; 1 set fly nets and numerous other articles.

USUAL TERMS OFFERED FREE LUNCH AT NOON

Jas. A. Grainger, Prop.

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