

# THE FARM NEWS

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# DEPARTMENT

THE NEWS OF THE FARMER AND BREEDER OF PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

## FIFTY BREEDERS ATTEND BANQUET

Breeders' Association of Crawford County Holds Banquet at Hotel Denison Last Friday Evening

SPLENDID PROGRAM IS GIVEN Prof. H. H. Kildee, of Ames, Speaker of the Evening—Various Questions Discussed—Committee on Fair

More than fifty members of the Crawford County Breeders' association, attended a banquet at the Hotel Denison last Friday evening, and the meeting and attendance must have been most gratifying and a source of considerable inspiration to the officers and those in direct charge of the banquet. Relection falls to record a similar meeting ever held in Crawford county, and was the expression of many who attended the banquet that in the future they ought to be more frequent, and that at the next one held the ladies be invited.

The president of the association, Raymond Brown, of near Dunlap, and the secretary, John Quist, of the county agent's office, were in direct charge and the success of the entertainment and meeting was largely due to their efforts. They arranged a suitable program, and were able to have present as speaker of the evening Prof. H. H. Kildee, of Ames, a man recognized all over Iowa and surrounding states as a superior judge of livestock, and a man of long experience in the livestock business. A number of local men were also on the program and each speaker had something to say that really benefited every member present.

At 7 o'clock the members occupied the places at two long tables in the dining room of the hotel, and it was not long before all were doing justice to a splendid dinner. After the inner man had been thoroughly satisfied, Secretary Quist and President Brown, both acting as informal toastmasters, introduced the different speakers of the evening, and Professor Kildee was first introduced. Professor Kildee is a man of much travel, and has perhaps judged as large a number of livestock at various state fairs as any other man in the country. Before coming to Ames he was with the Minnesota Agricultural college, and it was largely through his efforts that the Minnesota institution was so prominently brought before the livestock men of that state. Since coming into Iowa he has been immediately identified with the livestock interests, and at the state fair of recent years has been one of the judges of livestock. He also judged livestock at the Oklahoma and California fairs, as well as in other states. He is a pleasing speaker, and being thoroughly familiar with his subject, interested his hearers right from the start. His strong plea is for more purebred stock on every farm, more cooperation among the breeders, and more interest in the boys and girls clubs. His remarks were listened to with much interest and he was roundly applauded at the close of his talk.

A. J. Barber, of Marshalltown, discussing the question of which was the most profitable, "Sale at Private Treaty, or a Public Auction," spoke in favor of the private treaty sale, and said that a man buying an animal at private sale has a better chance to judge the animal, could buy cheaper and take his own time in doing so; he had no competition, and in many cases he could afford to buy cheaper; he was practically to no expense; did not need the services of an expensive auctioneer; had less advertising expense; no auctioneer's commission; and was in position to give the purchaser a much better price.

President Brown took issue with Mr. Barber and cited his own case in the holding of public sales. Mr. Brown said that he had tried both plans. At the time of his first sale he was pricing bred sows privately at \$30 to \$40 per head. By advertising and getting the bidders to come to his sale he made an average of \$60 per head. His second public sale average was \$75; his third sale \$100; his fourth \$130, and his fifth \$145. The cost of holding the last sale was \$30 per head, selling 35 head. In this expense he paid the auctioneer \$250; the fieldman and

breed paper \$250; Nebraska Farmer and Fieldman \$143; catalogues and cuts \$126; sale pavilion \$75; hired help \$50; local advertising \$33.50; sale bills and posting \$25; hog crates \$50; entertainment \$65. His 35 head of hogs sold for \$16,610.00, and he thought the expenses of selling at \$30 per head very reasonable. Selling at private treaty Mr. Brown said he would not have received \$200 on the average. Sometimes an owner will have a very fine animal in his herd which he knows is good, but does not realize how good until breeders come and enter into competition on the animal. As an illustration he recited that a breeder came to his farm the day prior to the sale, and looked his herd over. When he came to a sow that took his fancy he said, "Mr. Brown I will buy this sow." Mr. Brown told him the sow was catalogued and would go in the sale ring the next day. The gentleman said "I will give you \$1,000 for the sow and let her go through the ring." Mr. Brown refused and the next day after other breeders had arrived and looked the herd over and noticed this particular animal, and began bidding on her, she was sold for \$1,725. Mr. Brown said he had not already advertised the sow for the sale he would have taken the \$1,000 offer. Further on in his remarks Mr. Brown cited another instance. He was showing a "Big State Center," the circulating \$3000 Show, and was offered \$3,000 for her. He refused, saying he was going to have a sale and had her listed. So urgent was the purchaser that before leaving Des Moines he offered Brown \$3,500. Again Brown refused, and in the sale ring she sold for \$3,200. Pushing his argument in favor of public sales, Mr. Barber said he had a cow for sale, and priced her at \$125 at private sale. He repeatedly refused \$115, and placed the cow in the public sale ring. He had a neighbor who bid up to \$115, when he would only give \$110 at private sale.

Discussion of the question was taken up by a number of breeders present, and discussed the proposition that before leaving Des Moines he offered Brown \$3,500. Again Brown refused, and in the sale ring she sold for \$3,200. Pushing his argument in favor of public sales, Mr. Barber said he had a cow for sale, and priced her at \$125 at private sale. He repeatedly refused \$115, and placed the cow in the public sale ring. He had a neighbor who bid up to \$115, when he would only give \$110 at private sale.

Marketing and distributing have been greatly disturbed during the past week on account of the inability of the railroads to move product, and the market quotations, instead of reflecting the general situation, merely reflect a local condition. Receipts of eggs at primary markets are considerably lighter, and very little stock is being placed in storage in the cities.

### SHEEP NEED DRY PLACE

If sheep have a dry place there is little danger in shearing any time now. A barn or shed is essential for a day or two after shearing, unless the weather is very mild. If such a shelter is available there is little danger even in bad weather. Sheep are more or less susceptible to pneumonia at all times if they get wet and cold. The longer the wool the slower it dries out, and hence a shorn sheep is little more liable to pneumonia than one with long wool. Hand power shearing machines are giving good satisfaction. Experiments show that they will take off from one to two pounds of wool more than hand shearing. The sheep are dried with the bright side out, and the tying done with wool twine and the fleece placed in special sacks. The user of hander twine and gunny sacks results in the dock in the price. Wool stored in a damp place heats and discolors.

### START THE CALF RIGHT

Getting the purebred calf started right is half of the battle in producing an animal of good development, says H. S. Stephenson of the animal husbandry department of Iowa State college. The ultimate purpose of a purebred calf is to head a herd and he should be developed to the fullest extent. With this in mind the ration should be rich in protein and mineral matter in order to build frame and bone and not so rich in carbonaceous food which tends to produce fat. An excellent ration for Iowa conditions is equal parts of ground corn, oats and wheat bran, or ground oats and corn and one per cent of old pro-

cess lined meal, with a free access to clover or alfalfa while being allowed to nurse. A calf fed liberally from the beginning will not suffer from overeating. If this plan of heavy feeding plus pasture or silage is followed out throughout the season, the calf will be by all a credit to many one.

### IOWA LEADS IN LAND VALUES

Land values in Iowa are higher per acre than in any other state, according to figures given out by the Bureau of crop estimates of the United States Department of Agriculture. During the past year the values jumped 33 per cent, but contrary to common belief, this was not the greatest increase in South Dakota advanced 28 per cent. Although Iowa is given the credit of the scene of the greatest boom in land as a matter of fact all of the corn belt area has been increasing in value rapidly and other states have Iowa beaten in the rate of increase. Especially the western states as Nebraska and the Dakotas. The eastern states, as Indiana or Ohio, are increasing more slowly. Indiana increased 21 per cent in 1919. This slow increase is often attributed to the fact that the Indiana farmers are not as well organized to sell their products and take less for them and therefore the farmer gets less value from the production standpoint.

Hog cholera is reported to have broken out in Logan township, Ida county, and some of the hogs are dying.

### Men experienced in market conditions

Men experienced in market conditions state that never before has there been so strong a demand for good horses, for such high prices paid in the history of the Chicago horse market. The demand is strong for all kinds, but the preference is much in favor of drivers standing against three hands and averaging 1700 pounds or more. Prices range from \$250 to \$450, depending on the merits of the animal. This condition has prevailed steadily for the past four weeks. Buyers from Boston, New York, Philadelphia and Pittsburgh state that the heavy storms in the east this winter, which tied up all but horse traffic, have influenced transportation users to increase their number of teams, when adding to motive power, so as to be prepared for any other such emergency.

### B. A. Samuelson & Son, Duroc breeders

B. A. Samuelson & Son, Duroc breeders, near Kiron, and owners of Pleasant Hill farm, report the farrowing of 225 pigs this spring all living, and say they have six or seven sows yet to farrow. In an interview with a newspaper man Mr. Samuelson says if he had his way about it the farrowing would take place around the middle of March, so as to have that class of animals of the way by the time spring work opened up. The Samuelson & Son sows ranged from four to fourteen in their litters.

### Small Deposits Grow to Large Investments

By putting away a little systematically each week or month, you are soon in a position to take advantage of investment opportunities.

Farmers State Bank, Denison, Iowa  
A Bank of Service and Safety, Under State Control

JOHN SAGGAU, President ALFRED WRIGHT, Vice-President  
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GEORGE McHENRY, Vice President L. SEEMANN, Asst. Cashier.

### First National Bank

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Capital, Surplus and Profits \$140,000  
and \$1,000,000.00 Assets \$1,138,257.78 Deposits \$1,000,000.00

Interest Paid on Time Deposits. Loans Made on Commercial Paper.  
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We have a complete set of abstract books of Crawford county lands and lots, and make abstracts of title.

We solicit your account on a reciprocal basis. We make five published reports of our condition annually to the Comptroller of Currency and are examined by the National bank examiner twice a year.

### BROOD SOWS FOR SALE

20 Head of High Grade Duroc Jersey Brood Sows For Sale. All bred to purebred Duroc boar, whose litter mate was second prize winner at Sioux City.

WILL SELL 30 TONS ALFALFA HAY NICE, BRIGHT AND DRY ALFALFA

J. H. WILL, Charter Oak, Ia.  
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Three Years Old, Pedigreed and Guaranteed Breeder

Also good Ford Touring Car, 1915 model, for sale

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### 2 PURE BRED JACKS

Season of 1920, April 1st to July 10th

Both Jacks are properly registered and carry certificates of soundness. For particulars see bills or certificates at barn.

TERMS: \$20 to insure living colt. Care will be taken but will not be responsible for accidents should any occur. Service fee due and collectible if owner removes mare from county or disposes of same.

H. G. Newcom  
OWNER  
Deloit

### King of Missouri 7376

Big Type Missouri Jack  
Will make the season at my barn in Deloit, Iowa

Both Jacks are properly registered and carry certificates of soundness. For particulars see bills or certificates at barn.

TERMS: \$20 to insure living colt. Care will be taken but will not be responsible for accidents should any occur. Service fee due and collectible if owner removes mare from county or disposes of same.

H. G. Newcom  
OWNER  
Deloit

### Dr. Sappington 11741

The Big Abbott Jack and

Will make the season at my barn in Deloit, Iowa

Both Jacks are properly registered and carry certificates of soundness. For particulars see bills or certificates at barn.

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H. G. Newcom  
OWNER  
Deloit

### PURE BRED COLUMNS

A Directory Published for the Benefit of Those Who May be Seeking Foundation Stock for Their Herds.

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The Home of Big Type Duroc Jersey Swine For Sale—Choice Fall and Spring Boars  
Fred Knop, Charter Oak, Iowa

ALBERT WEISS  
Denison, Iowa  
Purebred HAMPSHIRE HOGS

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Barred Plymouth Rock Chickens  
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THE RIDGEVIEW FARM  
Large Type Duroc Jersey Hogs  
White Orpington Eggs for Hatching  
Per 100 at farm, \$6; shipped, \$7.

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Four Fall and Ten Spring POLAND CHINA BOARS  
For Sale  
Good Ones

COUNCIL HILL FARM  
Big Type Poland Chinas  
Watch for further announcement

FOR SALE  
Registered Shorthorn Bulls  
Red and roans; one year old and up  
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Pure Duroc Jersey Hogs  
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### HAM

Every family ought to have a nice smoked ham on hand. It's mighty fine to know you are prepared for emergencies. Our new supply of hams just arrived. We have all sizes—large, medium and small, and can save you money whether you buy a whole ham or just a slice. This lot is extra fine. You can take your pick when you come in early.

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Always kept on hand. It's the kind "mother used to make," and we believe it's even better.

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We sell all kinds of canned goods, sugar, crackers, and most everything.

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Millet, Cane, Sudan and Other Seed

GARDEN SEEDS IN ANY QUANTITY. FIELD SEEDS IN SEASON OF ALL KINDS

Feeds of all kinds, including Blatchford's Pig Meal, Calf Meal, Poultry Mash, Oil Meal, Tankage, Shorts, etc.

Salt of all kinds for all kinds of Stock

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