

# THE FARM NEWS

SPECIAL PAGE DEVOTED TO THE FARMING INTERESTS OF CRAWFORD COUNTY



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# DEPARTMENT

THE NEWS OF THE FARMER AND BREEDER OF PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

### OF VITAL INTEREST TO FARMERS

When Wallace's Farmer advises the loyal headed farmers of Iowa to "get into this contest between Senator Cummins and Brookhart and get into it hard" for Cummins is offering sensibly and necessary urgency. The farmers are vitally interested in their interests are either to be considered and protected by them or they must take a chance.

The Iowa Farm Bureau Federation went on record as against the strike and in favor of settlement by a board of court which should see that both labor and capital get justice and a square deal in deciding controversies on their merits and with knowledge of the facts. Cummins is marked for slaughter because he holds the same views because he is against the Plumb plan of turning the railroads over to a board composed in majority of employees, because he is in favor of arbitration of disputes instead of industrial warfare and loss to owners, employees and incalculable loss to the public. Only a few years ago compulsory arbitration was the demand of the unions. It was a just and reasonable demand then. It is quite as just and reasonable now.

The farmers know or should know what a strike does to the agricultural interests. Those who own the 1800 cars of livestock in shipment when the recent strike struck Chicago know what it did to them.

Those whose finished stock remained in their yards know. Wallace's Farmer is authority for the statement that a very careful estimate shows that Iowa steer feeders lost \$275,000 in one week by that strike.

How many millions of bushels of grain lie in the elevators and in cars on sidetracks all over Iowa and in the middle west because of the strike and the car conditions? How badly do we need the money for that crop? Ask the men who seek accommodation at the banks.

Cummins has been a just servant of the farmers of Iowa. He has been the firm and sincere friend of labor. He has sought justice for both and with the understanding of full knowledge of a trained man and an experienced laborer. He has turned against him in reprisal because he disavows strikes that affect public welfare and calls to the farmers to assist in the throat cutting by helping to elect an anti-strike platform. Upon a radical and socialist platform. Do the farmers favor the platform and the purpose and a candidate who perhaps cannot carry his own county or any office in the state?

Farmers generally trust Wallace's Farmer. It is an honest advocate of farm interests and farmers. They will do well to follow the advice of this reputable farm journal when it addresses itself directly to them thus:

"The level headed farmers of Iowa should get into this contest between Senator Cummins and Colonel Brookhart, and get into it hard. Senator Cummins stands for law and order, for justice between employer and employee. He stands for arbitration and no strikes before they happen. Colonel Brookhart stands for the opposite. His support comes from those radical labor leaders who want no interference with their efforts to stir up strikes and disorganize transportation. If Colonel Brookhart should be nominated he would just stir up more trouble—and he has had enough of that. Let us go out that Iowa farmers are in favor of the Plumb plan. That would reopen the whole question, and there is no telling when we would get back to normal conditions. We dare not take such a chance.

This is a busy time on the farm, but the Iowa farmer can afford to spend just as much time as he needs to see his neighbors and make sure that they understand the real issues in this contest. And he can afford to spend all day June 7th in getting out the farm vote.—Marshalltown Times-Republican.

### AID FARMERS, THE CALL

Appealing to the people of the various cities of the country to aid the farmers harvest their crops this summer. Secretary of Agriculture E. T. Meredith declares that without such aid there is serious danger of a food scarcity next winter. Handicapped by a combination of circumstances over which he has no control, the American farmer is doing his utmost to meet the food demands of the country. Because of the handicaps, chief among which is the shortage of labor, the farmer is forced by the necessity of curtailing his production unless aid is assured him. For this reason the secretary appeals to the city business organizations and student bodies throughout the country to pledge themselves to send large numbers among them out to the farms this summer and help the farmer gather his crops.

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### IOWA LAND WORTH \$63 AN ACRE MORE

That Iowa land increased in value \$63.00 an acre during 1919 is shown by a report of the United States department of agriculture that has just been issued. To report states that the land boom in this state was part of a general increase throughout the country, but that it was decidedly more pronounced here than elsewhere. Land throughout the United States averaged an increase of 21 per cent. In Iowa the average increase was 32 per cent. While there were a few sales at unusually high prices, less than 5 per cent of the land sold brought more than \$400 an acre. Sold to general belief, the report adds, less than 10 per cent of all farms in Iowa changed hands during the boom. Farmers constituted 65 per cent of the purchasers and only 56 per cent of the sellers. About two-thirds of the increase in value on farms bought and resold during the boom was appropriated by residents of towns and cities. According to surveys, it was impossible for any but the exceptional farmer to realize how closely the problem comes home to them. With the exception of the packing centers, the cities of the country have on hand at any time only enough meat to feed them for perhaps four days. They have only enough flour to last a few weeks. Their vegetables and fruits come in from day to day. Practically everything they eat is only a few days, or at most, a few weeks, removed from the farm. Whenever there is a shortage of production it is almost instantly reflected on the people of the cities.

"Right now we face the danger of such a shortage for next year. Curtailment necessarily means curtailed food production, and without adequate acreage, not alone is there a shortage of 30 per cent in the supply of hired farm labor the country over, but farm work is greatly behind because of the backward spring. Even with the best possible season from now until harvest, those two things, shortage of labor and late spring, mean a curtailed production. And food scarcity is a menace to national prosperity everywhere. High wages would mean little to the city worker if he can not buy food except at famine prices.

"The curtailment of immigration alone during the war has been sufficient to make a deep cut in the normal supply of labor of all kinds. With what occurred in an emergency that faces the country, as grave in many respects as that which faced us during the war, and calling for the same degree of patriotic response."

### KICK FORCES EYEBALL FROM SOCKET

Chris Peterson, a well known farmer residing near Ida Grove, met with an accident last Friday that makes his chances for recovery doubtful. Mr. Peterson has suffered from a tumor located near the right eye, and has visited specialists, including the Mayo, to obtain relief, but none would attempt to remove it, giving as a reason that the tentacles were grown to the brain, and to attempt to sever it would cause death. Friday he was assisting about the barn yard and stooping over to unlith a trace attached to a drag one of his sons had been operating, the horse kicked him on this tumorous growth and the latter forced the eyeball out on the cheek. He was taken to a hospital in Ida Grove and the doctors in charge realizing the seriousness of the accident, hesitated to take the tumor out. It was pushed back into the socket and a specialist from Sioux City called, and while Mr. Peterson is resting easily, the outcome of his injury is still in doubt.

### SHIPPERS GETTING RESULTS SAYS KNUTE ESPE

"The Iowa Livestock Shippers' association has made arrangements with Iowa packers to receive stock shipped from members of the association from any place and any time," says Knute Espe, president of the organization. This action followed a conference between the packers' representatives and the officials of the association held in Des Moines. Previous to this meeting local shippers were having trouble with their shipments, being able to send them only when a local agent of the packers was present to buy.

"This is one of the many benefits we are getting for members of the association," says Mr. Espe. "We are now working on the car shortage problem and rural credits for Iowa. We have Martin Sar, the secretary, working full time in the state and are very anxious that every shipper become a member. The membership fee is \$10.00 and a tax of \$1.00 per car of stock shipped to pay expenses of the organization.

"We are working on uniform by-laws so that every local society can be on an equal basis. At present we have uniform record blanks for managers of local associations. These were formerly furnished by commission houses but can now be gotten by addressing Mr. Sar at Ames."

There will be a meeting of the executive board in Ames at Iowa State college during the semi-centennial celebration, June 6 to 9.

"This will be an important meeting," says Mr. Espe, "as we have some necessary work to do."

W. H. Prater, of West Side, was a caller at this department Thursday afternoon. Mr. Prater is preparing to have a splendid sale of bears on October 6, when he will offer a number of head of fine Durocs to the buying public. His herd is doing fine, and he says the animals can not help but attract attention this fall. He has 125 spring pigs, 35 winter pigs, and a number of fall pigs.

All records for Aberdeen Angus cat sales, and all other sales of livestock in Iowa City, were shattered last week, when Julius Tudor & Son disposed of sixty-six head for \$16,000, an average of \$237. The first fifteen head averaged \$4,856, bringing \$72,550. The banner of the sale was a \$14,000 deal by W. Plummer, of Marshalltown, purchasing Perret, a Trojan-Erie Euclyptus animal of high degree.

### CAN WITHOUT SUGAR IT'S POSSIBLE

In these days of high priced sugar and then hard to get, it is possible for the housewife to can her fruit in the sour state and take a chance of sweetening it later on.

According to the home economics department of Iowa State college the place of the sugar syrup can be taken by hot water. To make a success of the canning the fruit should be put up the day it is picked if possible. See that the jars are thoroughly sterilized as the fruit will tend to spoil sooner without the sugar than with it since a syrup often makes a concentration too heavy for bacteria to work in. Pack the fruit in the jars, pour boiling water on it and then process in a boiler, if the cold pack method is used. Seal the jars and put in the dark.

Later on when the fruit is opened up it can be sweetened and will answer the purpose of real sweetened fruit since no one can tell the difference.

Farmers Bulletin No. 839 gives full particulars for all fruit and can be obtained free to any one interested.

### ALBERT PITHAN BUYS JONES FARM

Harry Jones decided that the proper time to unload his farm a mile north-east of Charter Oak had arrived, so he listed it with Schleswig parties for sale. Last Friday the deal was closed with Albert Pithan by which Mr. Pithan becomes its owner next March when the rest of the transfers are made.

The farm is one of the best in this part of the country and Mr. Jones declares that he left a good margin in it for Mr. Pithan, as it will sell for more money before the year is out. It is located on the Ricketts road, near St. Paul's cemetery. It is well built up, both in buildings and soil, and lies well. It has a county road past it, and this county road will be the first one paved in this section when the paving is begun.

For many years it was owned by Carl Hansen and occupied by Marvin Nedermeyer. Then Mr. Hansen sold it, and now it has changed hands again. Mr. Jones does not know yet what he will do, but will probably play safe and buy a smaller farm.—Charter Oak Times.

## PURE BRED COLUMN

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

- IDEAL DUROC HERD
  - The home of Big Type Duroc Jersey Swine.
  - For sale: Some great herd boars prospects of popular breeding.
  - Fred Knop, Charter Oak, Iowa
- ALBERT WEISS
  - Denison, Iowa
  - Purebred HAMPSHIRE HOGS
- CHESTER WHITE HOGS
  - Barred Plymouth Rock Chickens
  - Baby Chicks in Season
  - P. H. SHELDON
  - Vall, Iowa
- MAPLE GROVE STOCK FARM
  - Clair Nicholson, Prop.
  - Purebred Hampshire Hogs
  - White Embden Geese Eggs
  - Phone 7-B
  - Postoffice, Route 2, Denison
- SUNNYSIDE STOCK FARM
  - Ray H. McCullough, Prop.
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  - Young Stock for sale at all times.
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  - C. A. Christiansen
  - Route 6
- COUNCIL HILL FARM
  - Big Type Poland Chinnas
  - Watch for further announcement
  - Route 5
  - CHAS. SPECK
  - Denison, Iowa
- W. K. DOBLER
  - Vall, Iowa
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