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THE NEWS OF THE FARMER AND BREEDER OF PURE BRED LIVESTOCK

FARM BUREAU MEETING

WEDNESDAY
At a meeting held in Ames on last Wednesday by the members of the executive board of the Iowa Farm Bureau federation, the second gun was fired in the statewide membership drive campaign, which will be put over in the state on Tuesday, October 12.

Representatives of the farm bureau federation from all over the state met with E. C. Cunningham, secretary of the federation, and Muri McDonald, county agent leader, and the campaign for the drive was thoroughly gone over. The drive is the biggest thing that has ever been attempted by any farm bureau organization and will be put across by the 15,000 township cooperators in the 49 counties in the state. The drive will be supplemented with a huge publicity campaign over the state and the slogan which was adopted at the meeting is "Every farmer a member." It is the belief of the heads of the federation that no member will fail to cooperate and get a member on Wednesday, October 12.

Preceding the drive district meetings will be held over the state by Mr. McDonald and Mr. Cunningham, which will be attended by the presidents and county agents in their respective districts.

A meeting of the Crawford County Farm Bureau will be held in Denison today.

HARRY WEST AND AUSTIN FITZGERY OFFERING

During the past week the writer of this department paid a visit to the Harry M. West herd of Poland China hogs up in Sac county. We were lucky in finding Mr. West at home, and he was busy grinding feed, using a big Case tractor as power for his grinder. He was grinding corn and oats, making a feed for his herd of Polandas. Mr. West and Austin Fitzgery, of near Wall Lake, will hold a combination sale at the West farm 2 miles north of Boyer on Friday, October 1, when they will offer for sale 32 head of big type Poland China hogs. This sale will commence at 2 o'clock and a good dinner will be served at noon. When we say "good dinner" we speak advisedly, for we have been privileged to take dinner at the West home in times past, and for this occasion Mrs. West is planning right now—getting peaches, plum jelly, apple pie, salads, all kinds of vegetables and meats, and oh, such bread—say you fellows plan to attend the sale, whether you buy or not. The dinner will get a taste of Mrs. West's cooking. We'll put John H. D. Gray on the witness stand; he'll swear that he never had a better meal than the ones he had at Harry West's. Jim Duncan, the auctioneer, used to high class meals in the city, will tell you he never had a better meal, served in better style, more of it, at the Fontanelle in Omaha, or any other high class hotel. He'll be a partook of it at Harry West's last winter. "Bill" Shaw, the dean of farm news writers, over at Odebolt, used to cutting at every farm house he can get an invitation will back up all we say about Mrs. West's cooking. Mrs. West is a graduate of the Denison Normal and Business college and aside from her good cooking is a great help to her husband in carrying on his business. Harry is also a graduate of the Denison Normal college and has a most kindly feeling for Supt. W. C. Van Ness. The walls of the West home are adorned with pictures of the Denison Normal buildings, members of the faculty and the class pictures. But since leaving school Harry has been into a good line breeder and raiser of good hogs. He went about it in a systematic way, and bought for his foundation stock some of the best blood lines of the breed and when the sale gets under way on prospective purchasers will find some cracking good stock in the offering.

Here is some of the offering: First, let us introduce the herd boars—West's Orange Model, one of the largest boars of the breed. He is a March yearling, and stands over 41 inches high, 30 inches long and has a 10 1/2 inch bone. He was sired by Molly Jumbo, a sire said to be the best pig ever sired by the grand old boar. Blue Valley Bob, the best boar pig ever sired by the Blue Valley stock farm. Improver's Best by Big Tom, champion of the Iowa state fair in 1918, and out of Molly Jumbo by Imperator; Iowa John by Davis' Ringmaster; Mammoth by Big Bone Wonder. In the offering are 2 by Blue Valley Bob out of a daughter of the Conqueror; 3 by Blue Valley Bob out of a granddaughter of Orange; 1 extra good one sired by Sparra's Big Bone Wonder. In the offering are 2 by Blue Valley Bob out of a daughter of the Conqueror; 3 by Blue Valley Bob out of the top sow in Harrington's 1919 sale; 3 out of top gilt in Harrington's 1920 sale, and sired by a great son of Smooth Big Bone; 4 fall boars out of Iowa John; 2 February 5th pigs out of Molly Jumbo; 1 by West's Orange Model, and 17 other spring boars. This combination sale is one to attract attention, and if in need of a good sire send immediately to either Harry West at Odebolt post office, or Austin Fitzgery at Wall Lake post office for a catalogue, and read the big ad to be found in another part of this paper. Crawford county buyers planning on attending the sale, go to Boyer, and then two miles north, and you'll not miss the place. The auctioneers will be J. E. Duncan, A. S. Tequist and James McLaughlin. We'll represent the Review at the sale.

HOGS WEIGHING MORE THAN YEAR AGO

At nearly all the largest markets of the west the hogs that are coming in now are averaging heavier than at this time last year, according to reports from the markets. This is notably so at Omaha, Kansas City and St. Louis. The market map reflects in this respect the crop and farm conditions that existed during the latter part of 1919 and the first half of the present year.

The following table indicates the official average weight of the hogs at each of the leading western livestock markets during August as compared with the preceding month and the corresponding month last year:

	August, 1919	July, 1919	August, 1918
Omaha	282	266	255
Chicago	250	242	251
Kansas City	210	205	193
St. Louis	188	182	178
St. Paul	241	231	256
St. Joseph	237	230	237
Sioux City	257	250	265

The annual Swine Feeders' day at the Iowa State college experiment station has been set for November 11. That is armistice day also, and John Evard who will be in charge of the swine feeding demonstration, says that in attending the demonstration farmers will be celebrating because the hog had a good deal to do with bringing about the armistice which ended the war.

SIEGNER'S SPOTTED POLAND CHINAS

The Review has just finished printing of a sale catalogue for A. I. Siegner, of Vail. Mr. Siegner will hold a public sale of Spotted Poland China hogs at the state fair, October 6, at which time he will offer 32 head of spring boars and 20 open sows and gilts. In Mr. Siegner's announcement he says: "In presenting the breeders and farmers with an catalogue of my second Spotted Poland China sale, I feel confident that I have catalogued some of the best individuals that will be offered at auction this season, and I think I have in this herd at this time some of the best herd boars that you will find anywhere. Gates Leader is a wonderful hog and breeder. The kind they are all after. English Wonder is a wonderful breeder and is the hog that I gave \$1,000 for at six months old. I think I have some real herd boars that will look good in any herd and the gilts will look good in any sale next winter. I would like you to plan to spend the day with me and inspect my herd whether you buy or not, for think you will like the hogs after you have looked them over. Mr. Siegner is now in Sioux City where he is showing a number of head at the Interstate fair. It will be remembered that he took a number of good pigs to the Arion fair, are those who look at his hogs at that fair were loud in praise of them. The Siegner sale will be held at the pavilion in Vail, and those coming from a distance will be entertained at the Wallace House. Lunch will be served by the Ladies' Guild. The auctioneers for the sale are Chas. Taylor, Joe Shaver and A. H. Linker. Clerk, W. A. Maguire. Terms are cash. All the hogs are immune, having received the double treatment and each individual is guaranteed."

The writer was out at Mr. Siegner's place on Thursday of last week and looked the herd over. The three herd boars are some of the best of the breed. Spotted Mammoth 2d is a boar 16 months old and weighs 160 pounds. He was sired by Spotted Mammoth, dam Spotted Miss. To appreciate this boar one must see him. English Wonder is another fine boar. This is the animal that took \$1,000 to buy; he was sired by Duke of England, dam American Girl. He is the producing kind. Another boar, and one that will be sold, is Gates Leader, farrowed March, 1916. He is one of a litter of 10, was sired by Big Spot, dam Garrard Fancy. It is claimed by Mr. Siegner and others that Gates Leader is one of the leading boars of the breed, and the first in class at Omaha in 1917, and sire of junior champion boar and sire of young herd which won second and was one of the best four boars that won the stock yards trophy at the state fair. No doubt many lovers of the Spotted Poland China breed of hogs will attend the Siegner sale and purchase stock. See the ad in another part of this paper.

On another page will be found an advertisement for B. W. Hunt in which he calls attention to his sale of pure bred Jersey cows. The sale will be held on Monday, September 27, at Voller's barn in Denison, and there are 40 head of boars, sows and gilts offered. The herd is headed by Grand Pathfinder by Trailfinder and dam, Queen's Queen. Grand Pathfinder is Hunt's new herd boar. He is of the long, high up kind, with a good bone, and is as smooth as an apple. He is a real Pathfinder and is going to develop into a large hog. Great King Orion by Great Orion, dam Lady Top Col. is the boar Mr. Hunt has used the past two years, and he has proven himself to be a good individual. In making his announcement Mr. Hunt says he is putting into his sale the tops of his herd, and further says that you will not find any better sows than he is offering. There will be 20 head of fall and spring boars and 20 head of open sows and gilts. The females are in excellent breeding condition. The offering is sired by Royal Wonder, Grand King Orion, Long Model, Grand Pathfinder, a Great Wonder I Am and other good boars. Every animal is guaranteed as representative in the catalogue, and should they prove not to be may be returned to Mr. Hunt, express prepaid, and the purchase price will be refunded. Auctioneers are H. J. McMurray and Malone Bros., and the clerk is the Bank of Denison.

We call attention of lovers of the Chester White breed to an advertisement of Seth W. Johnson, which will be found in another space of this issue. Northwood Farm, Mr. Johnson's home, and where he keeps the Chesters, is one of the fine homes of Sac county, and a place where everything is kept in ship shape, and in sanitary condition. Mr. Johnson has been raising Chester White hogs for some time, and now offers at private treaty some of the real good blood of the breed. Parties desiring to raise Chester Whites can have their pick from 130 head on the Johnson farm. These are sired by sows of the Chester breed as some correction by Acme King, and Johnson's Girl, by Harvey's Gant. They have the desired stretch and length and excellent bone. Read the ad in another part of the paper.

J. K. Bremner, of near Vail, was in town last Saturday and favored this department with a call. When hauling his son's pigs to the Arion fair an endgate to the truck was lost. Mr. Bremner inserted a small want ad in the Review and offered a small reward to the finder. The endgate was found and Mr. Bremner was saved the price of a new one at a very small expense. He and his son, Irvin, are much pleased at the success they merited in winning at the state fair and also at the Arion fair. Irvin showed the Hampshire pigs and they were much admired.

W. K. Shaw, fieldman and farm editor of the Odebolt Chronicle, was a caller at this department on Monday morning, and inquired the way out to Charley Speck's and to E. F. McAndrews'. Mr. Shaw is covering considerable territory for his paper and is doing a good work, and the readers of the Chronicle ought to appreciate his efforts. He is a good man in the right place, and no doubt Editor Rambler realizes this, and keeps him on the job.

C. A. Christiansen was well pleased with his winnings at the Arion fair, but is more pleased, and was all smiles during the fair, because of the arrival at his home of a fine daughter. The young miss made her appearance Friday, August 27, just a week before fair time, so that Carsten was able to attend the fair.

J. F. Byrnes, of section 22, Milford township, has just had erected on his place a fine silo. It is known as the Keystone silo and is 12x35 with a capacity of 100 tons. It is made of reinforced concrete and is substantial.

CHAS. SPECK'S POLAND CHINAS

Senior Champion Boar, Chas. Speck Junior Champion Boar, Chas. Speck Grand Champion Boar, Chas. Speck Junior Yearling Boar, Chas. Speck Senior Boar Pig, Chas. Speck Junior Boar Pig, Chas. Speck 4th. The above are the winnings made by Chas. Speck at the Arion fair held just recently. Mastodon Designer by Designer, by The Chasman; dam Fashion Jane, by A's Mastodon, is responsible for the winnings, and proved himself to be the best Poland China boar on the grounds. Mastodon Designer is destined to make Council Hill Stock Farm famous throughout the land. His sire, Designer, sold at Florence some time ago, establishing a record price, \$10,000. Mastodon Designer was bred by Fred Hassler, of Manning, and sold to E. P. Saggau, of Denison, at a long price. When Mr. Saggau retired from the business he sold the pig to Chas. Speck at a still longer price, and now Mr. Speck should be offered this wonderful hog for sale at all, could get way up into the thousands of dollars for him. We would not be at all surprised to wake up some morning and learn that Speck had sold Mastodon Designer for \$20,000 or \$25,000. A look at his breeding and at the individuality of the hog would lead one to this belief. His get is sure marked and one can go to the Speck farm and pick out a Designer pig without any trouble whatever. Speck has a litter farrowed August 25 and each pig is an exact likeness of the sire. Long bodied, fine headed, good ears, arched backs, as limber as kittens, they are certainly a fine litter of pigs, and they stand up on their toes just like a real top dancer. We ask the Poland China breeders to keep their eye on Mastodon Designer; he'll be heard from yet, and at a big price.

Mr. Speck is getting ready for his big sale, which will be held in Denison, Saturday, October 24, when he will sell 40 head of boars. In the offering will be found a fall boar by Quartermaster; 7 spring boars by Mastodon Designer; 7 spring boars by Mabel's Jumbo Chief; 2 spring boars by Quartermaster; 2 spring boars by Gertsdale King, and 7 by King L.

Look for Mr. Speck's ad in another part of this paper, and remember the date and attend the sale. It is one of the best Poland China offerings of the season.

Leonard Staley, of near Charter Oak, is using space in this issue telling of a sale of purebred Poland China hogs that he will hold at Mike Opper's pavilion in Charter Oak on Thursday, September 30. The sale will start at 2 o'clock p. m., and the offering consists of a number of head of purebred Polandas. Included in the sale is Tom Improver 383397, a two year old proven boar of first quality. Then there are six spring boars by Tom Improver, nine fall boars by A's Long Big Chief, one fall boar and one spring boar by Liberty King and two spring boars by Timm Jumbo. All of the offering is of the big type and of course all are registered or eligible to register. Papers will be furnished with the hogs. Fieldman who have looked the bunch over say they are all good boned, long stretchy fellows, good enough to head any herd. The usual terms are given. Wm. Henry, of Ute, is the auctioneer. Farmers and breeders living in the Charter Oak vicinity should plan on attending the sale.

FOR SALE
Big Type Chester White Boars
Of March Farrowing, Weight About 200 lbs.
They are high and stretchy fellows with good bone, the kind you will want at a price that will suit you.
Pedigrees Furnished
ADOLPH MOELLER
Four Miles West of Denison

Does Winter Wheat Pay?
A farmer near Denison reports a yield of 28 bushels of Improved Kharkove Wheat to the acre which was sold to the local mill for \$2.55 per bushel, or a total of \$71.40 per acre. This wheat is being offered for Seeding Purposes at Cost
Place your order early as the supply is limited.
Doud Milling Co.
Denison, Iowa

THE SALE SEASON AT HAND

The printing department of this "great household necessity" is just now finishing the third livestock catalogue, all turned out during the past week. We have orders booked for a number of other similar catalogues, and will get them out on time, and when promised. The Review has taken extra pains and gone to extra expense in preparing for this class of work, and there is not a printing plant in the country where any better work can be done at the price we quote. In the state. The Review has a faculty of keeping good men on the job. Just as an illustration, a good pressman can take most any kind of a cut and make a good job of it, but a poor pressman can make the very best kind of a cut and make a poor job of it. It's all in knowing how, and the Review is paying a man just for "knowing how," and his cut and presswork will compare with any similar work done in the city. If a customer wants a color job we can give it to him, just as good and cheaper than he can get the same work in the city.

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STATE NEEDS SEED CORN

Iowa is still in danger of a seed corn shortage, although there has been a marked improvement in the ripening weather during the past weeks. Seed corn weeks, September 20—October 2, will see considerable corn ripe enough to pick if properly handled, say the farm crops department of Iowa State college.

In many places corn in the northern section is far in advance of the southern parts. Farmers who ordinarily have their seed picked by the middle of September have found their fields without a dented ear at the usual picking time.

Seed at time of picking this year will be high in moisture—possibly 50 per cent. Precautions for proper drying must be kept in mind. Moist corn that is not husked and hung to dry the same day as picked will mould. Protection from frost while drying is necessary for the vitality of early picked corn can be damaged the same as corn in the field. A building that may be well ventilated during the day and closed at night affords a safe place for storage.

A seed corn cart will lessen the labor of early selection. If material for a small one horse cart is not available sacks should be used. Enough good seed for an ordinary sized farm may be picked and stored in two days—the most profitable ones a farmer can spend this fall. It is a good plan to select seed corn for two years. Twenty-five bushels of early selected seed corn should be the Iowa farmer's goal.

USE CARE ENSILING SOFT CORN

Soft corn will not delay the filling of the silo and the ensilage made from the soft corn will have good feeding value just the same. Says John M. Eward of the Iowa Agricultural Experiment station.

The best kind of corn for a silo is that which has hard kernels and with the lower three or four leaves dried and the husks beginning to turn brown.

This year, however, in Iowa there is probability of considerable late maturing corn. This can be used in the silo if properly handled.

Be sure that the corn is chopped fine, allowing pieces no larger than one inch to be put in the silo, says Mr. Eward. Pack the ensilage very thoroughly, especially around the sides. Add water but be careful not to get too much. A good way to overcome this is to have an opening at the base of the silo and watch for the water to come out there. As soon as the silo is filled this hole should be closed or a bad spot will be in the ensilage.

One of the younger breeders of the county is Leonard Lingle, who lives a couple of miles north of Denison. He is breeding Poland China hogs, and is using space in this week's paper telling about his first annual sale that will take place in Denison at the Voller's pavilion on Wednesday, September 29. At that time Leonard will offer 27 head of big type Poland China boars for the public's approval. Twenty-six of these are spring boars and one is a yearling boar. Some of the best Poland China blood goes in this sale, and the yearling boar is Giant Jumbo 395623. A full brother to Giant Jumbo's sire won junior champion at the National swine show in 1917. This shows the breeding in the Lingle herd. This sale will give the farmers of the community an opportunity to purchase some truly big type Poland China stock, and there ought to be a good attendance at the sale. Malone Bros. are the auctioneers and H. E. Mote will clerk.

John Grant & Son, of Preston, claim to have a hog of some size. Grant's Great Giant, at the age of 2 years and 6 months has reached the enormous weight of 1100 pounds without a pound of superfluous flesh. To gain an adequate idea of the literal size of this animal measure along the wall a distance of eight feet and ten inches. This represents the length of the animal from between the eyes to the root of the tail. Then measure forty-six and one-half inches from the floor and you have his height. The owners declare they have refused \$50,000 for the hog.

Poland-China Boars For Sale
Farrowed in March and weighing from 150 to 175 pounds.
Herd boar in service, Col. Jack
JOHN SMITH,
Phone 1412 Denison, Iowa

A. I. SIEGNER'S SALE SPOTTED POLAND CHINAS
50 HEAD 50
30 Boars 20 Sows
Vail, Iowa, Wednesday, Oct. 6

I am selling 30 head of outstanding spring boars and these are the best I have ever offered at public auction. They are sired by the great boars, Gates' Leader, English Wonder and Sensation Leader. These boars have been well grown and they are out of the very best sows I have on my farm.

I am also selling 20 head of exceptional spring gilts and these are full sisters to the boars that I am selling. My foundation stock was purchased from the very best breeders in this country and I am offering nothing but the very best. Everything that I am selling in the sale is immuned with the double treatment. If you want the best that the breed affords then make it a point to come to my sale. Catalogue now ready. When writing for it kindly mention The Review. Address

A. I. SIEGNER, Vail, Iowa
Cols. Shaver and Taylor, Auctioneers. M. T. White, Fieldman

