

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

PETER BRUHN, FARMER AND STOCK RAISER

Twenty-five years ago Peter Bruhn was mixing mortar for Adolph Huebner in Denison. Today he is an independent farmer and stock raiser and owns 465 acres of as fine land as lays out of doors, and he made it all starting with a six thousand dollar capital, and paying attention to his business. Twenty-five years ago Peter Bruhn went out into Soldier township with \$6,000 and purchased a 100 acre farm for \$40 per acre. He commenced to work; he worked early and late, he saved, he soon bought another 160 adjoining his farm. He stocked the farm with good hogs and cattle and horses. Carl Evers and son, Louie, later county treasurer, went out and built a house and barn, but up a chicken water, a hog house and installed a water system. Still Bruhn continued to work hard. Mrs. Bruhn worked hard. A couple of years ago Peter purchased another farm a half mile to the west, in Soldier, adjoining the Monona county line, the best farm in the neighborhood, paying \$180.00 per acre for it. Today he is independent, has hundreds of head of hogs running on his place, feeds many cattle, keeps many horses, and only last week hauled to the market six sows that weighed an even 3,000. He has left on the place 30 head of brood sows, the lightest one of the bunch weighing not less than 400; he has 200 spring and fall sows, and in August sold 21 head of cattle that averaged 555 pounds. All this to show that if Peter Bruhn had stayed in Denison he would probably have still been mixing mortar.

Mr. Bruhn was married in 1891 to Miss Mary Fick, who at the time was doing the housework for Mrs. Estracy Broderman. She is the mother of ten children, seven boys and three girls, and they are all good children; two of the girls are married and have homes of their own; the boys are still at home and help carry on the farm. On the 320 acre farm one finds a large house conveniently arranged, and ample for the large family; a horse barn of great size, where 14 head of horses are kept; and hundreds of loads of hay are stored on the second floor; there are two big hog houses, four chicken houses, a garage for three cars; double corn cribs; feeding floors for the hogs; machine house, big cattle house, granary, supply tanks and yards galore. Sixteen milk cows are milked twice daily, a fine Polled Shorthorn bull was purchased from August Lochmiller at Denison; purebred Poland China and purebred Hampshire hogs have the run of a large alfalfa pasture. Six hundred chickens and 40 ducks are looked after by Mrs. Bruhn. On the place to the west there is a fine large house, and other buildings, and some time when the boys find wives, Mr. and Mrs. Bruhn may move to this place and spend their days in just so well deserved. Any of his land could be sold for from \$450 to \$500 per acre. Peter doesn't get over to Denison very often, but when he does come he finds many friends who are always glad to see him. We acknowledge a number of fine pumpkins, a number of heads of cabbage, and some of the finest and largest potatoes from the Bruhn farm.

We had the pleasure of a visit with Theodore C. Blume in section 12, Hanover township, on last Thursday. Mr. Blume is president of the Crawford County Farmers' Union, and with that office and the superintending of his farm, he has his hands full. Mr. Blume keeps the Polled Durham cattle, and has stock from the old John Reigert herd as well as the Henry Meyer herd. He is milking 17 cows at this time, and the receipts from the cream amount to considerable. Mr. Blume has always favored the Poland China breed of hogs, but one of his sons has taken a liking to the Yorkshire, and purchased a good brood sow from a breeder up in Minnesota, and this sow farrowed some good pigs. They are long, high up and thin, and are fine as a bacon hog, and the kind the packers are after. The son showed his sow and litter at the Arion fair this year, and Mr. Blume has almost been won away from the Polands because of the Yorkshires. The Blumes keep a Buff Orpington chickens and have a large number. The day we called Mr. Blume had unloaded a part of a new pumping outfit; that is the truck and Jack had arrived, but he had word from the dealer that the engine would be delayed for some 50 days yet. There are four daughters in the Blume family, and they are intelligent young ladies. Miss Clara is teaching the school here, Miss Clara received a salary of \$35.00 per month. Miss Clara and Pertha are taking music lessons in Denison from Miss Slander and the other two sisters, Mary and Rachael, are taking violin lessons from Miss Kinney.

Wm. Kemming is still content to remain on the farm, do all his own work and even do the housework and cook his own meals. He says the right woman has not come along for him, and he hesitates at his age, and after having lived for so long and is not looking for a helpmate. He enjoys caring for his livestock and has 12 head of high grade Aberdeens, each one having a name, and trained to come at the master's call. A Scotch collie dog makes a companion for Mr. Kemming, and is a valuable dog. For instance when the master desires the milk cow, he merely says the fact to "Snooks" and the dog goes down in the pasture, picks out the cow from the herd and brings her home. Thirty head of good hogs are on the Kemming place, and will soon be prepared for market. William owns 80 acres, has it all paid for, and is one of the most contented citizens of Hanover township. His land is in section 11.

Fred Nemitz, of section 8, Hanover township, has been enjoying a visit from Aug Rasch and Frank Wiese, of Ft. Dodge, during the past week. Mr. Nemitz is one of the substantial farmers and stock raisers of Hanover, where he has lived for a long time. He has a well improved farm and raises all kinds of considerable livestock. During the summer he took the contract to build up the public highway to the east of his farm, and he has made a splendid roadway.

F. Fredericksen, of section 3, Otter Creek, township, was busy last Friday sawing up a lot of wood. He and his sons had a big buzz saw hooked up to a Fordson tractor, and they were getting a fine supply of wood ready for cold weather. Mr. Fredericksen is a son-in-law of Claus Bielenberg, of Schleswig, the grand old man who divided all his real estate some time ago and gave it to his children. The 160 where Mr. Fredericksen is living cost him \$1, and it is a fine farm. Mr. Fredericksen also owns a fine 160 acre farm across the line in Ida county, and also owns an eighty in section 6, of Otter Creek township. He has lived on his present farm for the past 28 years, and has raised a family of fine boys who are helping with the work. When he wanted a purebred boar he went up to B. A. Samuelson & Son and paid \$125 for one, and he has never regretted the expenditure. He has on the place 200 spring and fall sows, and a load of feeding cattle. For the heavy work he keeps a Hart-Parr tractor and also has a separator of the size of 27-42 and does his own threshing, and also does some for his near neighbors. His father, K. M. Fredericksen, who lives in Schleswig, is 88 years of age, still active, and takes much joy in visiting among his children. One of the sons, Emil, lives on the 80 acre farm in section 5 and a sister keeps house for him. On this place one finds some good Duroc blood also, as well as a number of big work horses.

This department is indebted to E. S. Metcalf for a number of fine peaches of his growing. The peaches were allowed to ripen on the trees, and the flavor was delicious. Mr. Metcalf has demonstrated that with proper care peaches of a superior quality may be grown in Crawford county. He has 53 trees on his place, all bearing more or less fruit of the very highest quality. These trees are three years old.

STORE THE CORN WITH CARE

Corn which did not become thoroughly dry this fall, due to the frost stopping growth prematurely, can be cribbed so that it will be as good as other corn, according to an Iowa experiment station bulletin. The farmer can sort out the soft patches, husk them separately and then crib the corn in a place where the ventilation is extra good. Then the corn will dry into good marketable corn.

First husk the corn clean, removing all husks and silk. Next take out any ears that are mouldy or extremely soft. Then place the corn in a crib which is well off the ground. See that the alley of the crib is open so that air can circulate freely. The more air the better. Corn that is full of moisture should be housed under a roof since it needs no more moisture. If the corn is very full of moisture placing ventilators in the crib running horizontally with the crib through the center will carry off much moisture. Proper ventilation, says Mr. Eward, will save much corn this fall.

W. F. Kahl, of section 20, Morgan, has a new hog house that is equipped with 18 pens and built of hollow tile blocks. The building is also equipped with a number of sunlight ventilators, and has a large runway. Mr. Kahl has 170 head of hogs, and purchased his herd boar from Frank Marr.

No one has as yet thoroughly explained how you can have a good campaign parade on a prohibition basis.

Fred Knop, the purebred Duroc Jersey man over northwest of Clarior Oak, is mourning the death of his fine boar, Iowa Cherry King, the animal he purchased from Grant Hockett, at Manning, a year ago, and for which he paid a thousand dollars. The hog had been taken to the state fair, the fairs at Avoca, Harlan and Arion, and after arrival home began to fail in health and died last week. A week before his death Fred had an opportunity to insure him for \$1,500, but let the chance go by and is now regretting it. He has some splendid get of this great boar, however, and the hog doesn't owe him anything. At the Sioux City fair Fred won second on aged sow, sixth on junior yearling sow, fourth and seventh on futurity litter, fifth on futurity gilts and sixth on futurity boar. He said the competition was the strongest he had ever been against. A boar pig sired by Iowa Cherry King was exhibited at the surrounding county fairs and at Avoca won first, at Harlan he was given third and at Arion first. Ideal Sensation, the hog with a million dollar legs, is looking at his best right now, and some of his get will be offered at the Knop winter sale.

John Schmidt lives in Schleswig at present, but he has purchased an 80 acre farm in section 15, Morgan township, and we found him working at the basement, preparatory to building a new house. When this home is completed he will move from Schleswig and take up farming. His new house will

be 24x34, and will face to the east. It will be conveniently arranged and will make a most comfortable home. A new barn and other buildings are to be erected, and it will be long after the cold weather sets in before all the improvements are made. He placed a good well at 24 feet deep, and this is in readiness, and will furnish water for the masons. Mr. Schmidt gave \$320 per acre for the 80 acres, and it's well worth it. He is going to start in the purebred hog business too, and intends to keep Hampshire as he thinks that breed the most hardy. From now on Mr. Schmidt will read the Review, as he had us enroll his name among the many subscribers of Morgan township.

After paying fines for overspeeding, the motorist becomes indignant at I. C. of L.

GIANT PROSPECT 68893

Will Sell at Dunlap, Iowa

Tuesday, October 19, 1920

Owing to inability to get settlement I still have this boar on hand and he will be sold to the highest bidder no matter what he brings. He was bid off at \$1775 at my sale last spring, and is bigger and better than he was at that time. Come and get a real herd boar at your own price.

Giant Prospect measured 71 1/2 inches long and stood 36 inches high at the age of fifteen months; being the longest hog of the breed for his age. He is all one could desire in a herd boar; great length; high up on straight legs and the very best of feet. He was third prize pig at the Des Moines state fair 1919 in a class of 40 and many breeders thought he should have been first. He also got first in Hamilton county fair in a class of 20 and first at Crawford county fair in class of 9, also junior champion. He sired first prize boar pig in boys' and girls' pig club at Des Moines. This pig was good enough to go to head the herd of Buren Anderson, of Storm Lake, Iowa. Look him over sale day—you cannot help but like him.

This fine animal will sell in the fall sale of Raymond E. Brown, at Dunlap, Iowa, Oct. 19, 1920.

Yours truly, JOHN F. HOLST, Jr.

W. A. McHENRY, President SEARS McHENRY, Cashier
 GEORGE McHENRY, Vice President. L. SEEMANN, Asst. Cashier.

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36 HEAD 36 HEAD

Of Brown's Big Type Chesters Will Sell at Dunlap October 19th

Why Not Buy The Best While Buying?

SECOND PRIZE AGED BOAR at NATIONAL SWINE SHOW 1920 Topnotcher 59841 is the sire of 15 Spring Boars and 5 Spring gilts that will sell at the farm 1 1/2 miles northwest of Dunlap, Ia., Oct. 19th.

We are putting the best we have in our herd in this offering of 36 head which consists of 20 spring boars, 5 Fall boars 1 Jr. Yearling boar, 5 spring gilts and 5 fall gilts. Will sell four boars whose granddam was "Big Nettle 2nd" the Grand Champion Sow at the National Swine Show 1919. She sold for \$3200 in my bred sow sale last spring. These four boars sired by "Topnotcher."

Come and look Topnotcher over. He took SECOND at the "National Swine Show" this fall in the strongest show the breed has ever known. He is good. He has no weak points. Built right from the ground. He is a rustler. The best-footed Chester White boar that walks. Has an 11 inch bone at the smallest part of his leg and measures 72 inches from between his eyes to the root of his tail. This boar made my bred sow sale 1920 the top sale of the season. Sows bred to him in this sale averaged \$515. Every fall this spring brought me letters for pigs sired by "Topnotcher", but have reserved everything for this sale Oct. 19th. Plan to take hold of this great breeding. A boar is said to be 3-4 of the herd. There is no quicker, better way for a farmer or breeder to build up and improve his herd than by an investment in a good boar. You will have a different herd in 6 months by wise investment in a good boar. Buy the best while buying—it will pay you.



TOPNOTCHER NO. 59841

Also will have on sale a Jr. Yearling boar who is good enough to head the herd of any of the foremost breeders of the United States. He is owned by Jno. F. Holst and was sold in his Dispersion Sale last spring for \$1700, but on account of Mr. Holst being unable to obtain settlement from the buyer, had to take him back, and he is now going to let him go, no matter what the bid is. Here is a chance for a wide-awake breeder. This fine hog was the sire of the First Prize Pig at the Des Moines State Fair, shown by the Boys and Girls Pig Club. He is proven a breeder.

Other sires of this offering are Dunforth's Giant, the \$8,000 boar; Giant's O. K. Alfalfa Wonder and White Elephant.

Terms—Cash or its equivalent.

Guarantee
 Every animal sold is guaranteed to be a breeder. If any prove otherwise and if I am notified within 60 days after the sale a satisfactory settlement will be made with the purchaser, or the entire purchase price will be refunded if the animal is returned in as good condition as on day of sale.

Immune
 Entire herd has been immuned by double treatment.

Auctioneer and Clerk
 Col. C. C. Evans, North English, Iowa; M. J. Griffin, Dunlap, Iowa; Clerk, J. P. Barrett, Dunlap, Iowa.

Fieldman
 Jas. R. Moore for Chester White Journal, Rochester, Ind.

LOCATION: Sale will be held at farm 1 1-2 miles Northwest of Dunlap, Iowa. **Sale to start promptly at 1 o'clock.**
ENTERTAINMENT: Breeders will find free accomodation at the Elber Hotel, Dunlap, Iowa. **Lunch served at the farm at 12 o'clock.**

COME!