

# Delaware County Farm Bureau

## THE FARM BUREAU MEMBERS.

During the past week the following members of the Farm Bureau have been elected to the Drainage District: F. L. Durey, Geo. Durey, Orris H. Albert, R. H. Davey, Harry Berg, W. T. Heyden, Henry Gerber, Peter Schuster, D. J. Schmitt, H. Runkle, Wm. Welsh and H. A. Zier.

Other requests have come from Chaplain, Hopkinson and J. C. Smith. These will be taken care of in the near future.

The Farm Bureau is interested in the drainage project over the county as it is a big factor in re-organizing the farming industry and placing it upon a more efficient basis. Other Farm Bureau members in the county who have drainage problems will do well to file their application for assistance, with the county agent.

## POULTRY CULLING.

The Farm Bureau will start its work of poultry culling demonstrations, beginning the first of July. Farm Bureau members who have not seen their names for this work should do so at once, in order that they may be included in the routes which are now being perfected for the various townships.

It is now a good time to get the rooster and assist in the production of eggs, of better quality, than will keep during the hot summer season.

## FINANCING THE WOOL BUSINESS.

A plan is now being considered in the Chicago financial circles, co-operating with the Western Wool Growers, to establish a fund of \$100,000,000, with which they hope to finance the farmers in the west and mid-western states, who are producing wool. It is very vital at this time owing to the fact that there is a tendency to destroy the wool market. Large manufacturers are not buying, and the price offered for wool is ridiculous. If the present plan is perfected, Chicago bankers will displace the Boston banks in financing the annual wool clip of the country, thereby making Chicago the nation's wool center. And since the farmers of the mid-western and western states are shipping their wool to Chicago markets, and holding same in their name until purchased by the manufacturers, it is very evident that they will control the wool market of the country.

## COW TESTING ASSOCIATIONS.

The June report of the Cow Testing association has just been received at the Farm Bureau office. This report indicates that Marshall county Association ranks first in the ten highest cows. Each of these ten highest cows average a milk production of 1737 pounds of milk testing 62.7 pounds of fat on the average. Dallas county ranks second with an average of ten highest cows being 1441 pounds of milk, testing 67.7 pounds of butter fat. One of the testers reported that in Winona county they have just completed a year's record on a four year old Holstein, which made 11,000 lbs. of milk, containing 368 pounds of butter fat. This is a just a good producer. It is very important at this time that provisions be made for keeping the cows in milk flow during the summer season and throughout the period when the pastures are depleted. Additional pasturage and acreage should be secured on a seeding of some forage crop, such as cane or milo or sudan grass, which could be planted to the livestock to assist in maintaining the milk flow. It may become necessary on many farms to continue the green ration as the pasture becomes depleted. Once the dairy stock are allowed to decrease the milk flow is rather hard to establish it again.

## SWINE DEPARTMENT.

Providing for Warm Water. An adequate supply of good, fresh water for the hogs during the summer season is as important as feed itself. Running water is not available in many places. Cattle tanks should be kept for them in a cool shaded place. Swine consume a great amount of water during the summer season, especially while on feed. Best results can be obtained from the shaded lot where sufficient amount of fresh water is available. Second very essential factor in the pig lot is plenty of shade. Where this is not already provided in the hog lot a temporary thatched roof may be provided. This may be supplemented by a wallow made of cement and filled with water from time to time, providing a place where the swine may get cooled off. Some farmers have even gone so far as to provide such a wallow with a thatched shading to keep the water cool. Now that we are approaching the warm part of the summer season, it is very essential that the fat hogs be taken care of properly. It is not uncommon to have excessive hot days to have such animals succumb to the heat.

Growing Pigs Need Forage Crops. Not many farms are provided with alfalfa or a good clover field where the wine may feed. Growing pigs in particular need a large amount of protein and mineral salts for their

counts on maintenance of horses. Mr. C. B. Reed and Jessie Tyrrell were self-developed. The two crops just mentioned are quite valuable from this standpoint. Where these are lacking provision should be made to provide plenty of forage for the growing pigs, and in fact, it will pay to provide same for all the swine. A good mixture that may be seeded at any time is as follows:

One bushel each of oats and barley, with four pounds of rape. This may be seeded in a lot close to hand which is used for a hog run. It is preferable to establish two or three such seedings so that the pastures may be had a number of times. In this manner, a large amount of forage can be provided throughout the summer season, and if not pastured too closely, will provide a large amount of feed.

The ration in this forage mixture provided the protein which is very necessary to the growing pigs and helps to build up the ration for the older hogs, which are being fattened. Furthermore, some farmers may find it advisable to produce as much pork on forage crops as possible owing to the fact of the uncertainty of the markets. The feeding of grains should be studied with the utmost care and wherever possible, grain should be provided with the pasture ration at hand, which is always some form of forage crop. The ranking of forage for the production of swine are as follows.

Alfalfa, clover, several mixtures of seeding containing rape and blue grass.

## MID-WEST STATES FEDERATIONS MEET AT AMES.

Representatives of the Farm Bureau State Federations of twelve mid-west states met at Ames recently for the purpose of outlining a plan whereby the selling of farmers' products in these states might be pooled with particular stress being laid upon the selling of wool and grain.

The purpose of this new movement is to place the farmer in control of his own market rather than have it controlled under the present system or being subject to the distastes of speculators and those who wish to gamble with his products. A start has been made in this direction in the state of Illinois, local business men, farmers, co-operative organizations, elevators, etc., having co-operated in a wonderful manner to assist in this movement.

The big idea is to provide adequate storage facilities in the elevators of the primary markets so that all available grain which is sold by farmers, may be stored there until there is adequate market at the great consuming centers. This will do away with the present method which is so very costly to the farmer, by which the farmers' grains go to the primary market or local elevator, is then sold to a large market sometimes controlled by speculators who will manipulate the market as they wish and where the farmers' products are held for final distribution. This may necessitate a re-haul from the central market, past the farmer's own local township to some neighboring city where the products have been purchased. It is not uncommon in the county of Delaware to have some farmer ship a car load of grain to Chicago and at the same time farmers in another section of the county are purchasing corn from the Chicago markets. This wasteful system of long hauls and improper distribution must be changed. Farmers should obtain this margin of profit. It will be a big boost for the farmers' organization if they can perfect a system by which the farmers, like any other business men can establish a business on a cost-plus basis.

## COUNTY FAIR GROUNDS IN NEED OF ADDITIONAL BUILDINGS.

In order that the farmers of the county may understand the need of new equipment at the county fair grounds, an investigation has been made by the County Agent to ascertain just what is needed to make the Delaware County Fair the greatest county fair in the state.

There is need for a cattle barn and pavilion where judging may be done on rainy days and where sales can be held throughout the year. A central sales pavilion for the county is a great asset, not only to breeders, but to the farmers themselves, in that they can attend these sales and see what kind of livestock is being produced in the county, and to purchase breeding animals, from time to time.

Farmers in other counties have considered sales pavilions such a vital factor in the production of livestock that they have contributed amounts as high as thirty and forty thousand dollars for the construction of such buildings.

A new cattle barn in the sales pavilion is needed very badly at this time. It is evident already that there will not be room for the livestock in the present building, which will necessitate the renting of tents as was the case for the last two years. Tents are very unsatisfactory in that there is much danger from storms and the destruction of valuable breeding animals. Thousands of dollars worth of livestock are placed on exhibition in order that people of the county may have an opportunity to see first-hand

the individuality of breeding animals in the county. This is not only a great educational feature, but a business proposition for the farmers to have a opportunity to inspect stock.

Since 1917, \$690.00 have been spent for rental of tents for exhibiting livestock. This money is practically lost as there is nothing at present to show for it. Had this amount been expended towards a permanent structure, it would have been of lasting benefit.

The proposed plans for a new sales pavilion, calls for a seating capacity of five to six hundred people. This would furnish an excellent opportunity to provide a place for a speaker on agricultural subjects, during the fair season or any other time of the year. Also for the showing of moving pictures or educational films and conducting livestock judging contests for the boys and girls of the county. Various other activities will suggest themselves from time to time when such a building is available. It is also proposed that this building be equipped with modern toilets, rest-rooms and sleeping quarters which would be a great asset to the County Fair. These conveniences are a vital necessity for the comfort and pleasure of farmers and their families during the fair season and every farmer should be willing to contribute a small amount towards the building and maintenance of such conveniences.

The new sales pavilion and cattle barn of which plans have been secured after inspection of several such buildings over the state, will cost in the neighborhood of \$9,000.00. Buchanan county has recently raised \$13,000 for the erection of such a building. Clayton county has raised \$25,000 and Blackhawk, \$50,000, and various other counties have contributed towards the erection of buildings of this character. Farmers should appreciate the fact that the fair grounds belong to them and to no one else, and that they should be willing to contribute something in addition to gate receipts towards the maintenance and up-building of such institutions. It is to estimate the value of the county fairs in terms of dollars and cents as the educational features involved in the county fair are beyond estimation.

The secretary of the county fair was interviewed relative to the financial standing of the Society, and we are pleased to give the following information for your consideration.

A recent appraisal of the present value of the fair grounds and equipment, which consists of 32 acres of land, and buildings, valued at \$35,000. The present indebtedness is \$6,200. There has been a total of \$6,250 of stock sold of which \$3,000 was raised in the city of Manchester. Every cent of money secured from consignations, gate receipts, grandstand receipts, etc., go into the payment of premiums, and pay off the indebtedness of the Fair Society. Last season the Fair Society put on a number of summer dances in the dance pavilion which netted \$482.00. This money was used in installing ten new toilets under the grandstand and women's rest room. \$465.00 secured for the rental of the sales pavilion during the past season has been placed in the county fair fund. Some funds which have been secured from dances and entertainments, held in the Armory at the County Seat, have gone towards the support of the county fair grounds.

The secretary of the Fair Society, has indicated that if the farmers of the county will raise \$6,000 that the business men of the county will raise the balance needed for the erection of such buildings. It is proposed to raise about \$450.00 in each township. This apportionment divides up the responsibility and also gives everyone in the county a part in building up the county fair. Remember, this is your county, and your county fair, and should be to everyone's interest to assist in these public enterprises. If the buildings are to be built this year, it will be necessary to have the funds raised and in the bank by the tenth of July. In a few days solicitors will canvass your district, so be prepared at least to hand him a \$5.00 bill.

be of considerable value to this committee.

These men will report to the institute this fall, the result of their findings. In regard to dairy feeding, markets were considered the greatest problem. The feeding problems will be taken up through the institute while cost accounts will be undertaken in regard to producing dairy products. Geo. Griffith was selected Chairman of the committee, to work out cost accounts in milk production. In regard to cattle, cost accounts will also be kept by R. E. Chase and J. Barr, who have agreed to determine the cost of producing cattle. This committee will also report at the institute.

In poultry production, equipment, diseases and non-producing poultry were considered the main problems, in which was agreed that better houses, sanitation and culling were very essential in meeting these problems. The committee to work on poultry has not as yet been determined but is likely that it will consist of Mrs. Baskerville, Mrs. Ross Chase, Mrs. Tyrrell and Mrs. Tibbitts will assist in the promotion of the poultry work in the township.

The County Agent then presented the plan for perfecting a county exchange, for the purpose of pooling the buying power of the county, in the purchasing of supplies and also in the selling of farm products. It was voted that this work be undertaken by the local Farm Bureau as one of its larger problems. The final committee for the promotion of this work will be determined in a future meeting.

President B. E. Fitzpatrick regretted that more farmers did not attend this business meeting, such meetings being very important if the farmers are going to work out the problems that are affecting farm business.

## COLESBURG AND MALLORY TOWNSHIPS HOLD MEETING.

A large gathering of farmers from both townships met at the Colesburg Consolidated school on Saturday afternoon, June 19th. The main subject for discussion was the road situation in that district, as all the enterprises of that district are determined by the road problems.

Several speakers appeared on the program and rendered allotted subjects well. The result of this meeting indicated that the farmers are all agreed that the road problems should be solved and that work should begin at once by the committee. Through the efforts of the program committee and others, who have been working on the road problem in that community, several others were suggested. One committee to work on the question of gravel, one on the rock, committees on finance and another to post themselves on county, state and national laws affecting road building. These committees are to report at a meeting to be held on July 17th, at which time the farmers of the community will be informed as to the progress of the work of the committees.

It is hoped that some tangible work be undertaken before the school opens this fall. These Farm Bureaus through their co-operation, have set an example for other Farm Bureaus in the matter of studying their local needs, and adopting some one problem and solving it. The culmination of the road problem in their community will pave the way for many other community enterprises in the future. The men who are instrumental in promoting these enterprises are to be given considerable credit for their interest and ability in meeting the situation.

## FARMER'S EXCHANGE.

FOR SALE. Some bulls of serviceable ages, sired by Beau Donald 37th 344567. Very reasonable prices.—E. E. Boxwell, 2 miles north of Manchester.

4 Shorthorn bulls, (1 herd bull—3 yearling calves).—Louis Koelker, New Vienna, Bremen township.

2 Shorthorn cows, with calves at foot.—E. J. Woerdhoff, Earlville.

Hogs. 15 Duroc Jersey sows; good individuals; farrow within three weeks.—Fred Briggman, 7 miles South of Manchester, Iowa.

3 pure bred Duroc Jerseys; bred to Sensation, farrow in August.—Harry Quinn—1½ miles west of Edgewood.

4 pure bred Hampshire boars; age 6 months.—Wayne Frissell, 4 miles N. of Manchester.

Duroc Jersey sow and litter. Several holstein cows.—E. M. Newcomb, Manchester.

Chester White boar, registered yearling; 300 pounds; \$50.00.—Charles Becker, Manchester.

MISCELLANEOUS. One 14 year old mare; good work horse. Sell reasonably.—William Brauers, Masonville, 5 mi. N.

35 Rhode Island hens; good laying strain. 1.65.—Clyde Keith, Hopkinton, Iowa.

FOR RENT. 320 acre farm on shares. Good buildings, 3½ miles south of Edgewood.—Chas. Robinson, Greeley, Iowa.

WANTED. Holstein bull.—Paul Hawker, Ryan, Iowa.

Sow with pigs.—Harry Crippen, Delhi, Iowa.

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Mrs. George Elliot of Judson arrived here Wednesday.

Minnesota, for a couple of weeks visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Judson Steefer and other relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Cocking were in Fayette, Monday night to attend commencement. Their daughter Clara being a graduate in the Department of Music.

Mrs. Kramer called on relatives in Strawberry Point, last Sunday.

Frank Welterien and a bunch of boys went into Chicago, the first of the week and drove home eight new Fords.

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Brown were here from Spencer Tuesday and Wednesday. They were guests in the John Walton home, the ladies being sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans were in Fayette, last week.

Miss Evelyn Donner of Dubuque, visited in the Pilgrim home last week.

Misses Pearl and Elizabeth Robbins came home from Dubuque the first of the week.

Mr. Phil Wandell lame home Thursday from a trip to Chicago.

Mr. N. E. Hindeal was called to Gault, Iowa, last Tuesday by the death of his sister.

Ed Putz went down to Dubuque Friday night to remain over Sunday and attend the Laymen's retreat.

Mr. and Mrs. John Wandell are here from Waterloo and will spend the summer months with his mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Noble went to Waterloo Thursday to spend a few days with the former's sister.

Mrs. James Cross came home from Sioux City Thursday bringing with her, her daughter, Mrs. Helgerman, who is just out of the hospital.

R. J. Bixby was in Chicago last week to attend the convention.

Mrs. Henry Wiley spent the last of the week with her sister at Littleport.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Peick Jr. and children were callers in Elkport, Thursday evening.

A shower for Mill Hazel Pilkington was given at the home of Martha Cooper on Friday evening.

Dr. Fritz was here the first of the week, from Dubuque, and assisted Dr. Gray in operating on Charles Winkstein.

Mrs. Dick Way spent last week with her daughter in Dubuque.

Mrs. Ardell Duncan served the wedding feast at the McDermott-Hennessey wedding on Cox Creek last Tuesday.

## GREELEY.

Jeane McCray spent a day with his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Cornwell.

Mesdames Bloodworth, Jno. Lash, and Winifred Lash were guests at the Wm. Odell home one day last week.

Mrs. W. A. Brown is in Dubuque, this week, her daughter will return with her.

John Griffith has had new peas from his garden.

Mr. and Mrs. Massey have returned from a short visit at the home of their son, at Hampton.

Miss Meisel, of Chicago is visiting with her friend, Miss Martha Kuhlman.

Mrs. Curran, of Elkport, was here to care for her daughter, Mrs. Bernard Fitzpatrick.

The O E S has adjourned for the months of July and August.

Miss Vanita Griffith was in Cedar Rapids, Monday, where she purchased a saxophone, and took her first lesson.

Mesdames George Griffith and Wm. Odell were in Manchester, Monday.

Mrs. Josie Brandt returned from Sioux City, Tuesday. She brought a part of her household goods with her and sold the rest.

Miss Myrtle Walters is visiting her sister at Postville.

Mrs. Ed Fisher is painting her house.

Miss Charlotte Thomas was in Dubuque, Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Seeley, of Waucoma, was a guest of Miss Minnie Hilsenbeck, this week.

M. Thomas, son Charles, Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas spent Sunday at the Fred Peick Sr. home in Edgewood.

Mrs. Frankie Goss was in Manchester last week taking lessons on a pipe organ. She is organist in the church at home where a new pipe organ has just been installed.

Miss Nettie Lash returned from a visit in Manchester, Monday.

John Culbertson is on the sick list. Ed Ward, of Dubuque, an army pal of Mark Croyle, at Camp Cody, and who was sent over seas and was discharged in May, has been a guest at the Croyle home. He intends to enlist in the army for another term.

Mr. and Mrs. Floyd Noble rejoice in the birth of a son at their home in DeFunct Springs, Florida.

Lincoln, Vadah, Nellie and Emily Odell and Florence Kresensky drove to Iowa City, Saturday to see Miss Florence. They had a break-down at North Liberty. Will Welch went after them in the old trusty fliover.

Miss Bessie Slater is visiting friends in this neighborhood, and expects to leave for her home in Kansas, soon.

Mrs. I. C. Odell is much better.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Schneider returned from a visit in Lansing, Monday.

Mrs. B. E. Farwell has a spot of poisoning on her head.

Mrs. Amanda Bloodworth is here this week packing her household goods.

Little Bernard Fitzpatrick, Jr., was kicked by a mule, Saturday, necessitating several stitches.

Mrs. T. B. Armstrong visited in Scotch Grove this week.

Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Sweet are attending Old Soldiers' Reunion. Mrs. Carrie Tyrrell is keeping house for them.

J. C. Matthews and W. J. Wroughton were in Strawberry Point on business, Wednesday.

A. A. Chapman was shearing sheep near Manchester this week. Forty sheep in one day, and shorn by hand, is not a bad record. Mr. Chapman has been in the business for years and always is wanted the next year after they see his work.

Ed Combs and family spent Sunday at the Henry Hilsenbeck home.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Blanchard and sons, of Strawberry Point, visited at the J. M. Lillibridge home, Sunday.

The friends of Mrs. John Martin gave her a surprise birthday party, Tuesday. Picnic dinner was served, and all enjoyed the day very much.

Mrs. Jennie Noble is visiting her son at Brookings, S. Dak., and making the acquaintance of a new grandson.

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## EDGEWOOD.

(Last Week's Letter.) Mrs. George Pilkington and sister, Sara Shaw, were in Fayette Tuesday, making preparation for the latter to attend summer school.

Last week Chas. Peters purchased hardware store from Tibbitts and Afield.

Mr. and Mrs. Myrwin Peters have bought the restaurant business from Croyle and will get possession next week. Mr. and Mrs. Peters will commence housekeeping in the rooms over the restaurant.

Mrs. Claude Firman and son Bruce were here from Elkader spending a couple of weeks with home folks.

The Hatfield Bros. are cleaning up the ruins from the fire and will erect

a new harness shop in the near future. Hesser and son are also going to auction off the old blacksmith shop, and erect a new opera house on that corner.

Chas Todd made a business trip to Chicago, last week.

Dr. Newman, wife and son, and Miss Mary Newman are enjoying a weeks vacation at Fort Dodge, Buffalo Center and Clear Lake.

Miss Ruth Forward was at Cedar Rapids last week attending commencement exercises at Coe College.

Mrs. Royal Firman visited her brother and sister at Charles City last week.

Mrs. Ada Reed from Kansas City, and Mrs. Jay Peltier of Plainfield, Ia., were called here last week by the ill-

ness of their mother Mrs. Jane Robinson, who suffered a stroke of paralysis last Monday and has since been in a rather serious condition.

Mr. Tom George of Monticello, was a caller in the Pilkington home, Monday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Bert Fretress and little daughter and Mrs. McGarvey left the first of the week for Dubuque, where they expect to make their home.

Jim Mitchell and sister Mayme Robbins are now living in the house recently bought by Ed Putz.

Chas Tilt made a trip to Cedar Rapids recently to consult a specialist in regard to his arm which he recently hurt while playing ball.

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