

Farm News Department

Conducted by County Agent Chris Christensen and Home Demonstration Agent, Miss Katie Lucile McRobert.

\$5,500 for a Bull.

Leon G. Voorhees, young banker and stock breeder of Anita, has returned from a Hereford sale in Chicago where he paid \$5,500 for a pure bred bull. The animal will be put at the head of the Voorhees herd of Herefords.

Young Voorhees recently came into possession of vast banking and farming interests left him by his father, the late Senator John C. Voorhees.

The Voorhees stock farm on the White Way, situated just west of Anita, is one of the show places of Cass county.

Buy Fancy Hogs.

A good many Hamilton county buyers attended the Porter-Cowan sale of fancy hogs in Eagle Grove last week. The prize sow, Miss Liberty Bond, sold for \$975 to E. S. Barker of Wilmar, Minn. C. S. Howler of Webster City bought a five animal lot for \$120, F. M. Zenor of Woodstock paid \$130 for another good one and Chas. H. Rowan of Highview bid in a beauty at \$160.

Cure for Ham and Bacon Show.

Meat should be cured now for the Iowa Farmers' Ham and Bacon show to be held Feb. 9 to 14, 1920, at Iowa State college, Ames. This will be the first large show of its kind in Iowa and it is going to be a big show, from the number of inquiries already coming in.

The premium list shown below gives everyone a fair chance:

For home cured country ham—\$15, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$5, \$3, \$3.

For home cured country bacon—\$15, \$10, \$8, \$6, \$5, \$3, \$3.

For home cured country shoulder—\$10, \$4, \$2, \$2, \$2.

For fresh country sausage—\$5, \$4, \$3, \$2, \$1.

For smoked or fancy country sausage—\$5, \$4, \$3, \$2, \$1.

Information can be obtained from the county agent or M. D. Heiser of the animal husbandry department, Iowa State College, Ames.

Now Is a Good Pruning Time.

Fruit trees at this time of year are waiting to be pruned. As soon as the weather is mild enough to go out in the orchard, just that soon are the trees ready to have the sick and diseased areas removed and their frames put into shape to start a crop next summer.

One thing that should be remembered is the amount of disease which is prevalent among orchards of the state. Whole orchards may be infected by working with a tool that has become infected by cutting into a wound. Therefore it is important to disinfect the tools. Do not be satisfied to clean the tools once a day, but be sure to have them clean after each cut, so as to avoid any possibility of spreading disease, says the horticultural extension department of Iowa State college.

When the weather is warm enough for you, it is warm enough for the trees. Get out and prune them before something else turns up.

Corn Show High Quality.

One of the best quality exhibits ever seen at a State Corn and Small Grain Producers' association show was on the boards Feb. 19 to 21, at Ames. The effect of a good season's crop was evident in the quality of corn which was put forth by the contestants.

Ten thousand, four hundred seventy-five ears were entered in the contest altogether, there being 536 entries. Wheat, barley, oats, ensilage, shelled corn, alfalfa hay and pop corn were also on the boards. Besides these, sweet clover, red clover and soy beans were shown.

The corn classes were divided as in previous years, there being northern, north central, south central and southern divisions. Judges were procured from all over the state, experienced corn growers being chosen. No man was allowed to judge in an exhibit of his section of the state, nor did he judge any class where his corn was entered.

Not only the yellow and white corn were found, but red and calico varieties were found, as well as pop corn. The small grains, while being of good quality and having high class seed in their section, were overshadowed by the large corn exhibits.

One of the features of the show was an exhibit of 100 ears from the acre of corn of J. D. Kirkpatrick of Keota, who won the banner trophy for the highest yielding acre of corn in the state.

Kirkpatrick Gets Trophy.

J. D. Kirkpatrick will be the proud possessor of the Banner acre corn trophy for the next year, as a reward for growing the largest yield of corn from an acre in this state last summer. Mr. Kirkpatrick took this winning by raising 88.6 bushels on his farm.

The contest was above board in every way, the contestants not entering the contest until the grain was about

ready to harvest, thus preventing any special treatment being given to the winning acre.

It is interesting to note that this prize was won last year by a man in the north central part of the state, while this year it goes to the south central part, Keota, in Keokuk county. The banner trophy which was awarded is a silver cup standing about twenty inches high. It was awarded by President R. A. Pearson of Iowa State college. Each winner holds it for one year.

All contesting acres were measured and judged by uninterested persons selected from the various communities in which the contestants lived.

Conservation time is all the time—watch the old clothes.

Stockings Can Be Made Over.

War needs have brought out many things, but perhaps the most odd, yet useful, thing that has been thought of is the use of old stockings. Formerly, stockings that had been darned in the foot a few times were considered worthless, but not so now. According to the home economics department of the agricultural extension department of Iowa State college, old stockings have many uses.

Perhaps we did use black stockings for cleaning the stove or shining shoes, but who thought of making petticoats, bloomers or tights from discarded hosiery? Children's stockings can be cut from grown up people's stockings, and mittens, mitten linings and sleeve protectors can easily be made with a little ingenuity. Dustless mops and holders can be made, and when there seems to be no other use for the stockings, they make admirable rugs when sewed.

White stockings are also recommended for their share of conservation. Baby shirts, petticoats, panties and sleeping garments can be put together from old hosiery. Crib pads, wash cloths and quilts are also possible to form from stockings which we formerly threw away.

White silk stockings have been found especially adapted for making into wear for the baby. Shirts, jackets and caps of good quality can be made from the discarded silk hose. Mitten linings, mufflers, handbags and even fancy bags can be put together.

White stockings are the wisest if a dainty hand has been behind the needle which worked for conservation.

Time To Have Dairy Cows Freshen.

One of the most important considerations in dairy herd management, and one which is given too little consideration, is the question of the time of freshening. Many men plan to have their cows freshen in the spring so as to get a large flow of milk at small cost while the cows are on the good spring and early summer pastures.

A little thought concerning the results of the spring time freshening will reveal the fact that this system is undesirable, and that fall and early winter freshening will give far greater returns financially, as well as adapt itself to the rest of the farming operations on the general farm.

If a cow freshens in the spring she milks well during the spring and early summer, but during the hot weather of midsummer, when the pastures become dried the milk flow is decreased. Later in the fall the pastures often improve, due to fall rains, and the cows increase their production somewhat. This does not last long before it becomes necessary to put the cows in the barn where too often they receive nothing but dry feed and consequently the cows dry up early in the winter, and as a result are often dry three or four months. Because of the abrupt changes in feed and management during the lactation period, and because of the extreme heat of summer, cows freshening in the spring are not capable of maximum production.

With cows freshening in the fall, the story is quite a different one. If cows freshen after they are put in the barn in the fall the change from pasture to stable feeding is made when the cows are dry, and consequently their production is not affected by a change at this time, and as a result milk well during the winter and early spring. When such cows are turned on pasture, their milk increases considerably, and the cows produce well until the pasture dries up in midsummer. It is then time for fall freshening animals to dry up so this pasture condition has no ill effect on the lactation period.

Thus it seems that fall freshening encourages maximum production.

From a study of the register of merit records of 5,772 Jersey cows, Professor A. C. McCandlish of the dairy husbandry section of Iowa State college found that those cows freshening during the months of December to March made the best records. This work further demonstrated that there was a constant increase in records made from cows freshening from September to January. There was a slight de-

crease in production in February, probably due to the limited number of records beginning at that time which were not sufficient to eliminate individual differences. The lowest records were made by cows freshening in August. The production decreased consistently each month with cows freshening from April to August.

If the study of records had been confined to cows owned in Iowa, the advantage of fall freshening would doubtless have been more striking because in the colder portions of the country milk production is not affected by extreme heat nor are the pastures as seriously burned in summer.

Not only does fall freshening insure greater production, but also a larger price for the greater portion of products since the prices for butter are largest during the fall and winter.

Fall freshening assists in distributing the labor demands because farmers have to spend the least time in the field during the late fall and winter, and hence are in a position to devote more time to their dairy. In the late summer the cows are dry, and the men can devote the least time to the cows during harvest.

Another most important consideration is the calf. Fall calves can be given more attention than spring calves, and moreover fall calves are well enough grown and developed by spring so they can run on good pasture, and can withstand the heat of summer which is so objectionable to very young calves.

\$107,000 Dispersion Sale.

The total amount of the Holstein-Friesian sale which was held last week in Waterloo was \$107,000, exceeding even the expectations of those who had the sale in charge. The average price was higher than for any sale this side of the Mississippi river and is a world's record dispersion sale.

The highest price for any one animal was \$8,100 and was paid by Senator J. M. Hackney, St. Paul, who bought in all 24 head and giving over \$200 for the lot.

The largest buyer in point of number came from Louisiana. W. L. Hies on, New Orleans, bought thirty-five head of cattle, the lot totalling \$20,000. John Waidelick, Bassett, Iowa, was the heaviest buyer from Iowa, paying \$9,235 for six animals. These were choice stock and will be the foundation of a herd which is starting.

The Holstein-Friesian sale has done much toward attracting attention to Iowa as a dairy and stock center. There were buyers present from South Dakota and Wisconsin, in addition to the states already named.

Notice to Farmers.

I am thoroughly equipped to sharpen discs, plows and cultivator shovels. Bring them now. A. S. Holt, second floor south of city scales. 302222

Mrs. Dennis Tyler and Mrs. George Ennis, of Jewell, visited with Mrs. Roy Woodruff at Mercy hospital here Saturday afternoon. Mrs. Woodruff underwent an operation for goniter about two weeks ago and is getting along very well. She expects to leave for her home in Jewell this afternoon.

Mrs. Mary Jordan-Edwards, one of the vice presidents of the National Missionary association, arrived here from Des Moines this noon and spoke at the home of Mrs. L. L. Grant this afternoon. She will leave for Minneapolis this evening.

DAILY MARKETS

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May 1.25 1.26 1.25 1.26 1/2
July 1.21 1.22 1.21 1.22
Oats—
May 59 59 59 59
July 58 58 58 58
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Corn—
6 mixed \$1.25.
3 yellow \$1.32 1/2 to \$1.33.
4 yellow \$1.30 to \$1.31.
5 yellow \$1.28 to \$1.33 1/2.
6 yellow \$1.25.
3 white \$1.32 to \$1.32 1/2.
4 white \$1.30 to \$1.30 1/2.
5 white \$1.28.
6 white \$1.26.
Sample 85 to \$1.10.

Oats—
2 white 58 1/2 to 59c.
3 white 56 1/2 to 58 1/2c.

LOCAL MARKET.
Corn \$1.10
Oats 50
Barley 75
Wheat \$2.00
Eggs 30
Butter 28 to 35

Blairsburg Happenings.

C. A. Wilkinson spent Sunday in Webster City.

Miss Marion Bonner spent the week end at her home near Jewell.

Miss Carrie Bossenberger of Williams has been here caring for Joe Woods and family the past week.

Harvey Welch and son Elmer have returned home from Missouri.

Miss Mary Gleason, who has been visiting her sister in Waterloo for several days, returned home Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Alford are the proud parents of a baby boy, born Feb. 15, 1919.

Mrs. Will Sneed and sister, Miss Nellie Manning, were Webster City visitors Monday.

Nelson Nicholson has been driving the day during Joe Woods sickness.

Miss Nellie Miller of Williams is caring for the sick patients at the A. S. Lynd home.

Cyrus Robie was a visitor in Webster City Tuesday.

Harvey Snyder was a recent visitor in Iowa Falls.

Lela Lynch is recovering from a siege of pneumonia with typhoid complications.

Will Sneed is suffering with an attack of Spanish influenza.

Dr. Hall of Webster City helped Dr. Jarnin care for his patients a couple of days the past week.

None of the school hacks ran Friday as it was such a bad day.

Mrs. W. H. Snow spent the week end at her home in Webster City.

Rev. and Mrs. Spiker have been on the sick list the past week.

Miss Anna Brady of Williams came over Sunday evening to help her sister, Mrs. John Cartney, care for the children who are ill.

T. O. Manion has gone to Sullivan, Missouri, on account of the illness of a sister who is very low and Mrs. Hattie Bandy went Saturday.

The eighth grade teachers took the state examination Thursday and Friday.

Leo Lynch was a Webster City visitor Tuesday.

Clarence Black's sister of Chicago, a nurse, arrived Wednesday to care for the family during their illness.

There were no church services Sunday on account of the general sickness hereabouts.

Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Bozell were Webster City visitors Wednesday.

Miss Agnes Talcott attended the study center at Webster City last week and came home Friday with her mother, spending the week end here.

Ruth Cottle, who has been suffering with the influenza, has pneumonia.

Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Adams went to St. Anger several days ago.

Evert Haislep has moved to the farm where Clay Erton recently lived.

G. E. Conaway and A. L. Austin recently went to Charles City on a business trip.

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Jottings About the County.

New Band Leader.

Jewell Record: The Jewell band has been fortunate in securing the services of an exceptionally able leader, Ed. Chenette of Ames, who has already commenced his work with them as director and instructor.

Blairsburg Hard Hit.

Blairsburg Leader: It looks like the Red Cross might find an opportunity to relieve suffering and distress right here in Blairsburg. Many are in need of help to nurse the sick and we know of some who have paid ten dollars a day for a nurse.

Reopen Hotel.

Stratford Courier: Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Angstrom have again moved into Stratford and yesterday they took active charge of the Stratford Hotel, which has been closed for nearly a year. Mr. and Mrs. Angstrom are not new to the hotel business in Stratford and their reputation as good hotel people is the very best here. Stratford people are glad that they have returned to take charge of the hotel and wish them a large measure of success.

Theatre Is Sold.

Ellsworth News: Arrangements have been made whereby Harry Rude, Jr., and Clifford Grundt take over management of the Joy theatre.

A. B. Staples, who has had the theatre in charge for the past couple of months, has moved to the farm and he decided that it was too much to attempt to handle the picture show also.

Hoon Third Man.

Jewell Record: W. S. Hoon made a splendid showing at the Kansas City big shooting tournament a week ago, getting third high average in the regular program of 375 16-yard targets. Frank Harvey of Washington was first with 369, Harold Dixon of Missouri, second with 367, and W. S. Hoon third with 366. The Des Moines Capital a few days ago had a write-up of the splendid showing made by Iowa shooters at the Kansas City show, and, strange to say, overlooked "Billy" Hoon in giving the list of Iowa men who led all the Iowans at this shoot.

Silas Sogard Home.

Ellsworth News: Silas Sogard, who had a major operation performed on his head at the hospital in Webster City, has returned to his home here. The operation was a very delicate one, necessitating calling several doctors during the consultation. It is now, though, rapidly on the mend, and will be entirely recovered in a few weeks.

Williams Items.

Miss Bernice Dunbar has resigned her position with the State Bank here and accepted a position with the Farmers & Merchants Bank of Sheffield. Miss Dunbar has filled her present position as book-keeper for a good many years and has been a faithful and efficient employee. She leaves a wide circle of friends and acquaintances here who wish her well in her new position.

Jack Dunnett left Wednesday to accept a position in the Iowa Falls electric plant. Jack's many friends here wish him all kinds of luck in his new place. He will likely board with the Lee Millsap family, with whom he stayed for a long time while they were here.

Miss Lucile Hartwig is ready to leave the hospital at Cedar Falls for a short stay at the home of her

uncle, Mr. Beltz. Lucile's rapid recovery is gratifying to her many friends.

The Zetaganian Literary society gave a program to the Christmathian society and the high school pupils Friday afternoon. The following enjoyable program was given:

Duet—Salute the Colors, (piano)—Margaret Kolling and Beryl Rieke.

Debate—Resolved, that schools should not hold semester examinations.

Affirmative, Beryl Rieke; negative, Rex Crabtree. Won by the negative.

Reading—Weather—Roy Hanson. Class composition—Genevieve Bainbridge.

My Trips around the U. S. A.—Leland Wagner.

Song—Blossoms Dear—Esther Westphal and Lenore Wilkinson.

Piano solo—Esther Westphal.

The severe storm kept the class from having a good attendance of outsiders at their entertainment.

The high school basket ball team went to Duncome, Friday evening to play against that team. The girls who went to represent Williams were Libby Haisman, Captain; Maurine and Beryl Rieke, Gladys Roland, Lenore Wilkinson, Meryl Caruth and Margaret Kolling. Miss L. O'Neill accompanied them as coach and chaperon. The score was 24 to 14 in favor of Duncome.

Mrs. John Meyers, who has been confined to her bed with phlebitis for the past two weeks, is still unable to be up but is improving slightly.

Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Ashpole of Blairburg were in town Saturday on business.

Miss Lillian Bainbridge of Webster City is an over Sunday guest at the home of Mrs. Thos. Bainbridge.

Miss Bainbridge came down to celebrate her 28th birthday with her little nephew, Everett Allinson, whose 5th birthday occurs within a few days of hers.

Mrs. Joe McCurdy entertained her grand children, Ruth, George and Carl Wulka, and their little playmates, Harley and Alfred Simpson, Marion, Glenn and Gilbert Snyder, Burns Rick, Joe, George and Howard Hart and John Kerney Friday afternoon in honor of her 50th birthday.

Mrs. C. Wulka and Miss Louise Bossenberger assisted in entertaining the children and serving their ice cream, cake and other dainties.

The Williams basket ball team expect to play a game with Webster City next Friday in the county seat and the following week a match will be with Duncome played here.

Mrs. Wm. Kluckman and daughter, Mrs. Jones, and little Helen Jones spent Wednesday and part of Thursday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. Wulka.

Miss Ella Jaues, who has been quite ill with erysipelas, is convalescing.

ing. Lieut. Merle Johnson, of the famous Rainbow division, arrived home Saturday morning. Lieut. Johnson was in the same division as Sergt. Wedding of Webster City and was promoted to the position left when that young hero laid down his life.

M. L. Harvey returned from Rochester Friday evening after undergoing treatment for gonitrea.

Mrs. Geo. Spugel, whose husband is first electrician at the Commonwealth Pier, Boston, came Friday to visit at the home of his mother, Mrs. J. McCurdy, until he receives his discharge from the navy and joins her here.

Mrs. Peter Kolling had word that her brother's wife, Mrs. Hans Larson, will start home from the south with her husband today, if she feels that he can stand the trip. Mr. Larson has been getting weaker and weaker all the time and he is not expected to any more than make the trip home, but as he is anxious to be at home they are going to attempt to make the journey.

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Farm for Sale.

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