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Seed Corn That is Good

OUTSIDE of Home Grown Corn our seed is the only seed offered for sale in this vicinity that can furnish absolute proof as to where it was grown. That fact is just as important for you to know as to know about its growing qualities.

For reference write to Charles Erickson, president of the First National Bank, of Inwood, Lyon Co., Iowa. He will tell you that I was there several weeks selecting and shipping corn grown north of Inwood. Also Mr. E. S. Fyler, a graduate of Ames, can and will gladly verify this fact, as he was with me and assisted in selecting and testing.

To set aside any doubt as to this corn maturing in Howard County, on January 8, 1916, I wrote to Ames, asking them regarding this point. Copy of my letter to Ames follows:

Cresco, Iowa, January 8, 1916.

Mr. Clyde McKee, Asst. Prof. of Farm Crops,
Ames, Iowa.

My Dear Sir:—In Lyon County, Iowa, I selected a car of 1914 corn and am now selling same here for seed. Tests made of this corn here by different farmers show a very strong germination, namely 93 to 100 per cent. What is your opinion with reference to Lyon county corn maturing in this locality? The variety we have is a medium yellow dent averaging about 120 ears to the bushel. For this information I will be greatly obliged. I also thank you for your letter of Dec. 26, 1915.

Very truly, M. M. GRAF.

(Exact copy of reply from Ames follows:)

Ames, Iowa, February 2, 1916.

Mr. M. M. Graf, Cresco, Iowa.

Dear Sir:

Your letter of January 8th was received in due time but owing to the rush of work at the close of our semester, reply has been delayed until this time.

I note what you have to say regarding the 1914 seed corn in Lyon County. Since Lyon County is in the same tier of counties as your own it would seem to me it would make very little difference in the time of maturing. I take it that there is practically no difference in the latitude between the two counties, and since they are both on about the same line, we would expect little, if any, difference in the length of time required to mature.

I am glad to note the interest that you are taking in the way of securing good seed for your farmers, and hope that you will be entirely successful in supplying the amount of seed that will be needed. I think you are particularly fortunate in securing seed which gives as strong germination as that which you report.

If at any time we can be of service to you I will be glad to hear from you.

Very truly yours,
CLYDE MCKEE,
Asst. Prof. of Farm Crops.

Many farmers have tested this seed and we can furnish their names if you care to ask for them.

Price for this seed is \$5.00 per bushel. Variety, medium yellow dent. All seed on ear. Your note at 6 per cent. will answer, if you wish. You have the privilege of testing for 30 days. Do not wait till you need seed and then buy anything, not knowing where or who raised it.

Have some Flint for early feeding at \$3.50 per bushel. Every farmer should plant at least one bushel.

Phone, Write, or Call on

M. M. GRAF, Cresco, Iowa.

Farmers Institute a Success.

The farmers' institute held on the 16th, 17th and 18th of Feb. was well attended and the program was all carried out, except one or two numbers, in a creditable manner. The young people, especially the young men on the farm, do not seem to take as much interest in the institute as could be wished.

We had in all, four lecturers from away, Mr. E. S. Estel, State Dairy Expert; Prof. R. K. Bliss, Director of the Agricultural Extension Department Mr. S. J. Dods of the State Highway Commission, and Prof. H. H. Gibson of the Department of Agricultural Education of the Iowa State college at Ames. They all seemed to be live young men that were interested in bringing to us something instructive in their particular departments.

Mr. Estel in his afternoon talk dwelt on the value of saving all the feeding value of the corn crop by putting it in a silo so as to utilize the full value of the corn stalks. He also told us that the protein in the feed was what made the milk white. In his evening lecture his main theme seemed to be "Not more cows, but better cows," that is, to weed out the poor cows by the Babcock test. He also emphasized the need of cleanliness in all dairying operations.

Prof. Bliss lectured on "Baby Beef for Profit" and argued that beef could be produced more profitably from young cattle than older ones as it takes more feed to put a pound of beef on an older animal than on a calf. He wanted the farmers not to let the calf get a set back as they must be kept in a thrifty condition all the time.

Mr. Dods, Educational Engineer, gave us a talk on the care of roads and dwelt at length on the advantage of having the state highway commission and competent engineers to direct and supervise the construction of roads and culverts. He also stated that the standard grade for a road is a 6 per cent grade and advised that where the road is from 12 to 16 per cent grade it should, if possible, be relocated rather than graded. There seemed to be a decided sentiment against the present road law among those present this session.

Prof. Gibson commenced his talk with contrasting the importance of the boys and girls of the country with that of the crops and other farm interests, stating that it was necessary to educate the boy so he would be better able to support himself and be a better citizen. He also talked on Consolidation of Schools which brought on some argument against consolidation.

Mr. S. A. Converse spoke on "The Banker and the Farmer" and admitted that the farmer was competent to manage his business without special advice from the banker. He also said that in parts of the country where farming interests were the most prosperous the rate of interest on loans was the lowest.

Dr. P. G. Button read a paper on Mammits, also led a discussion on Joint Diseases in colts in which J. E. Doolittle and C. V. Johnson joined.

Mayor A. E. Barker made a short speech of welcome and gave the institute the "freedom of the city." Mr. Murtha, the president, replied briefly to the mayor's speech.

Rev. H. M. Normann, pastor of the Norwegian Lutheran Church, gave a talk on various farm subjects that was greatly enjoyed by the institute. Mr. Normann dwelt especially on the advantages of the country life. There was such a crowd to hear Rev. Normann that the reporter was busy seating the audience and did not get many notes on his address.

J. E. Doolittle read an article on Dairying from Wallace's Farmer and also exhibited some samples of silage and compared the different kinds.

The talk on Horticulture was led by Mr. Murtha and in his talk he advised the farmer to plant trees for wind breaks and shade as well as for fruit, and mentioned how much trees contributed to the enjoyment of life on the farm. A general discussion followed participated in by A. E. Bents, Henry Bents, M. M. Forry, Perry Wanless, Will Bents and S. A. Converse. They talked of different kinds of walnuts and whether catalpas would grow to any size in this latitude.

Dr. W. C. Hess read a paper on health and in it he advocated the plan of having plenty of fresh air in the house and especially in the sleeping rooms, and also advised the people to let in all the sunshine they could get into their homes. He believes parents should make home pleasant and inviting so the children would like to stay at home and not run the streets.

After Dr. Hess talked, Mr. Murtha spoke on the advantage of buying land

in Iowa rather than going to Montana or some other place. Also, S. A. Converse, Perry Wanless and Mr. Gassett had a discussion on the transportation problem and contrasted our nearness to market to those living in Montana.

The Albion Farmers' club had the afternoon Thursday which they filled in a very enjoyable manner to the rest of the institute. Mrs. Wm. Wells, Vice-President of the Farmers' Institute, was chairman and made a speech in opening the session which was followed by instrumental music by Mae and Sylvia Ashley and Orsen Wells, an Invocation by Rev. Guy Rutherford, and a history of the club by Miss Ashley. Mrs. Elmer Nash read a fine paper on Character Building. The Preservation of Milk was the subject of a paper read by Mrs. C. V. Johnson. This paper was a very scientific explanation of why milk soured and spoiled. Mrs. Johnson explained that part of her papers was the work of Mrs. Wells. There were excellent readings by Mrs. C. A. Wells and Mr. Arthur Livingston, and a paper by Mrs. Oney Bateman in which she dwelt on the importance of books on the farm. Mr. C. V. Johnson talked on seed corn which opened up a general discussion in which Mr. Doolittle, Mr. Gassett and others joined. It seemed as if a person wanting to "start something" had only to say "seed corn" or "good roads" and a discussion would arise that was almost impossible to stop. At the close of the afternoon, Mr. Gassett, for the institute moved a vote of thanks to the Albion people for their entertainment which was unanimously carried.

Mr. G. V. Puntney was able to be present and make a nice little speech that was enthusiastically cheered. Father Puntney admitted in his speech that he was ninety-six years young. As to the entertainment part of the institute all of the numbers except one was rendered very nicely and that one number we understand was missed by a mistake about the date of their appearance and not omitted by neglect. Mr. John Kakac and daughter Helen gave us a fine violin duet and Miss Ellen Dell a good reading. Rev. Guy Rutherford gave a selection from Jas. Whitcomb Riley, a reading that was enjoyed by all. The high school glee club sang for us Wednesday evening and Thursday evening Miss Charlotte Melvold gave a reading. Both of these were appreciated by the institute, judging by the applause given them. Friday afternoon Master Geo. Mead sang a solo and Master Herbert Howe gave a reading, "Evening at the Farm," that pleased the audience.

The last evening session was in charge of the county superintendent and reflects credit on all those connected with it. The spelling was good, and showed that the pupils who entered the contest had learned their list of words almost perfectly. The little girls, Miss Mabel Henry who sang, Miss Mildred Frank who gave two readings, as well as Miss Frank's class, who favored us with two songs, were especially fine.

The manual training and domestic science exhibits of the country schools of Howard county, that were made a part of the institute, were extensive and showed great interest on the part of both the teachers and pupils in these branches of study.

The institute on Thursday afternoon held an election of officers for the year 1917, at which Mr. John F. Murtha was elected president, Mrs. C. V. Johnson secretary and Mr. J. N. Smith treasurer. In the spelling contest Hazel Webster, of Vernon Springs twp. took first honors and received a gold medal and Frank Reckner was given a silver medal for second place.

C. H. RICE, Sec'y.

Important Fine Stock Purchase.

C. D. Nichols and his son Charles attended the Great Berkshire Sale at the Iowa Farm at Davenport last week, and bought three choice bred sows at the sale. From there they went the following day to White Hall, Ill., to W. S. Corsas and attended the Gregory Farm Sale of bred sows and bought the noted show sow, Schoolmaster's Lady 6th, which sold at the top price of the sale. Schoolmaster's Lady 6th, an outstanding daughter of Masterpiece, and dam by Hopeful Lee 2nd, the \$1500 son of Handsome Lee. This young sow is said to be one of the best bred sows of America. She is well along to farrow from the famous Superbus which greatly enhances her value. Superbus, a prized \$3500 boar on the Gregory Farm, is the sire of the World's Grand Champion Boar, Grand Leader 2nd, at the Panama-Pacific Exposition, San Francisco, California in 1915. Thus the Holland Farms secure some of the piums in the Berkshire line.

Notice.

There will be a meeting held at the Court House at 1 o'clock p. m., Saturday, February 26th, for the purpose of trying to organize a Farmers' Co-operative Creamery to be operated in Cresco. All interested in dairying are invited. We hope to have W. B. Barnes, State Dairy Commissioner to address the meeting.

Great Feat by Wireless Amateurs.

Monday night the amateur wireless operators of this great country proved their worth to the government. They performed a feat which has never been done in the history of the land. A message was sent by messenger from the Rock Island arsenal to the wireless station of W. H. Kirwin at Davenport. At eleven o'clock that station sent broadcast the message, which was picked up by all stations within a radius of three hundred miles. Then, previously arranged stations, in ever widening circles around the arsenal, took up the message and relayed it until at 1 a. m. the message had been received at every wireless station in the country. The message was as follows:

"Mayor of the City: A democracy requires that a people who govern and educate themselves should be so armed and disciplined that they can protect themselves.

Colonel Nicholson, U. S. A."

It was received in Cresco by Will Rathert, at his powerful wireless station at 11:05, direct from the Rock Island station and delivered by him the morning following to Mayor Barker, who retains and highly prizes the first official wireless message received in the city.

The message was delivered to President Wilson and members of the cabinet that morning at 2:00 o'clock by an amateur in Washington, D. C.

This scheme was heartily indorsed by the government officials and will prove invaluable in time of national peril. The first move on the part of an invading force would be the severing of all wire connection in the locality. Then would be the time for the wireless to show its real value to the country.

The credit for the success of this organization is given to Wm. H. Kirwan, of Davenport. The system is permanent and will be transferred to the U. S. signal corps in time of war.

Married

At twelve o'clock of yesterday, February the 24th, occurred the marriage of Mr. Roy Johnson, a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Johnson, and Miss Anna Melas, the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Melas, at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. Emslie, Rev. Kirwin officiating. Only the immediate relatives were present.

The young couple left on the afternoon train for Los Angeles, California, where they will reside. A host of friends join with us in best wishes for a prosperous, happy life.

TO THE WOMEN AND YOUNG LADIES OF CRESCO AND ITS SURROUNDING TERRITORY!

Will you kindly accept this as a personal invitation to attend an Early Showing of Printzess Spring Styles in our Garment Department?

You will want to inspect Printzess Spring Styles, and ours is the only store in this city where they will be shown.

We are very sure that the beauty of style line, material and tailoring, which adds distinction to each Printzess Coat and Suit, will well repay you for your visit.

Cordially yours,

C. D. NICHOLS & SON
CRESCO, IOWA.

Do You Want to Sell Your Farm?

I will buy direct from the owner in Mitchell or Howard County, a farm of 80, 120, 160 or 240 acres, improved farm preferred. Write me stating your lowest price per acre, terms of sale, and describe the farm fully, giving all the details. Address

T. B. ERWIN,
Britt, Iowa.

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Horses Wanted.

Two cars of horses wanted for the New York market, weighing, from 1100 lbs. up and from 4 years old, up. Will be in Cresco on Saturday, Feb. 26.

ANDERSON BROS.

South Side Continued.

I beg to say I offer no apology for what I have written, but simply ask the people to investigate the South Side, note its nearness to the business center and please bear in mind fruits, flowers, ornamental trees and shrubbery grow to perfection on the warm, sunny soil.

Yours Truly, DAD.

P. S. Any inquiries for a home or business enterprise will be promptly and cheerfully answered. Address S. Pecoy, Cresco Ia.

For Sale or Rent.

My house one block east of Court House. Enquire at Hunting Elevator of A. D. Herold.

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LYON COUNTY

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The test is good. It is Early White and Early Yellow Dent. Well selected corn.

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ROCK COUNTY, MINNESOTA, CORN
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CALL IN AND I WILL SHOW YOU
THE CORN AND THE TEST

F. C. WOELLSTEIN