

OUTLOOK OF BEAVER COUNTY, AS A POLAND CHINA CENTER.

My Martin Kaiser in "Better Possibilities", Mt. Vernon.)  
 One of the coming Poland China counties of Oklahoma is Beaver county, located in that far western strip of Oklahoma, known as the Panhandle.

In traveling over Beaver County and meeting with the numerous Poland China breeders who have already become established in the business one feels inclined to believe that this section of Oklahoma is fast becoming one of the principal Poland China centers in the state. For a long time I have known that there is a lot of interest in the hog business in this part of Oklahoma but did not know that they are as numerous as they are.

Until five years ago, there were scarcely any registered Polands in this section; today there are herds here that would do credit to the strongest Poland China centers in the corn belt. This was clearly demonstrated at the various fairs held in this section last fall. Some of the best Poland sales of the season, also, were held in this county.

Rye, sudan grass, and oats are storage crops especially adapted to this county. Corn, maize and kafir are the main crops.

When I undertook to look up the big types in this county, I sought the highest authority I could find on Poland China history, in the county. I went to see the veteran breeder, M. A. Shuler.

Mr. Shuler took out a claim in Beaver county, 14 years ago, "intending to stay only long enough to hold his claim. When the time came to leave it, he had seen the wonderful open opportunity to the man who would stay and develop good, pure bred live stock in this coming country. Mr. Shuler bought several registered Poland China sows and a good boar. It did not take long for them to multiply. In a short time Mr. Shuler was making public sales and distributing foundation stock for new herds over Beaver and adjoining counties.

Today Mr. Shuler continues to maintain a good herd of Polands on his modernly equipped farm. The accompanying picture shows Mr. Shuler's modern bungalow which was built by the Poland China hog.

The Shuler herd is kept up to the minute in the matter of breeding as indicated by his two herd boars, one of which is Hercules Jones by F's Big Jones and the other The Ranger, by C-3 Ranger.

Another good Poland herd in this immediate neighborhood is that of W. J. Jenkins & Sons. The quality of this herd was demonstrated in their initial sale this fall when one of the gilts brought less than \$50 and the top went at \$150. The "Jenkinses" assure me that they are in the business to stay and that they are to be heard from in the future. They maintain a good herd of massive, brood sows, at the head of which stands Buster Wonder by Black Buster and King Kole Jr. by King Kole.

Among the men who are playing a great part toward the development of the breed in this section must be mentioned E. D. Zimmerman, who is one of the leading live-stock men in the county. Mr. Zimmerman believes in showing his hogs. He gets the ribbons too. He was one of the proudest exhibitors at the Guymon, Oklahoma, fair, where he carried off the first honors for the best herd and reserve grand champion boar and reserve grand champion sow. Mr. Zimmerman went to the National this year and brought back with his several good gilts to add to his already strong herd. The main boars are Liberator Giant by Liberator, Z's Sensation Orange and Invincible Pete, a promising young boar, by Peter Pan. Mr. Zimmerman is a man who knows and studies his hogs.

Another man who has his heart and soul in the business is Guy Beckwith whose post office is Balko. Mr. Beckwith made his first plunge into the show ring this fall. And he carried away many of the ribbons. Among them was first honor on senior boar pig at the Guymon fair. His good sow herd is headed by Rainbow by Liberatti, having for his dam a full sister of Rainbow, hence the name. Mr. Beckwith is in the business to stay and will be at the fairs again next year with a strong herd.

Probably the youngest and most enthusiastic breeders in the state are Jones Bros., of Beaver. The members of this firm are Layman, 14 years of age, and Johnnie Jr., who is but nine years old. Layman got started in the Poland business as a club boy and made such a success of the business that he won the interest of his father, Colonel Johnnie Jones. Colonel Jones believes in letting a boy assume responsibility just as fast as he will, and therefore has given his boys free rein in the conduct of their Poland China business. They do the buying, selling, feeding, breeding, doing everything in connection with the business. He has given them the use of such part of his 1,100 acre ranch as they wish to use in the raising of the big blacks, which they are turning into a modern hog ranch. Their present herd boar is Giant Peter, grand champion at two fairs this year and first prize-winner every time he has been shown. They also owned and showed the grand champion sow (Gay)

mon. in Winwood Daisy. Johnnie Jones is a man who realizes that there is a fraternal side, a social side to the Poland China business. On Tuesday night, November 15, Mr. and Mrs. Jones entertained in honor of the pure bred swine breeders of Beaver county. It was one of the most unique and successful social gatherings of the season. Thirty-six guests were present, some coming sixty miles for the affair. A good program was enjoyed consisting of music, piano, and violin duets, songs, and character sketches given by the Jones children, Layman, Thelma, Verla and Johnnie Jr.

Summing up the future prospects for the Poland China hogs in Beaver county, there can be but little doubt of them prospering when the fertility and dependability of the soil, the character and virility of the men who are back of the big blacks and the start which they already have, are considered.

THE NEW TAX LAW

Beginning January 1 the new Federal Tax Law goes into effect. On that date many of the nuisance and some of the substantial taxes will be dropped and other taxes reduced. Something like a billion dollars has been cut off the tax burdens of the

people. This has been made possible by rigid economies exercised by the Congress and the executive department. A remarkable record in force of extravagance of recent years.

However, there remains needs for revenue and the new revenue bill provides ample necessity for people to continue to keep posted on tax laws.

The war is over of course, but as long as men live, who now walk to and fro upon this earth, some of the war debts will remain unpaid and the taxes will reflect the cost and extravagance of the great World War. Today the interest on the war debt is approximately one billion dollars. Probably never again will the National budget be as small as it was the year before war was declared.

But we have much to be cheerful over. After January 1 we will not have to pay taxes on: freights, passenger fares, medicines, toilet articles, etc., hats, shoes, clothing, etc., parcel post, insurance, ice cream, soda fountain taxes, musical instruments, sporting goods, motion pictures films, fur articles, electric fans, etc., surety bonds.

And the taxes on the following have been substantially reduced: carpets, trunks, candy, pictures, etc., and admissions.

The exemption for a married man who earns not over \$5,000 a year has been increased to \$2,500. This item removes a tax of \$40,000,000 from this class of people.

The exemption allowed for each minor child has been increased from \$200 to \$400. This item relieves such parents of the payment of about \$30,000,000.

These exemptions go into effect at once and will reflect in the taxes payable next year.

Take for instance a married man with two children, making \$3,000 a year. He will pay no income under the new law. There are said to be 1,500,000 such families in the United States.

For such a family, the following table shows the difference in the old and the new law.

Net Income	Old Tax	New Tax
\$1,000	\$ 0	\$ 0
\$2,000	0	0
\$3,000	24	0
\$4,000	64	28
\$5,000	104	68

The surtaxes which begin on incomes above \$5,000 have been reduced all along the line but when the income exceeds \$200,000 the tax is 50 per cent of that above. These reductions in surtax, however, do not apply to the tax paid in 1922, but apply on incomes for 1922 and taxes paid after January 1, 1923.

An increase in the flat corporation tax from ten to twelve and one-half per cent is substituted for the so-called excess-profits tax. Corporation profits when paid to the stockholders as dividends, become subject to the normal tax and surtax the same as other income.

There are many administrative changes, including provisions for simplifying income tax returns.

These are the most important changes in the revenue law. They may not be pleasing to everybody. No tax levy or revenue bill was ever written that was entirely pleasing to everybody who pays taxes. But the revenue must be raised and this seems to be the best bill that could be worked out at this time. It is not a permanent law and changes and reductions will be made from year to year.

N. B. Davis and wife of Forgan were Beaver callers Monday.

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(Omitted last week)

Jewell Roberts, mother, father and family are spending Christmas at their Grandma's.

Geo. Pope will spend Christmas at

home. N. N. Stanley made a trip to Liberal, Kansas, Friday.

Mrs. Trimmell and cousin Claude Trimmell went to Liberal December 22d.

Mrs. M. S. Pope is going to visit friends and relatives at Walla Walla, Washington, after the holidays.

The following are some of the people who went to New Mexico to hunt land: Boyd Hood, Billie George, Joe Claybrook and the Crocker boys.

Effie Kettle spent Christmas with her sister, Mrs. Frank Keith near Hooker, will also visit her brother, H. E. G. Putman of Guymon.

Aaron Buchanan will spend Christmas at home.

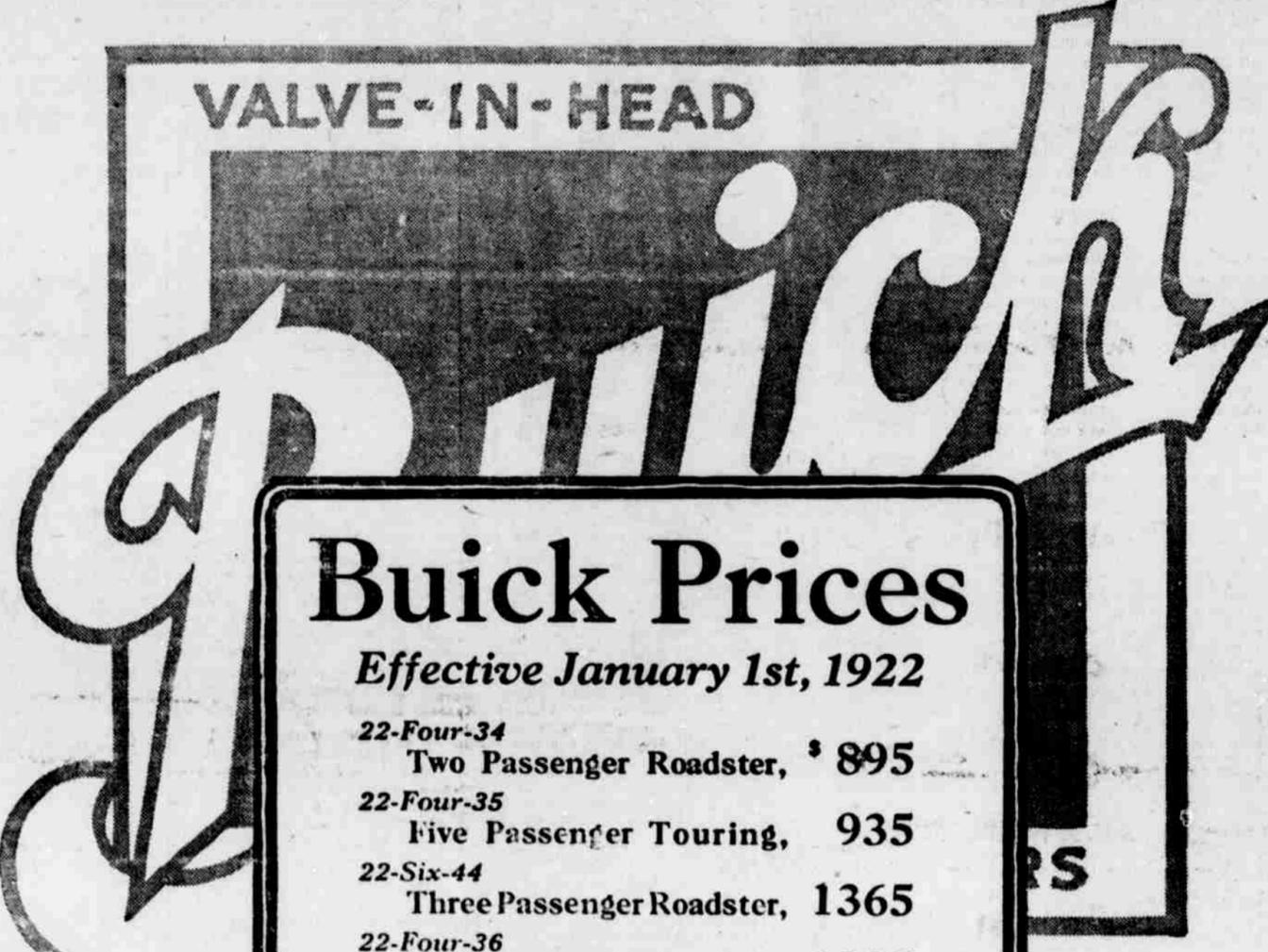
R. J. Lewis and N. N. Stanley were callers at Palestine school this week. Mr. Lewis is writing sick and accident policies.

Mrs. Dewey McLelland will spend vacation at Liberal.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Phelps are the proud parents of a baby boy.

Mrs. Ella Stanley will spend Christmas at home.

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