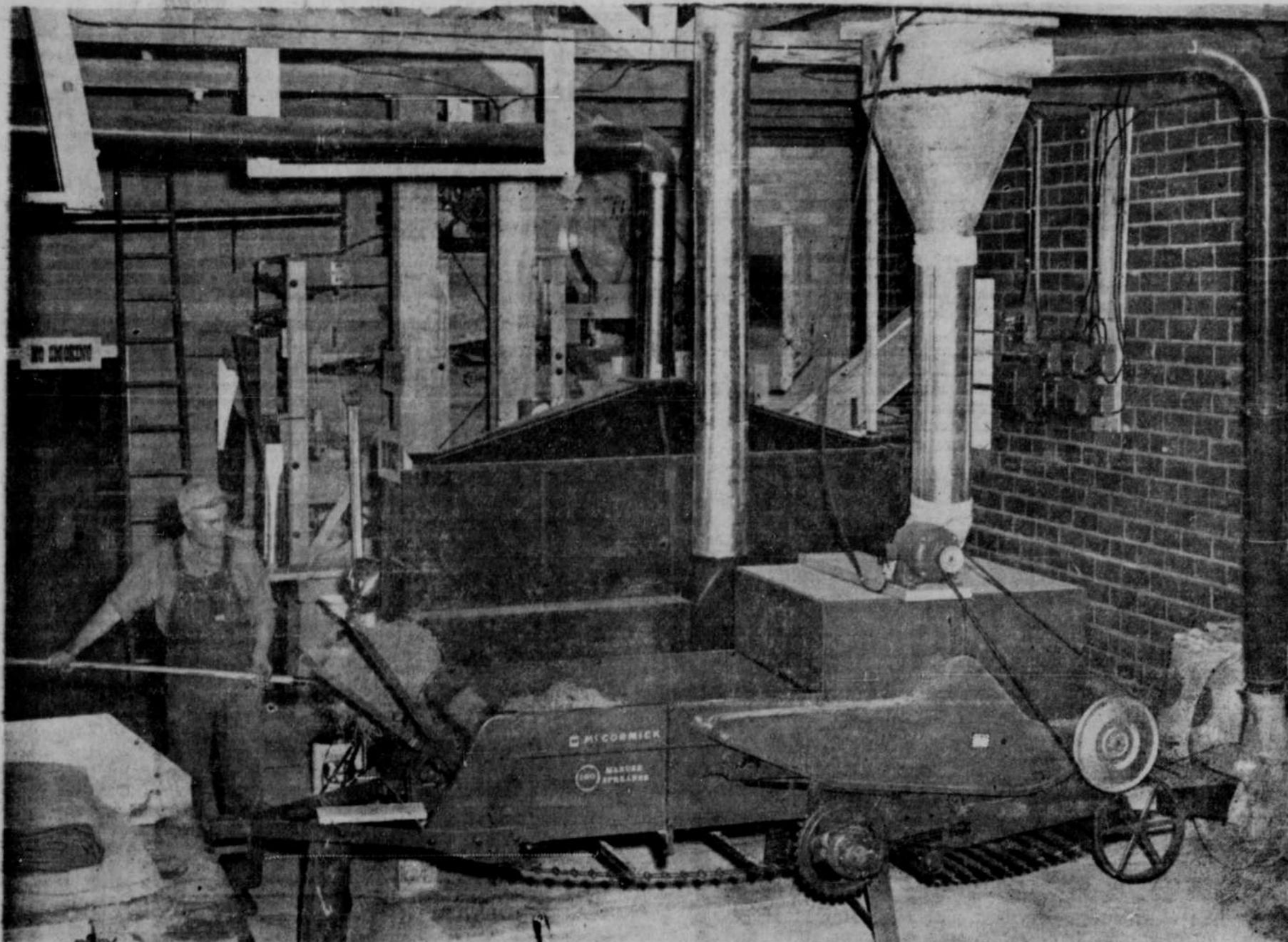
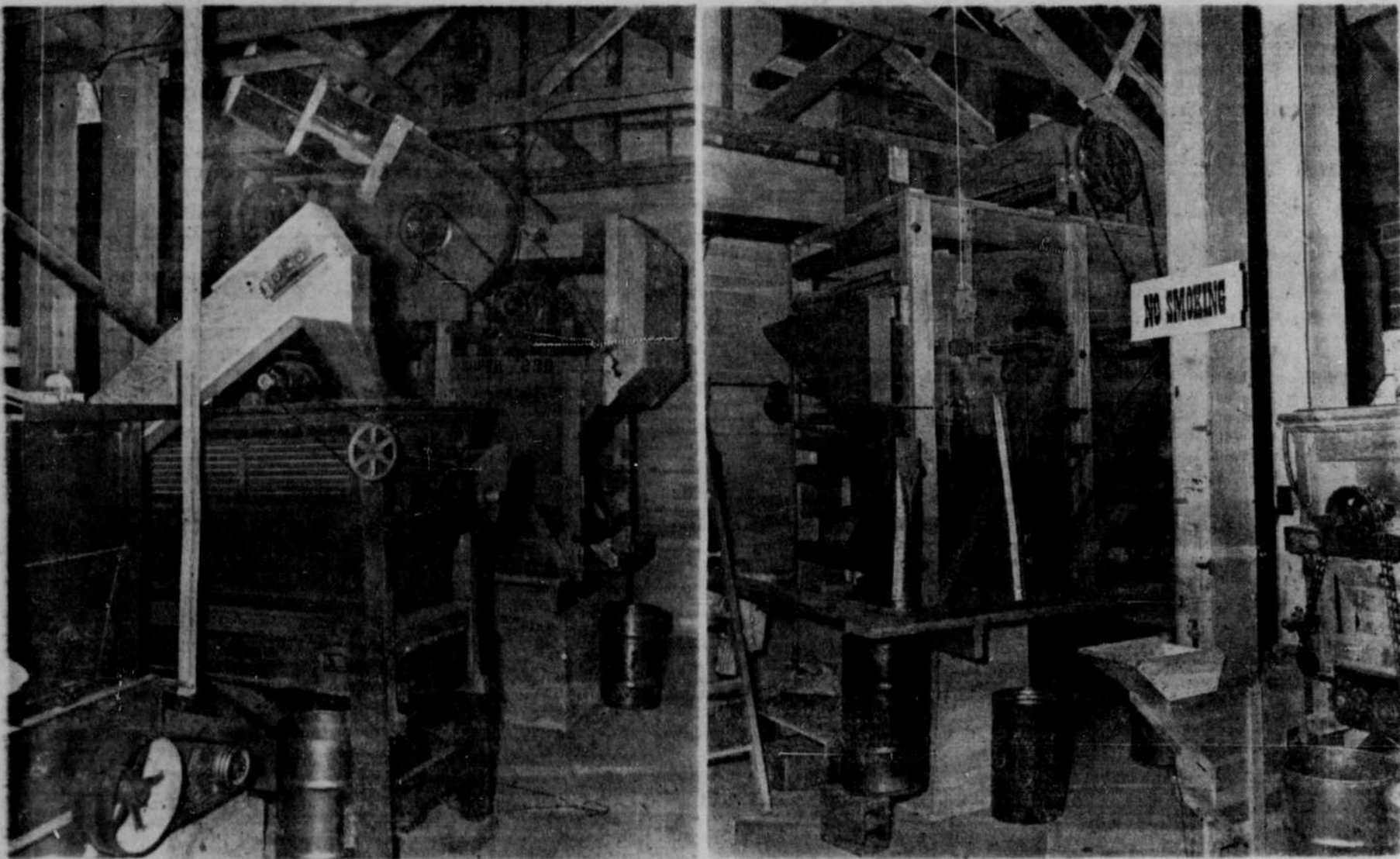


Atkinson Has Bluegrass Seed Plant



Holt county's newest industry is the Coxbill Seed company's bluegrass threshing and cleaning plant at Atkinson, which has been running to capacity handling its share of the 1950 bluegrass seed crop that has been harvested in this vicinity.



After the first stage of threshing and cleaning, the seed goes next into an old flour mill reel, which Earl Coxbill, owner, has converted to do a very efficient job of separating the coarse hay from the bluegrass seed. One end of the reel is shown in the center of photograph (above).

In a corner of the plant is the big 4-screen cleaning mill, which handles final process of separating hay and foreign matter from bluegrass seed.



Mr. Coxbill is shown examining a bag of mighty fine bluegrass seed.

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NEW PLANT RUNS AT CAPACITY

Coxbill Industry Produces Bluegrass Seed of Highest Quality

ATKINSON — Holt county's newest industry is the Coxbill Seed company's bluegrass seed threshing and cleaning plant. It is located at the Earl Corbill place in the northeast section of Atkinson.

In recent months Mr. Coxbill has been designing, building and testing this intricate machinery layout to separate hay and foreign matter from bluegrass strippings that are brought in off lush fields in the region.

The plant is now running at capacity producing bluegrass seed of the highest quality.

Mr. Coxbill fashioned the automatic feeder from a new, small-sized manure spreader. It was the final hurdle which had to be cleared before his plant would operate at a profitable capacity . . . and the problem of converting the ordinary farm implement was accomplished in an ingenious manner by Mr. Coxbill.

A powerful suction fan snatches the bluegrass from the feeder, carrying it across an opening about 6 inches wide to permit stones, metal, and other foreign objects to drop out before they are carried into the machines where they might do damage. Large pipes carry off dust, chaff and cotton, the latter being deposited in a separate building adjacent to the plant.

The large black machine directly behind the feeder was also designed and built by Mr. Coxbill.

It is a combination threshing cylinder and separator. The cylinder threshes the strippings, and the separating process removes the chaff and cotton by means of delicately controlled air suction.

After this first stage of threshing and cleaning, the seed goes next into an old flour mill reel, which Coxbill has converted to do a very efficient job of separating the coarse hay from the bluegrass seed.

In a corner is where the big 4 - screen cleaning mill is installed. This is one of the few pieces of equipment in the plant that Mr. Coxbill did not design and build himself, or convert.

The mill handles the final process of separating the small bits of hay and foreign matter from bluegrass seed. Through the entire process, from the feeder to the big burlap bag, the seed is transferred by automatic conveyors from one machine to another.

This seed is 86 to 88 per cent pure bluegrass seed . . . and that is several points more than it is necessary to meet the required specifications for standard bluegrass seed. Coxbill's plant is running on a present production capacity of approximately 200 pounds of clean seed per hour.

He not only is using the plant to thresh and clean his own harvest of bluegrass seed, but also has various propositions whereby other ranchers and farmers who cure their own seed can profit by the use of his plant.

Out-of-Towners at Martin Funeral—

Among those from out-of-town who attended the Henry Martin funeral Saturday, July 22, were:

Mrs. Gertude Easton and son Charles, of Greeley, Colo.; Earl Wrede, of Bronson, Mo.; Mr. and Mrs. Carl Pfeil, of Harold, S. D.; Mr. and Mrs. Art Aucker, of Wayne; Mrs. Grace Hamerlun, of Norfolk; Mr. and Mrs. Vinton Simonson, of Omaha; Mrs. Clara Van Howe and Mr. and Mrs. Arden Berg, of Bristol; Mr. and Mrs. John Hipke, of Springfield and Mr. and Mrs. Norman Anderson, of Gross.

Mrs. Moses Is Hostess—

Winners of Merry Myx club held Tuesday at the home of Mrs. H. S. Moses were Mrs. A. B. Hubbard, high and Mrs. R. M. Sauer, second high.

O'NEILL LOCALS

Anna Brown visited Sunday, July 30, with Mr. and Mrs. Albert Widtfeldt. In the afternoon they called on Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Carroll, of Atkinson.

FOR SHERIFF
Thos. J. "Jeff" Davis
YOU be the judge,
I'LL be your SHERIFF
12-13p45

Mrs. Carrie Borg and Marvel attended the group Sunday-school picnic Sunday, July 30. In the evening they visited at the Harley Fox home.

Mrs. Allan Prescott and Mrs. Leonard Hamilton, of Laurel, visited relatives in O'Neill on Wednesday, July 26.

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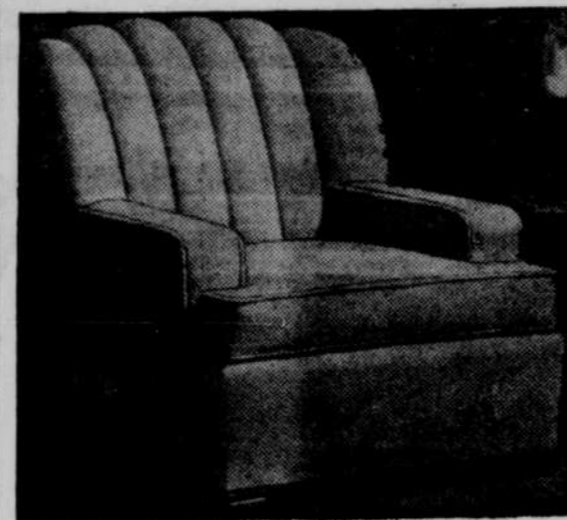
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ATKINSON NEWS

Shirley Withers and Maxine Peterson were overnight guests Saturday evening of Miss Joan Jarvis.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Schulz and family left July 31 for a vacation at Hale in the Wall country in Wyoming for a week's fishing. Sylva Rohrs spent a few days

last week visiting Frances Gottschalk.

Mr. and Mrs. John Warner and Mrs. Warner's mother, Mrs. Anna Rossman, were guests of the Truman Rossmans Thursday evening.

The Golden Rod Garden club met at Mrs. Anna Elder's on July 27 with all members present but one. Guests included Mrs. Elder's daughter, Mrs. Evalyn Adams, of Seattle, Wash., Mrs. Joe Ballon and Miss Helen Martens.

Mrs. Charles Tasler and daughter, Mrs. Lyle Addison, and son were guests of Mrs. Anna Rossman Thursday, July 27.

Mrs. Mike Mullen was a guest at the home of her daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. John Dvorak, last week.

Ricky and Randy Stolpart, of Newport, spent Saturday with their grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Hanel.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Jensen were in Norfolk on business July 28.

Elsie Bogue, of Chicago, Ill., and Elva Bogue, of Omaha, are visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. William Fundus, of Stuart, were dinner guests at the Hanel home Friday evening.

Donald McConnell, of St. Louis, Mo., is spending a 3-weeks' vacation with his aunt, Mrs. Millard Ellenwood, and his cousins, Dick and Dale Bogue.

Mr. and Mrs. Irving Parson left Tuesday, August 1, for Belle Fourche, S. D., to take in the celebration there and will also make a trip through Montana, Canada and on to the West coast.

Eddie and Ida Schmicker were dinner guests at the Edward Bouska farm Friday, July 28.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sloan and Mr. and Mrs. Henry Johnson and Scott Sloan, all of Springfield, visited July 29-30 at the Charles Sloan home. Frank is a brother of Charles and his wife and Mrs. Johnson are sisters of Mrs. Sloan.

Gladys Mae Weller was a weekend guest at Geraldine Hanel's home.

Mrs. R. E. Chace and son, Charles, drove to Sioux City July 27 to visit R. E. Chace and to bring Mrs. Charles Chace and baby son home from St. Vincent's hospital. Mrs. R. E. Chace remained with her husband and returned home August 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Wining were Sunday guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Tasler.

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