

# FARM EXPENSES TAKE BIG JUMP

### Huge Increase in Use of Commercial Fertilizers in Last Twenty Years Revealed.

## MAKE SURVEY OF AGRICULTURE

#### Virgin Soil of Nation Has at Length Worn Out and Fertility Must Be Added—Hired Men Get Better Pay.

Washington.—The enigma of why American farming cannot survive under present conditions, although the prices of foodstuffs are higher than they were in any previous year, is not the only topic dealt with in the report of the joint commission which investigated the agricultural crisis. The report itself constitutes a broad survey of farming as it is at present conducted and as such it makes clear what a change has come over the business of food production during the last 20 years.

One prime characteristic of farming today is its increased and increasing use of fertilizer. The virgin soil of the nation that once produced a heavy series of crops year after year and seemed inexhaustible in its richness has at length worn out. Not even manures and the rotation of crops can sustain its productivity. Fertility has to be added and it must be added in the form of commercial fertilizers.

At the beginning of the present century the farmers of America, and principally those of the older states east of the Mississippi, were buying commercial fertilizers at the rate of about \$54,000,000 in value each year. In 1919 they spent nearly \$330,000,000. Twenty years ago not \$4,000,000 a year was spent for fertilizers by farmers west of the Mississippi river; in 1919 the farmers of that region spent approximately \$27,000,000. The Pacific states are using nine times as much fertilizer now as they did then. These figures are evidence of the exhaustion of the soil.

#### Hired Men Get Better Pay.

The hired man on the farm gets better pay than he used to. His wages now, figuring in his board and one-half times what they were in 1908. It is costing farmers today nearly four times as much to feed their live stock as it did only ten years ago.

In ten years the farms of the nation have nearly doubled in value, due to the increasing cost of land. The average farm in 1910 was valued at \$471. The present value of the average farm is \$10,514, while the total present farm value is close to \$68,000,000,000. This represents an increase of about \$32,000,000,000. On this increased value interest must be paid, and the greater difficulty of making the farm pay as an investment is one of the things which is embarrassing our farming.

Although in 20 years there has been a great increase in the use of farm machinery, the crop statistics do not indicate that machinery is increasing production. It is permitting fewer men to operate the farms, but it is not sending the farm output ahead of the increase in population. Yet, as farm labor grows harder and harder to get, the tendency is toward a greater use of machinery. This is another indication which points to higher food prices in the future.

#### Farm Implements Cost More.

Farm machinery and tools have greatly increased in price. So has lumber. Today one farm in every twenty-eight owns at least one tractor; two out of every hundred maintain motor trucks; while the automobile has now become so prevalent that practically one farm of every three has one. The great wheat and corn states of the upper and middle Mississippi valley are the chief users of tractors. Here there is a tractor for every nine farms.

While machinery has not increased the output of crops per acre, it has increased crop output per unit of labor.

The physical conditions of living on farms are growing better. The great number of automobiles in use—nearly 2,000,000 cars on the farms in 1920—is an indication of this. There are about 140,000 motor trucks and 250,000 tractors in use. Telephones are now installed in more than 2,500,000 American farmhouses, or in almost 40 per cent of them. Nearly 650,000 American farm homes have their own water and sewerage systems. About 450,000 of them are lighted by gas or electricity.

Science, while it has done much, has not yet rescued the farmer from the business hazards of weather, destructive insect pests, or plant and animal diseases. The commission believes much more can be done to render farming less exposed to these risks.

Hand in hand with the increase in the value of the farm lands has gone an increase in the total mortgage on these lands. The lands themselves have nearly doubled in value, but the mortgage has considerably more than doubled. It is estimated that the present total mortgage debt on American farms is \$8,663,000,000, as against approximately \$3,900,000,000 in 1910. On the average the interest rate on the farm debt at present is 6.1 per cent.

## MERCHANTS' MARKET WEEK.

At Omaha March 5 to 10, Under Auspices of Wholesalers and Manufacturers Association.

A week of activities has been arranged for visiting merchants who come to Omaha to buy their spring and summer lines of merchandise. While the week will be a busy one it will not be devoted entirely to business. The days will be exclusively for the inspection of various lines at the different wholesalers and jobbers. The evenings devoted to entertainment.

Monday night there will be a reception and special entertainment at the Chamber of Commerce. Tuesday night there will be a buffet supper, followed by a theatre party and a midnight dance at one of the big hotels.

Wednesday night's event will include an evening at a real circus, to be put on under the auspices of Tanager Temple Shrine, at the Auditorium. There will be plenty of pink lemonade, peanuts, clowns, elephants, pretty bareback riders, trapeze performers and everything that makes the old fashioned circus glorious.

Thursday evening will be the distribution of gifts to the guests. A high powered radio outfit will be the main gift.

The house of representatives killed the Gallagher minimum wage bill for women when it came up for final passage.

Grace E. Gardzewski, of Keola, Holt county, succeeding Everett Lee, resigned.

The State bank of Gilead was robbed of \$100 in cash and about \$10,000 in Liberty bonds. The loss is fully covered by insurance.

A resolution providing for an investigation of Omaha and Lincoln coal dealers was passed by the house by a vote of 61 to 24.

Over 100 cattlemen from over the state will attend the meeting of the Panhandle Live Stock association at Amarillo, Texas, February 27 and 28. Foster W. Fields, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Fields, Fremont, died at a Fremont hospital of tetanus, resulting from an accident while husking corn.

After having carried mail at Fremont since 1895, Frank Buttington has been sent a letter of appreciation for his work by Postmaster General Work.

The Hubbell Poultry club, under the leadership of Mrs. George Curtis, has been awarded the state championship trophy for poultry clubs offered by M. C. Peters Mill Co. of Omaha.

The District meeting of the Knights of Pythias will be held at Hastings in May. The dramatic order of the Knights of Khorassan are already laying plans for an elaborate ceremonial in connection with the convention.

Prisoners in Lancaster county jail were discovered making their own "hooch" in a makeshift still, consisting of two quart jars of mash hidden under beds during the day and set on the radiators at night to ferment.

Henry A. Brainerd, of Lincoln, past president of the State Press association and a pioneer newspaper man of Nebraska, was struck by an automobile as he was crossing a street at Omaha and painfully cut and bruised about the head and body.

Theodore Grau and Gerald Nordquist, Douglas County boys who won \$90 and \$40 scholarships offered by Walter W. Head of the Omaha National Bank in corn club work last year, are now at Lincoln taking short courses in the college of Agriculture.

Weather forecasts of the United States weather bureau are accurate 85 per cent of the time, according to Prof. G. A. Loveland, director of the University of Nebraska United States weather bureau since 1894, and professor of meteorology.

The first lieutenant governor of Nebraska and one of the two surviving members of the first constitutional convention in this state, O. A. Abbott, sr., of Grand Island, celebrated the golden anniversary of his wedding with Mrs. Abbott at Grand Island last week.

Plans are maturing for one of the greatest automobile shows ever held in Omaha the last week of this month. The many new models and the new basis for prices is certain to arouse interest, and dealers have promised that all the leading makes are to be represented in the Omaha show.

The State Press association, which was organized in 1859, will hold its fiftieth annual convention at Lincoln February 22, 23 and 24.

The grafting by physicians of eight inches of leg bone into the spine of Albert Skoog of Fremont has enabled him to recover the use of his lower limbs.

Edwin C. Cook, 62, for 27 years an instructor at the state school for the blind at Nebraska City, died last week at a Lincoln hospital. Although himself blind for more than 40 years, he was regarded as a man of unusual ability as an instructor.

Harry Kohlberg, an Omaha boy scout, who is to be awarded a Nebraska Humane society medal for assisting an injured dog, received a reward that he prizes more highly than fifty medals. The injured dog, a beautiful Shepherd, has been given to him by the Humane society.

The State and the Farmers, State banks at Winslow have been consolidated. Seven hundred delegates are expected to attend the seventeenth annual convention of the Federation of Nebraska Retailers which meets in Omaha, February 19-21.

## EXPERT GIVES HIS CANDID OPINION

### Drug Clerk, Speaking from Own Experience, Says Tanlac Has No Superior—Troubles Gone

"Not in years have I enjoyed such good health as I do since taking Tanlac, and I am glad to give a straight-forward, no-shoulder recommendation for this medicine," declared Marvin Cohen, 1439 N. Rockwell street, Chicago, a young drug clerk.

"I suffered terribly from stomach trouble and got into a badly run-down condition. Gas ferried on my stomach, attacks of indigestion kept me in misery, and headaches and pains in my back helped to pull me down. Basketball was my favorite pastime, but I got so weak and short of breath I had to give it up.

But Tanlac has put my health on a firm foundation and there is no guesswork about it. I never have indigestion any more, can play a fast game of basketball, and just feel in fine shape. I have handled many medicines over the counter, but there is none better than Tanlac at any price."

Tanlac is sold by all good druggists. Over thirty-five million bottles sold.

## BARROWS HAS A GOOD SHOW OF GETTING HIS PAY

### House Advances Measure to Grant Him Relief—Chairman Voted Down After Argument.

Former Lieutenant Governor Peiham A. Barrows stands a fair show of procuring relief from the legislature for his time given to the service of the state as acting governor. He asks for \$1,801.69. H. R. 349, containing the request, was advanced to third reading in house committee of the whole Thursday after some of the democrats had paraded some of their old time propaganda against a governor's absenting himself from the state.

Representative Baldrige, republican, declared that the travels of Governor McKelvie had been the interest of the state. And this member is not opposed to the Barrows claim. "It is nothing more or less than asking the state to live up to a contract," he said. "The state cannot afford to lead in contract repudiation."

George B. Collins, democrat, wanted the name of the state treasurer scratched. He would insert the clause that the auditor shall draw a warrant on Samuel R. McKelvie, Representative Broome, democrat, seconded the amendment and then he backed out. Mr. Ellsasser, of the house, a democrat, filled the vacancy as second, but the amendment was defeated. The house had no patience for what members termed a ridiculous attempt to juggle.

Chairman Vance of the claims committee opposed the bill. He said that if the constitution means what it says concerning the emoluments of the office, then the lieutenant governor, in the absence of the governor, may chase the governor's family from the mansion since the home for governors constitutes a part of the emoluments of their office.

## BANK ROBBERS AROUSE TOWN WITH BLASTS

### Vault of Oak, Nebr. Institution Is Robbed of \$8,000—People Fear to Leave Homes.

Robbers entered the Scroggins State bank at Oak, Nebraska at 1:30 Friday morning, blew the door off the vault and escaped with \$8,000 in cash and Liberty bonds.

News of the burglary was received at the Nebraska Bankers' association headquarters in Omaha from the town of Edgar yesterday.

People of Oak were aroused by a series of thirteen explosions, but the most of them were afraid to leave their homes. R. Dudley, armed with a revolver, rushed from his house near the bank and fired six shots at the figures he saw working inside, but the burglars opened fire on him and he retreated.

L. Scroggins, cashier of the bank, was the first to arrive on the scene after the robbers made their escape. He found that practically all the money in the bank had been taken.

Pinkerton detectives called in on the case by the Nebraska Bankers' association, are working on the theory that there were three burglars and that they made their escape in an automobile. Dudley believed he saw two men inside the building and one standing guard outside. No one saw the robbers drive off.

The exact amount of Liberty bonds missing is not yet known, but the loot included \$1,500 in gold and \$600 in currency.

Entrance to the bank was made with a crow bar. All telephone lines were cut except the long distance wire and Chief Deputy Carroll at Lincoln was notified immediately.

## AN EMBARRASSING MOMENT

One of our well known citizens, who deals in men's garments and who has had a great deal of experience in travel, experienced a new sensation a few evenings ago while returning home from Omaha on the national evening freight and passenger No. 14. It seems that this gentleman had the recollection of having purchased a ticket in Omaha entitling him to travel over the great Burlington system as far as Plattsmouth, but when the test came the ticket could not be used. As the conductor neared and neared the search of each pocket in the garments of the gentleman grew more and more feverish and less and less chance of the ticket being found was the opinion of the passenger and after gazing with amusement at the frantic searcher for a few moments, the conductor reached over and removed the ticket from the hat of the passenger where it had been placed on leaving the Omaha station.

## CASS CO. FARM BUREAU NOTES

### Pruning Grapes

I wish to hold a few grape or orchard pruning demonstrations in the county on February 28 or March 1. Mr. Hoppert of the Extension Horticulture department will be in the county for these two days. If you wish one of these demonstrations, write or call the Farm Bureau office at Weeping Water.

### Gophers—Why Not Poison Them?

If the farmers from a community will take a day this spring, just as soon as the gophers begin to work, and poison them the county agent will help you for that day. Any community interested in poisoning the gophers let us know and we will help you make arrangements before time. Ask W. C. Timblin of Alvo, or John Bailey of Weeping Water if gophers cannot be poisoned.

## MILLIONS INVESTED IN DAIRY COWS

The girls of Plattsmouth precinct have organized a sewing club of 12 members. They met at the home of Mrs. Henry Horn January 27 and completed the following organization: Mrs. Philip Kehne was chosen project leader; president, Delores Wiles; vice president, Elvera Born, and secretary, Mable Rummel. The club voted to meet with Delores Wiles, February 10. The girls are very much interested in their work and are working hard to complete course 1 so that they can take up course 2 this summer.

### Mt. Pleasant Precinct Meeting

An interesting meeting was held at the home of Mrs. Louie Ehlers near Weeping Water Monday, February 12. Twelve women answered to roll call. The afternoon was spent in cutting and fitting house dresses. The next meeting will be held Mar. 26 at the home of Mrs. Chris Nelson.

### Murray Club Meeting

Tuesday, February 15, a group of fifteen women met at the home of Mrs. C. A. Cathey for an all day meeting. All the dresses were cut and fitted and attractive finishes planned. At noon a delicious dinner was served. The next meeting will be March 28 at the home of Mrs. O. T. Leyda.

### Meeting With Murdock Club

Twelve ladies of Murdock met February 14 at the town hall for a dress construction meeting. Mrs. O. J. Posthat will be pleased to help the women, who didn't get out, draft their patterns. Get your pattern drafted, the material for your dress and your sewing equipment ready and be out to the next meeting. Notice of time and place will be given later.

### Maple Grove Club

The ladies of the Maple Grove club met at the home of Mrs. B. Welch Thursday afternoon, February 15. The afternoon was spent taking measurements and drafting patterns. Fourteen women attended the meeting at the close of which delicious refreshments were served. The next meeting will be an all day meeting at the home of Mrs. H. L. Ross, March 13. Everybody welcome.

### Eagle Club Meeting

Twenty women of Eagle and the girls of the Home Economics department were present at a dress construction meeting held at the consolidated school Friday, February 16. Measurements were taken and patterns drafted. We wish to thank Miss Bennison and the school authorities for the splendid co-operation in these meetings. The next meeting will be for all day, March 30.

### Business forms of all kinds printed at the Journal office.

## CAMPAIGN FOR BROWNELL HALL BUILDING FUND

### Mrs. J. T. Begley of this City Named Chairman in St. Luke's Parish To Solicit Funds.

Bishop E. V. Shayler of Omaha, Episcopal bishop of the diocese of Nebraska, has named Mrs. J. T. Begley to be chairman of the committee to solicit pledges during the week of February 26th for Brownell Hall girls' school in Omaha, which was founded by the Episcopal church in 1861.

A campaign is now being organized throughout the diocese, of which Plattsmouth is a part, to raise \$250,000 for this school during the week of February 26th. The Episcopal church has pledged \$50,000 of this money, leaving \$200,000 to be raised in the diocese by public subscription.

The campaign is for a permanent building fund. The school was forced to sell its old location in Omaha because of the spreading of industrial and trackage districts there and is now being housed in a couple of old residences, and the bishop says it will have to close at the end of the year unless a new school is built.

The school has an endowment fund of \$93,000 but none of this can be used for building because the donors of the fund have specified that it must all be used for scholarships, paying expenses of girls whose parents are unable to do so.

Several Plattsmouth girls in the past have attended Brownell Hall.

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## DR. H. C. LEOPOLD

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## PUBLIC SALE!

I will sell at Public Auction at my home on the Charley Chriewisser farm, five miles north of Nehawka, and two and one-half miles west and one and one-quarter miles south of Murray, on

### Tuesday, February 27

commencing at 10 o'clock a. m., with lunch served on the premises at noon by Oscar Nallor, the following described property, to-wit:

### Live Stock

One brown mare, six years old, wt. 1,300; one bay mare, eight years old, wt. 1,500; one bay mare, nine years old, wt. 1,400; one bay mare, eight years old, wt. 1,400; one bay mare, ten years old, wt. 1,500; one saddle mare, five years old, wt. 800.

Three head of milk cows; one red cow, five years old, fresh by day of sale; one roan Durham cow, five years old, fresh; one red heifer, coming three years old, fresh.

### Farm Machinery

One truck wagon and rack; one farm wagon with box; one single buggy; two sets 1 1/2-inch harness; one new saddle; one riding bridle; one John Deere binder; one King press drill; one Deering mower; one clover seed buncher; one sled listed corn cultivator; one disk; one two-wheeled lister; one Jenny Lind corn cultivator; one tongueless corn cultivator; one 16-inch walking plow; one 3-section harrow; two corn boxes; scoop end gates; one wagon box; ten rods garden fence; about thirty rods of hog fence; one Economy King corn separator; one National 150-egg incubator and numerous other articles.

### Terms of Sale

All sums of \$10 and under, cash. On sums over \$10 a credit of six months will be given, purchaser giving bankable note bearing eight per cent interest from date. No property to be removed from the premises until settled for.

### WORTH CLICK,

Owner.

Chas. W. Dunn, Auctioneer.  
W. S. Beedeker, Clerk.

## ALVO DEPARTMENT

### M. E. Church Notes

At this present writing we feel a bit lonesome. That great big Sunday school contest reached its appointed time to close up the race. The enthusiasm even most of Saturday night and all Sunday morning until 10:20 was so intense that it could scarcely subside long enough to get the results of this hard race between the auto and aeroplane. The baskets for the Reds and Blues were passed the second time and surprised when they returned to the arbitration committee that this contained the funds which decided the winner in the race. Music and good cheer surrounded the house; children were excited; the old folks sat with broad smiles; the Sunday school superintendent was not acting his natural way; the piano had two musicians pounding the music out of it and Captain Taylor was actually up in front acting as musical director. Over in the corner three forms of human beings, Ganz, Speech and the Sunday school secretary, and from the size of the sack they carried we felt sure that they could and would not say: "Silver and gold have I none." When the secretary read the report it was found to contain \$704. My! My! Such rejoicing. Captain Bornemeier while swinging in effigy in his wrecked plane and from his parachute felt just a bit nervous and Captain Taylor was right now up against a "Detour" sign with "Reds Ahead." We all waited anxiously the report. Carl Ganz was so elated over the victory that he pulled the aeroplane clear over to put everything ahead while cheers went up from the big audience especially the Reds and the defeated Blues sang cheerfully "Love Lifted Me." I tell you we have all worked hard the past three months and sacrificed till we feel it but suffice now to say—

The Contest is done.  
And the Victory is won;  
We got the Money,  
And here's the Sum:  
\$1,351.84.

After the Sunday school closed we were again cheered and comforted in a most unusual way by having Superintendent Clemens giving us just a very fitting message. Sorry Bro. Clemens could not stay throughout the afternoon program to see the final "destruction" of that \$1,000 mortgage go up in smoke or down in ashes after Captain Bornemeier applied the match and Captain Taylor holding the tray. We sang the Dology in a better spirit than ever. Time and space will not permit us to make mention in detail of the good dinner served by the ladies in the basement and the splendid program as was put on by home talent. Also the cordial welcome of nine new members to the church roll. So we close by saying—  
Nowhere to go but stay at home.  
And nothing to see but sights.  
For the contest is closed and it alone  
Now furnishes no place for our  
nights.

The prayer meeting is very much alive and looking forward to our revival campaign under the lady evangelist, Miss Clara Meeker from Oklahama. Now, friends, come on and let's join forces for a splendid revival in Alvo. We hope all the sick folks are on the mend and by the next time you read Alvo items we shall announce the date.

Rev. F. A. High will occupy the pulpit next Sunday. He is president of the Anti-Saloon League of Nebraska. Bro. High is a good man and always has a good message.

The W. H. M. S. is holding an all day meeting today in the Sister Jordan home. Miss Ford of Bethany, a returned missionary is with the society for an address.

## Spring is Soon Here!

Grass and Clover Seeding can now be done. Better see us for your seeds, we have all kinds, among which is White Sweet Clover seeds. Clover Seed at 14c per pound or \$14.00 per hundred pounds

Get ready for Spring! Harness oiled \$1.00 per set.

## Coatman Hardware Co.

Alvo, Nebraska

## INTEREST IS SHOWN IN BUILDING HOMES

### Construction in Midwest for Year of 1922 Surpassed All Previous Records, Reports Say.

Chicago, Feb. 16.—Building of homes in the midwest in 1922 surpassed all previous history for the section, according to available preliminary reports on the year. A few sections reported no increase as compared with previous records, but nearly all indicated building boom under way.

In Chicago building permits were issued to a value of \$225,742,000, an increase of \$100,000 over the previous year. The rush of January permits pointed the possibility of an even greater building year in 1923. In 1922 Chicago built 250 residences and 3,553 apartments. An open winter was a factor in keeping up building in much of the north-west.

Kentucky reported a new high peak in building estimated at \$45,000,000 for the year, while preliminary Louisville figures estimated building at about 100 per cent more than ever before. Demand for homes was reported keeping ahead of construction.

Figures for eight large cities in Indiana gave \$57,500,000 as the value of building permits, compared with \$36,200,000 the previous year. Omaha reported slightly fewer building permits in 1922, but a larger number of homes erected, these numbering 1,552 compared with 988 for 1921.

Missouri gave an estimate of about \$53,000,000 for the year, with St. Louis at \$25,000,000, compared with \$15,500,000 in 1921, and Kansas City at \$23,000,000, compared with \$16,000,000. These estimates came from St. Louis contracting firms.

Oklahoma City reported that the building in that state was not extraordinary, but that the construction on small homes led.

Minneapolis, St. Paul and Duluth noted increases in home building and estimated a 3 per cent increase for the state of Minnesota in home construction in 1922. F. W. Dodge and Company estimated that notwithstanding the increase in the home item, the value of total new construction of all classes for the state was about 6 per cent less than in 1921, due in part to agricultural conditions.

John McNurlin was among those going to Omaha this morning, where he was called to spend the day looking after the care of his eyes by the specialist.

Advertising will pay you.

## 'REVELATIONS' ARE PROMISED BY GEN. CRONKHITE

### Army Officer Says He Has Been Denied Opportunity to Give Facts About His Retirement.

Washington, Feb. 16.—Revelations which will "shock the conscience of the country" were promised tonight by Maj. Gen. Adelbert Cronkhite, war commander of the Eightieth division, in his first public statement regarding the circumstances surrounding his recent enforced retirement from the active roll of the army.

Repeating his charge that he was taken out of active service because of the attention he was giving to investigation of the death of his son, Major Alexander P. Cronkhite, mysteriously killed in 1918 at Camp Lewis, Washington, the general asserted that in what he had done he was only performing the duty to which he was assigned by the president. "He had been given no opportunity, he added, to place the true facts before the authorities and even had been denied the right of appearing before a retiring board.

"The facts in this whole unfortunate affair, when they come to light," he said, "will show the conscience of the country, and unless something happens to me, they surely will come to light."

A senate investigation into the case already has been requested by Jennings C. Wise, who served in the Eightieth division as a lieutenant colonel, and by others of General Cronkhite's friends. Tonight no decision on the request had been reached by the senators interested, although action on the nomination of a successor to General Cronkhite was still being withheld at the request of Senator Glass, democrat, Virginia, in whose state the Eightieth division trained.

In his statement, General Cronkhite emphasized that he believed President Harding had been "misled into signing the retirement order," and that the "grave irregularities" he charged in connection with the case of Major Cronkhite had taken place before Secretary Weeks took office.

Albert Wurga came in this morning from his farm home to take the train to Omaha, where he will spend a few hours visiting with friends and looking after some matters of importance.

Phone us the news. We want to publish everything of importance that happens in Cass county.