

## OF INTEREST TO RURAL READERS

FARM BUREAU NEWS SERVICE SUPPLIES ITEMS FOR THE TRIBUNE READERS

The general short course at the University of Nebraska Agricultural College begins Monday, January 23, and lasts four weeks. Men may register in the auto-tractor mechanics short course for four weeks beginning on either of the following dates: January 23, February 6, February 20. The registration fee in the general course is \$5.00; in the auto-tractor course, \$25.00. A bulletin giving complete information can be secured by writing the college.

One of the things which the American Farm Bureau has done is to weld together the largest farmer's organization ever built in the history of the world with more than a million farmers working in organized way to promote the best interests of agriculture. This is done through 1,507 county farm bureaus such as we have in Lincoln county and forty-six state farm bureau federations such as we have in Nebraska. This welding together has been a slow and laborious task and has been done in the face of fierce opposition both from within the ranks of the farmers and from those outside whose selfish ends would be harmed by such an organization.

A meagre report has reached the office of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation that in some counties of the state organizers are working among the farmers collecting a \$3.00 membership fee from farmers on the strength of being able to build up an association to force the price of corn up to it is reported, 65 cents to 75 cents per bushel. "I don't know what this alleged organization is," Mr. Lute of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation says, "but if the claims are true that it is an organization intended to attempt to set a selling price for corn, then I can say that we are against it, as well as against the theory it is alleged to advance for these things can't be done artificially."

The Nebraska Farm Bureau federation, according to its secretary, H. D. Lute intends to make a thorough investigation into the petitions in circulation in several counties seeking the abolishment of the county farm bureau and extension agent. In some counties the petitions have been directed against some other county offices when circulated to give it the appearance of a general reform movement, and one of retrenchment of expenditures, but as soon as the petitions are signed they are changed to apply only to the extension agent. That these petitions are not being circulated by persons interested in the farmers' welfare is pretty well established, and from what can be learned, Mr. Lute says, it seems to be a drive against the Farm Bureau, particularly since its activities in aiding the farmers' national grain and live stock marketing plans.

For some time the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation has investigated the matter of a state farmers' finance corporation. It has been found that the present laws in this state must be amended before such a corporation along the lines of the Iowa corporation, can be successfully organized. Secretary Lute of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation took this matter up with Governor McKelvie in connection with the special session of the legislature which the governor will call soon. Mr. Lute, however, advised the governor that due to the fact that war finance funds are now available, and also that the farmers at the present time are in a depressed financial condition, there is not such an emergency existing that it is necessary that the special session take up this subject. Another regular session of the legislature will be held before farmers generally will be ready to organize such a corporation, and Governor McKelvie advised Secretary Lute that recommendations looking towards amending the present laws making such an institution possible will probably be made in his final message to the next session.

The work of the Agricultural College extension service along the line of healthier homes is shown by the following example. In October a baby clinic was held in Jefferson precinct, Madison county. Twenty-six babies were weighed and thoroughly examined by a local doctor and the home health specialists of the Agricultural college extension service. Each defect was explained to the mothers and they were advised to consult their family physicians. In December, the health specialist met the mothers again. Nine babies were weighed again and two new ones came. Questions were asked and answered about baby care. Regularity was stressed as one of the essential for maintaining health and proper development of babies and little children—regularity in bathing, feeding, exercise, out door life. In February the health specialist will again visit this precinct and help mothers in checking up on the growth of the children. Other special needs of the children will be discussed. Truly John Burns was right when he said "give me intelligent motherhood and good prenatal condition and I have no doubt of the future of this or any other nation."

You have all heard the old story of the Arkansas farmer, who when asked why he did not shingle his house replied, "Wal, when it rains I can't do it and when it don't rain I don't need it." Of course a man cannot prevent ditches from developing on his farm and valuable soil from being carried from every hillside while it is raining. Farmers in southeastern Nebraska are finding soil terrace a valuable means of preventing erosion and now while it is not raining is a good time to build them. The modern terraces recommended by the Agricultural College are not the steep bench-like affairs that are found in China, Japan and other old countries. Farm land on long slopes can be protected by what is known as the ridge or Mangum terrace. This terrace resembles a rigid road or old raised fence line running around the hill almost on a level. The water is carried back of these ridges and dumped at one side of the field. A series of these ridges catch the runoff and prevent gullies from forming. The rich black surface soil is also held on the slopes instead of covering the lowland. Do you have a field that might be terraced? Ask your county extension agent to help you plan for it.

That any tax on gasoline to be enacted by the special session of the legislature to be called by Governor McKelvie, the primary purpose of which is to raise funds for road building purposes instead of using funds raised by direct taxation, should exempt gasoline used by farm tractors and other farm machinery used in lines of production, is asked by the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation. H. D. Lute, secretary of the Nebraska Farm Bureau federation called upon the governor and finds the chief executive generally favorable to making such an exemption. The governor told Mr. Lute that the Colorado gasoline tax law has such an exemption and that it has been found to comprise only about one percent of the total sales. With this exemption, Mr. Lute is of the opinion that farmers generally will be favorable to the gasoline tax. The feature which, he says, will appeal to the farmer most is the fact that the gasoline tax is about the only way in which the tourist can be compelled to partially pay for the state roads which he is helping to wear out. In fact the amount of money which the tourists will annually contribute towards state roads by a tax on the gasoline they purchase while passing through the state will not by any means be a small item.

Holstein-Friesians, the "Black-and-Whites," now exceed by more than 100,000 the purebred animals of other breeds of cattle in the United States. The 1920 census gives 528,612 as the number of purebred Holsteins, and Shorthorns which rank next have only 416,995. Third in rank comes the Hereford breed with 405,580 purebreds. Jerseys number 231,834, Aberdeen Angus 108,524, Guernseys 39,445, Polled Durham 61,755, Ayrshire 30,494, Brown Swiss 8,130, Galloway 6,920, Devon 1,194, unspecified beef breeds 63,944 and unspecified dairy breeds 38,078. The total number of purebred cattle is 1,981,514 of which 1,064,912 belong to the beef breeds and 916,602 to the dairy breeds. Nebraska has 7,873 head of purebred dairy cattle of which 5,368 are purebred Holsteins, 1,275 purebred Jerseys, 345 purebred Guernseys, 74 purebred Ayrshires, 58 purebred Brown Swiss and 770 are unspecified. While there are comparatively few purebred dairy cattle in Nebraska, only about 10 per cent of the number of purebred beef cattle, the state still ranks well in that it has many of the highest producing cows in the country. Two Nebraska Holstein cows have produced more than 30,000 pounds of milk in a year and two have produced more than 1,000 pounds of butterfat (or 1,250 pounds of butter) in a year, according to the dairy specialists of the Agricultural College.

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Dated this 3rd day of January 1922. (Signed) Frank Clark, East Tryon Route.

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**NOTICE OF FINAL REPORT**  
Estate No. 1605, of Hans D. Jergensen, deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.  
The State of Nebraska, to all persons interested in said Estate take notice that the Administratrix has filed a final account and report of her administration and a petition for final settlement and discharge as such, Administratrix, which have been set for hearing before said court on January 20th, 1922, at 10 o'clock a. m., when you may appear and contest the same.  
Dated December 20, 1921.  
Wm. H. C. Woodhurst, County Judge.  
(John Grant Attorney.)

**NOTICE OF SALE UNDER CHATTEL MORTGAGE**  
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a chattel mortgage dated October 10th, 1921, and duly filed in the office of the County Clerk of Lincoln County, Nebraska, on the 11th day of October, 1921 and executed by Maurice E. Martin and Lloyd R. Wilson, to H. M. Porter, to secure the payment of six promissory notes in the sum of Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00), each payable monthly, the first note payable November 1st, 1921; and fifteen promissory notes in the sum of Fifty Dollars (\$50.00), payable monthly, the first note payable May 1st, 1922, and all bearing interest at 3 per cent per annum, all of which notes are now due and payable, default having been made in the payment of the original note, and interest, when the same became due, and no suit or other proceeding at law having been instituted to recover said debt, or any part thereof, therefore, I am selling the property therein described, to-wit:  
1 Royal Iceless, 8 foot soda fountain.  
1 Steel tank, for Carbonated water.  
1 Gas Regulator and equipment.  
6 Beds and Bedding; 2 Dining Room Tables; 3 small Lunch Tables; 1 Coal Range, 6 hole; 1 Oil Stove, burners.  
4 Dressers; 1 Comode; 22 Chairs with steel rounds and legs.  
All shelving; 3 Linoleums.  
All kitchen utensils and dishes used in restaurant.  
2 Orange crush urns; 1 large Cigar case; 2 large candy cases; 2 upright candy cases.  
4 Ice Cream Tables, Marble tops, 1 wood top.  
1 Herricks Ice chest, 3 doors; 2 Gum cases; 1 Pipe Case.  
1 Counter with Citrolite top; 1 Cash Register.  
2 Dish racks; 1 lunch counter.  
1 Cigar Case, small; 1 Scale, subject to a first mortgage.  
2 Ice Cream Dishers.  
at public auction at Block Two (2), West 1/2 lot Five (5), in the Two-Story Cement Block Building occupied as restaurant in Village of Hershey, Lincoln County, Nebraska, on Tuesday the 17th day of January, 1922, at the hour of One o'clock P. M., of said date.

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