Growing Crowds Meet Sire Train as Trip Continues

Western Nebraska Farmers Show Keen Interest in Dairy Farming Possibilities.

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Curtis, Neb., Oct. 15.—Joe Peregrine of Grant made the best speech of the trip at this point. Mr. Peregrine was selected by the local committee to receive a purebred sire in exchange for a scrub bull. The purebred was donated by Homer Kremke of Jansen.

"I came here from eastern Nebraska six years ago with $1,600 and one cow," said Mr. Peregrine. "I had milked from 12 to 16 cows back in eastern Nebraska, but I came out here to raise wheat. My first year's crop cost me $600 more than I got out of it. In three years my $1,600 was gone, and I was broke. I went to the bank in Grant and said I wanted to buy some cows. The bank told me to go and buy the cows I wanted, give my checks for them and then come in and sign a note. Those bankers were wise in one way, anyhow.

"I bought some cows and for three years I have been milking and building up my herd. I've quit trying to make a living by raising wheat alone. Today I don't owe a store bill, I don't owe the bank, and I have little money ahead, and I am going to milk more cows and raise less wheat and more corn and alfalfa."

Mr. Peregrine's experience as a wheat raiser is the experience of hundreds in this section of Nebraska. His experience as a dairyman is the experience of a growing number of people here.

This is not a sure-crop country, but it never fails to raise enough grain and hay to feed a hundred times the number of milk cows it now has, and those cows would make farming profitable where it is now an uncertain gamble. That the people are interested is evidenced by the fact that in this small city, in sparsely settled territory, 2,488 people went through the train. And in point of intelligent interest, courtesy and good looks, it was a crowd that measured well above the average.

Entertainment Provided.

The local committee at Grant worked hard and intelligently, which accounts for the crowd and the interest. The business men of Grant had provided an all-day entertainment of a superior order, including free picture shows, free lunch and various street entertainments. Grant is the seat of the Perkins County High school.

Thirty-seven years ago last summer your correspondent homesteaded seven and a half miles southeast of Grant. Today he met William Edwards, who was then his nearest neighbor, nearly six miles distant, and the owner of the only well in that entire section. At that it was about as near to water one way as it was the other. It required all day to drive to the Edwards well, draw the water in a bucket from a depth of nearly 300 feet, fill three barrels and then drive back to the ranch. The country is much better settled now, and while the wells are just as deep as they used to be there are more of them and the gasoline engine and the windmill have replaced the old pulley and double bucket system.

One well-remembered incident of those days is that the writer pegged type by hand for three days in the newspaper office at Grant to pay for the publication of his final proof notice.

Average Attendance Is 2,044.

Now Grant has all the modern conveniences and the newspaper no longer has its type edged up by hand. We have not been greeted by a finer crowd anywhere on the trip. With today's count at Grant the average number going through the purebred sire special at the 13 stops has been 2,044.

Curtis, home of the Western Nebraska Agricultural college, was the second stop of the day, and an immense crowd greeted the train. J. S. Fordice, an experienced dairyman, was the recipient of the Holstein bull donated by Frank Swanson of Stromsburg. The Liberty quartet, famous all over this section for its singing of original songs, broadcast from the broadcasting station installed on the train. Dairying is growing in popularity in this section, where beef cattle production has long been the chief industry. Conditions here are just right for dairying, and local men report a continued increase in the amount of butterfat marketed. The agricultural school is doing a splendid development work in this section and is growing in size and influence every year.

There is a noticeable increase in the size of the crowds meeting the train and in the interest manifested. This is accounted for by the increasing publicity that is being given the train and its mission is performing.

Auto Collides With Truck; Driver Seriously Injured

Kimball, Oct. 15.—Arnold Schmidt of Poole was seriously injured today when his car collided with a truck loaded with wheat driven by Vern Nelson, a mile north of here. The truck was coasting down hill and was out of gear. Schmidt's head was jammed between the top bows of the car and his skull fractured.

Radio Station Raises $1,000 to Purchase Sets for Shut-ins

Norfolk, Oct. 15.—Approximately $1,000 in pennies, nickels and dimes has been received by The Norfolk Daily News radio station WJAG from people in four or five states who listened in on the world's series programs broadcast by The News. These contributions are to be used to buy radio sets for shut-ins who are unable to purchase them.

Last year listeners-in sent in cigars and candy to show their appreciation of the service. This year, Gene Huse, publisher of The News, and Earl Stefan, the announcer, asked the listeners not to send cigars, but to give pennies and nickels for radio sets for invalids. The sets will be purchased by Mr. Huse, who will personally distribute them to the worthy shut-ins. Thousands of telegrams and letters were received by The News complimenting the plan.

Night Courses Begin.

The 20-week night courses from the University of Nebraska begin this week under the auspices of the Advertising-Selling league of Omaha. Wednesday night the business economics class meets and Friday the salesmanship class will begin its work. Many enrollments have been received.

RADIO

Program for Thursday, Oct. 16.
(Courtesy of Radio Digest.)
By Associated Press.
WGR, Buffalo, (319), 8, music; 6:30, news.
WOJ, Chicago, (448), 7, concert; 10, Skylark.
WGN, Chicago Tribune, (370), 6, concert; 8, entertainer; 10, dance.
WLS, Chicago, (345), 6:30, dinner; 6:45-12, songs, orchestra, dramatics, mardi.
WLW, Cincinnati, (423), 3, French lesson; 9, music; 8:25, Senator Schultz; 10, music.
WJAX, Cleveland, (390), 7, concert.
WFAA, Dallas News, (476), 8:30-9:30, concert; 11-12, organ.
WOC, Davenport, (484), 7, Sandman; 7:30, educational lecture; 9, orchestra.
WWJ, Detroit News, (517), 6, News orchestra, Wendell Hall, quartet, Goldkette's orchestra.
WBAP, Fort Worth Star-Telegram, (476), 7:30-8:30, concert; 9:30-10:45, concert.
WDAF, Kansas City Star, (411), 7:30; 4:30, string trio; 6-7, School of the Air; 11:45, Nighthawks.
WHAS, Louisville Times, (400), 7:30-9, musical program.
KFI, Los Angeles, (469), 8:45, lecture; 9:30-11, vocal, orchestra, instrumental; 12, Spanish program.
WMC, Memphis Commercial Appeal, 8:30, concert.
WJZ, New York, (455), 3 p. m., educational; 12:10:30, music, stock reports, talks, organ, dance.
WAY, New York, (405), 4:30-9:30, French lesson, drama, dance, talk.
WEAF, New York, (492), 9, music; 6, services; 4:30, dance; 7, talks; 7:45, viola; 8, tenor; 8:15, soprano; 8:30, pianist; 9, Pennsylvania orchestra.
WOR, Newark, (405), 6 a. m., gymnastics; 1:30-1:30 p. m., solos, talks, dance.
KGO, Oakland, (312), 10, concert; 12-3 a. m., orchestra.
WAAW, Omaha, (286), 8-9, educational program, solos.
WOAR, Philadelphia, (395), 6:30, talk.
WFI, Philadelphia, (395), 6:30, orchestra.
WCAE, Pittsburgh, (462), 5:30, concert; 6:30, Uncle Kaybee; 8:45, baseball scores; 7:30, Weekly Review.
KDKA, Pittsburgh, (326), 8:30, orchestra; 6:15, children; 6:30, talk; 7, farm talk; 7:30, orchestra, soprano; 10, concert, orchestra.
WGY, Schenectady, (380), 6:45, book review; 7, comedy; 10:30, organ.
WRZ, Springfield, (337), 5:30, popular music; 5:40, orchestra; 6:15, dramatic talk; 6:30, bedtime; 6:45, theater music; 10, music; 8:30, music; 9, music.
WRC, Washington, (469), 5, children; 5:45, motor talk; 7, mezzo-soprano; 7:45, orchestra; 7:30, songs; 8, dance.
WCBD, Zion, (345), 8, male quartet, organ.

Wheat Fields and Pastures Drying Up

No Rain Has Fallen in Some Parts of Gage County for Three Months.

Beatrice, Oct. 15.—Farmers report that in a number of localities in Gage county winter wheat is becoming spotted in some fields from lack of moisture and unless rain falls soon the crop will be considerably damaged. No rain has fallen here for about three months.

John Herold, stock raiser and feeder, east of Beatrice, reports that owing to the dry condition of the ground, and the fact that the ravines and ponds have dried up, he is obliged to drive his cattle some distance for water. He is feeding more than 200 head this fall and is compelled to divide them up into small herds when he waters them. As there is practically no fall pasture, which makes the feeding proposition rather serious.

Some farmers in Gage county have disposed of their herds rather than carry them through the winter.

Anglers Organize.

Bassett, Neb., Oct. 15.—Chapters of the Izaak Walton league have been organized here and at Long Pine. Each chapter is represented by the leading hunters and anglers in this vicinity.

Long Delayed Visit.

Jack Fenton, Union Pacific employe, saw his only sister, Mrs. Mary Horgan of Brooklyn, N. Y., for the first time since 1877 when she came to visit him in Omaha recently.

WOAW Program

KFNF Program