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FARM NEWS REVIEW

Farm Bureau Unit Meets at Lewiston

Lewiston Unit of Farm Bureau held a monthly meeting Sept. 15 at the Lewiston Community Center. Minutes of last meeting were read and approved.

A discussion was held on appointing a Legislative chairman and a chairman of Associated women.

Mrs. Glenn Thompson was appointed coffee chairman.

Henry Hobscheidt was appointed entertainment with Robert Lambert and Robert Nickles as assistants.

Louis Sack, chairman, discussed the merits of Farm Bureau Insurance.

All members of the Lewiston Unit Farm Bureau are urged to attend the next meeting to be held the third Thursday in Oct., 8:00 p.m., at the Lewiston Community Center, Harvey Cottingham, secretary-treasurer reported.

Egypt has informed Britain of plans to obtain arms from the Soviet Union in exchange for Egyptian cotton.

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Irrigation Wells At Peak

Different Approach Outlined For Government Farm Support

A radically different approach to the solution of America's farm surplus problem is offered by J. K. Galbraith of Harvard University.

Dr. Galbraith believes the answer to farm surpluses is to drop crop subsidies altogether in favor of a more direct payment plan encouraging livestock production.

Writing in the October issue of Successful Farming magazine, Galbraith says the administration's flexible farm price support program is a failure because it continues to favor non-perishable commodities against perishable ones and because rigid controls and subsidies are still essential.

A free market alone, Galbraith says, is not the answer. Neither are the two "pet" answers of the Republicans and Democrats, respectively flexible supports and rigid 90 per cent of parity supports. The economist feels we must stop looking for the perfect answer and realize our current programs have been of some use.

In his plan, Galbraith calls for: (1) Allowing farm prices to be set by the open market, and (2) providing direct payments to farmers or processors to make up differences between market prices and agreed-on parity levels. This is the idea behind the present wool support program.

By use of this program, the article says, a shift to livestock production would occur where small price decreases bring large consumption increases and where also larger amounts of land per person would be required, easing cereal surpluses.

Galbraith also wants direct payments to livestock producers as smaller substitutes for present large cereal subsidies. With this would go payments to farmers who shift crop acreage to pasture.

In concluding the article, the writer states his plan could solve cereal surplus problems "within five years and substantial progress might even be apparent much sooner."

Interest in using Nebraska's groundwater for irrigation reached an all-time peak in 1954 when a record number of wells were installed, reports State Geologist E. C. Reed.

Reed, author of an article appearing in the October issue of Nebraska on the March, said the hot, dry weather of the last four years was the most "important reason" for the keen interest.

Nebraska on the March is a monthly publication of the state's industrial development agency—the Division of Nebraska Resources. Reed is also director of the Conservation and Survey Division at the University of Nebraska.

He stated, in his annual report in the Resources Division magazine, that the increment of irrigation wells in 1954 raised the state total to more than 11,500. There were 9,100 wells reported at the end of 1953. (Editor's note: Cass County has three irrigation wells)

A chart prepared by Reed shows a total of an estimated 11,863 wells at the end of 1954, an increase of 2,452 over 1953. In 1954, 700 thousand acres of land could be irrigated by wells, as compared to 835 thousand acres in 1953.

And Reed reported there are strong indications that

"there has been no let up in installation of new wells in 1955. We will probably show an increase in installations during the year over the record number installed in 1954."

The state geologist pointed out that 1954—for the third consecutive year—had above normal temperatures (3 degrees) and below normal precipitation (16 per cent). "Thus, we find a condition where less water is available and more is needed."

Referring to the effect of the weather on groundwater levels, Reed said lower "precipitation and high evaporation have resulted in lower ground-water levels, especially in the valley areas." This, he continued, has reduced the amount of water some wells can yield.

Reed strongly cautioned irrigators against pumping water "at rates high enough to produce large drawdowns." He asserted that excessively high-rate pumping can cause serious damage to wells.

If this happens, "the ability of the well to produce water is progressively and rapidly reduced and the effective life of a large-cost irrigation well may be shortened many fold."

Ag Days Are Set Oct. 29 At University

LINCOLN—The second annual Ag Days will be held at the University of Nebraska college of agriculture Oct. 29, announced Dr. Franklin E. Eldridge, associate director of resident instruction.

Everyone is welcome at the college of agriculture open house. All alumni and parents of students are especially invited to attend.

The Ag Days program will include departmental open houses, exhibits in the college activities building, conducted tours around the campus, and a barbecue at noon.

Ag Days is being held in conjunction with the Parent's Day football game with Kansas University. A block of seats is being reserved at the football game for parents and others attending Ag Days. Orders for tickets should be made directly to A. J. Lewandowski, business manager of athletics at the University.

Reservation for the noon barbecue should be made with Dr. John Matsushima in the department of animal husbandry at the college of agriculture.

Mechanical Corn Picking To Save Money

Mechanical developments in corn harvesting promise to permit farmers to combine grain processing operations in the field with resultant benefits in subsequent handling.

Four savings permitted with small-grain combines are listed in an article in the October issue of Successful Farming magazine. They are:

1. The snapping attachment which added to a combine, makes it suitable for processing corn and is much less expensive than a separate picker;
2. Combining costs about the same as picking with the added benefit of having the corn shelled;
3. Using the combine for an additional crop reduces its cost over more acres, reducing depreciation and interest charges against small grains;
4. Field combining with a snapping system can and often does cut field losses almost in half.

The newly-improved snapping mechanism, which is the heart of the system, according to the article, is a set of rolls above the regular combine feeder. Corn plants are cut off by the sickle. Star-shaped or fluted rolls don't actually snap the corn but pull it down until the butt of the ear strikes the snapping surface where the shank breaks.

Field shelling offers one difficulty, the article points out.

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Shelled corn cannot be stored on midwest farms without first being dried. Corn delivered to the elevator with more than 20 per cent moisture suffers a discount penalty. This drawback is offset in many cases however, says the article, because the overall efficiency increase is enough to pay for the cost of drying equipment.

Corn is best suited for field combining when moisture content is 27-30 per cent. Higher than that, shelling efficiency is low and kernel damage high.

The group left on the Burlington Zephyr from Council Bluffs. Listed in the group are Jim Grosshans, Fred Tilson, Roy Smith, Herb Kraeger, Fred Meisinger, Roger Wehrlein, Gary Rieke, Ed Biehl, Lapren Todd, Carl Everett, Ronnie Riemers, Bob Ehler, Dennis Todd and Jim Kraeger.

Roger Wehrlein is a member of the National F. F. A. which is assembling in Kansas City with members from various part of the United States.

Local F. F. A. Boys Go to Kansas City For National Meet

Plattsmouth chapter of the Future Farmers of America has 14 members attending the National F. F. A. convention in Kansas City. Jim Kraeger, news reporter for the chapter told the Journal.

The convention is being held Monday through Wednesday, Oct. 10-12. The group is staying at the Chase Hotel.

They will attend, among other

things, the National F. F. A. Public Speaking contest; hear an address by the mayor of Kansas City and one by the master of the National Grange, plus an address by Harold Stassen, an assistant to President Eisenhower. They will also tour the city with one evening of entertainment by the Firestone Company.

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21st Poultry Meet Set Oct. 29 at NU

LINCOLN — The 21st annual Nebraska Poultry Improvement Association Convention will be held here Oct. 19 through 21. The educational program is planned for all branches of the poultry industry.

The program on Wednesday, Oct. 19, is designed for turkey and broiler growers. Thursday's program will be devoted to the problems of egg producers, processors, egg buyers, and hatcherymen. On Friday, events will be aimed at hatcherymen and flock selecting agents.

Many out-of-state speakers have been scheduled for this year's program, including men from Illinois, Iowa, New Hampshire, Washington, D. C., California, Michigan, and Missouri.

Visitors are welcome to attend any of the meetings, which will be held in the Hotel Lincoln.

Adm. Raeder, Nazi sea chief, freed from Spandau by Big 4.



Stock, Murdock; Mrs. Oliver Meisinger, Louisville; and Mrs. Fred Campbell, Murray.

Short Course Scheduled
A two-session short course in agriculture and home economics has been scheduled by the College of Agriculture at the University of Nebraska according to F. E. Eldridge, associate director of resident instruction.

Each session will be four weeks long, with two courses being taught in agriculture and in home economics each session. One course will be taught in the morning and the other in the afternoon five days a week, Monday through Friday.

The first session starts Oct. 31 and continues through November 23. The second session will be held February 6 through March 2.

Eldridge says any mature person who wishes to take the course is eligible.

Registration for the first session will be limited to 27 men in agriculture and 20 women in home economics. Applications can be sent in by mail, and will be accepted in the order of their arrival.

Spread Fertilizer Anytime Ground Isn't Frozen

"It ain't necessarily so" also applies to the old idea that spreading fertilizer is strictly a spring-time job. You can spread fertilizer almost any time the ground isn't frozen says M. D. Weldon, extension soil specialist at the University of Nebraska. And fall is a particularly good time to add fertilizer.

The ground is usually firmer in the fall making going easier for trucks and machinery. Then, there is usually a better choice of grades and kinds of fertilizer in the fall, prices are often a little lower, and delivery is usually more prompt.

Here are four profitable ways to add fertilizer in the fall:

1. Broadcast and plow under the extra plant food needed for top yields of corn and small grains next year. Research shows that phosphate and potash in fertilizers is just as efficient applied in the fall as in the spring on most corn belt soils.

Even nitrogen will be held in most medium to heavy soils if the plant food is put on after soils have cooled to 55 degrees. Serious losses of nitrogen may occur in sandy soils during the winter, however.

2. Top-dress legume-grass meadows with phosphate and lime if soil tests show these elements are needed. This gives best results when done soon after the last cutting of hay.

3. Fertilize old permanent pastures just before freeze up with a top-dressing of nitrogen. Add phosphate, too, if soil tests show it's needed.

4. Use fertilizers in your renovating program to build up rundown pastures.

Clarence Schmadeke, County Extension Agent

**News Notes
Election Results**
Elections for Home Extension group chairmen were held by the presidents in each center during the last two weeks.

The results are: Mrs. Orris Lanning, Eagle; Mrs. Clarence Beccard, Union; Mrs. A. J. Leabrand, Greenwood; Mrs. Roy Engelkemier, Murray; Mrs. Fred

This 'n That In Agriculture

Clarence Schmadeke, County Agent
Pearl Schultz, Home Agent

Entertaining
All-day leader training lesson was given to home extension club leaders in seven centers. Eighty leaders received instructions on basic rules of good design as applied to table settings. They are: balance, proportion, contrast and unity. Correct table settings and proper use of silver, glass and china were demonstrated. Kinds of table service and when to use the Russian, English, Compromise, Buffet and American were discussed.

The second part of the lesson was on the qualities of being a gracious hostess. Table manners were reviewed and emphasized, today's trend of good manners and informalities were reviewed as the result of a true and false quiz.

Pearl L. Schultz, Home Extension Agent

4H CLUB EVENTS!
The Busy Homemakers were organized on Thursday, Sept. 29, at the home of Marilyn Vinduska. Election of officers and deciding on the project for the coming year were the features of the meeting. The project they decided on was "Let's Cook."

Officers are President, Sandra Toman; Vice-President Sandra Abel; Secretary-Treasurer, Mary Ann Lochman; News Reporter, Nancy Tilson; Game leader, Sharon Kiser; Song leader, Marilyn Vinduska.

The leader is Mrs. Henry Vinduska, and the assistant leader is Mrs. Joe Lochman.

Lunch was served by Mrs. Vinduska and Marilyn. Nancy Tilson, news reporter.

The Mynard Jolly Feeders club held their organization meeting at the home of Fred, Karen and Ronald Tilson, Oct. 5.

There were three new members who joined making a total of 15.

We had an election of officers. Tom Kraeger is president; Donald Harvey, vice-president; Fred Tilson, secretary; Leonard Hild, news reporter; Karen Tilson, treasurer; Herbert Kraeger, song leader. Recreation committee, Diana Wiles, Gene Vallery and Ronald Tilson.

Next meeting will be held at Gene Vallery's Nov. 2.

After the meeting refreshments were served by Mrs. Tilson.

News reporter, Leonard Hild. Subscribe to The Journal Now!

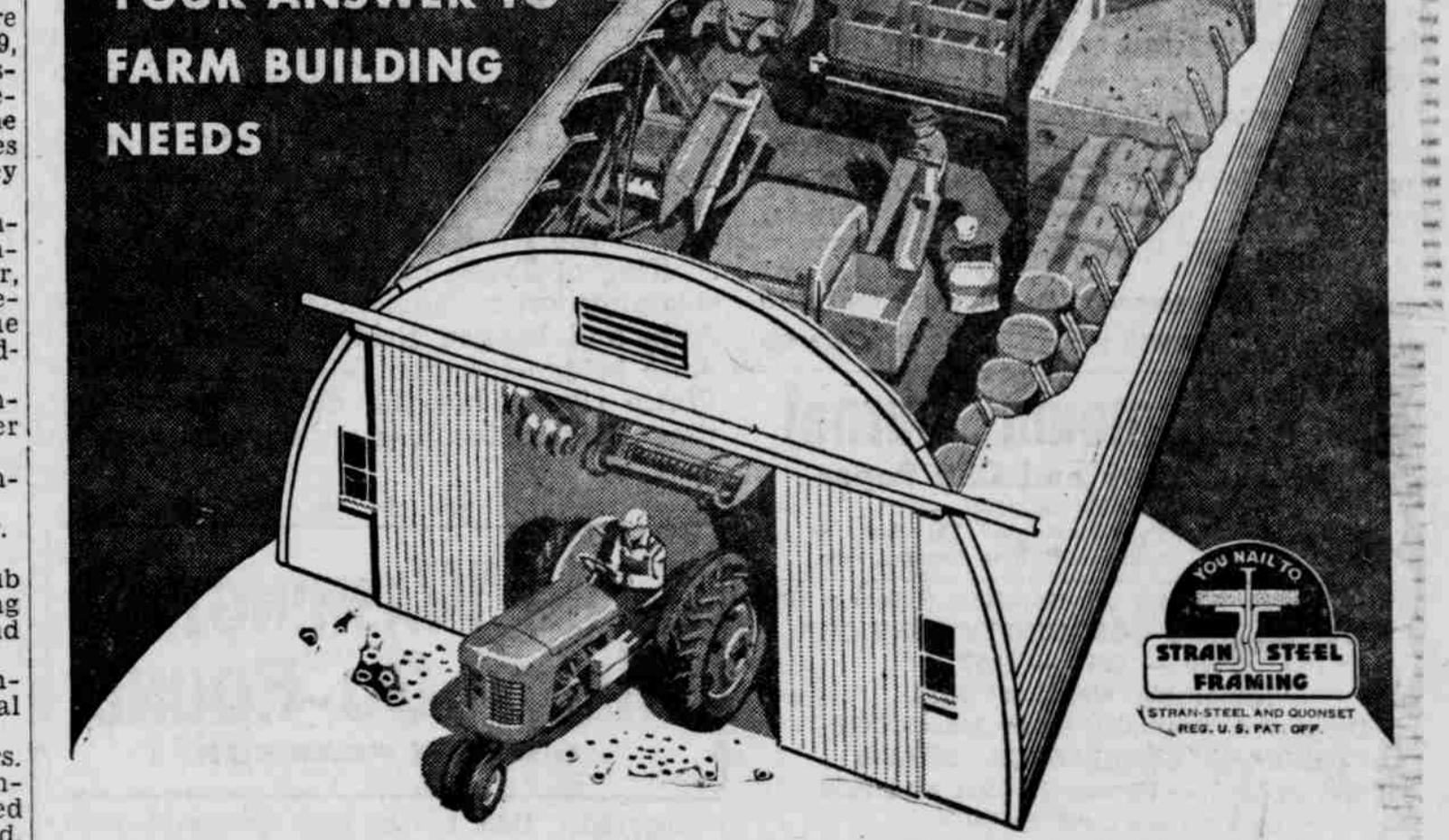
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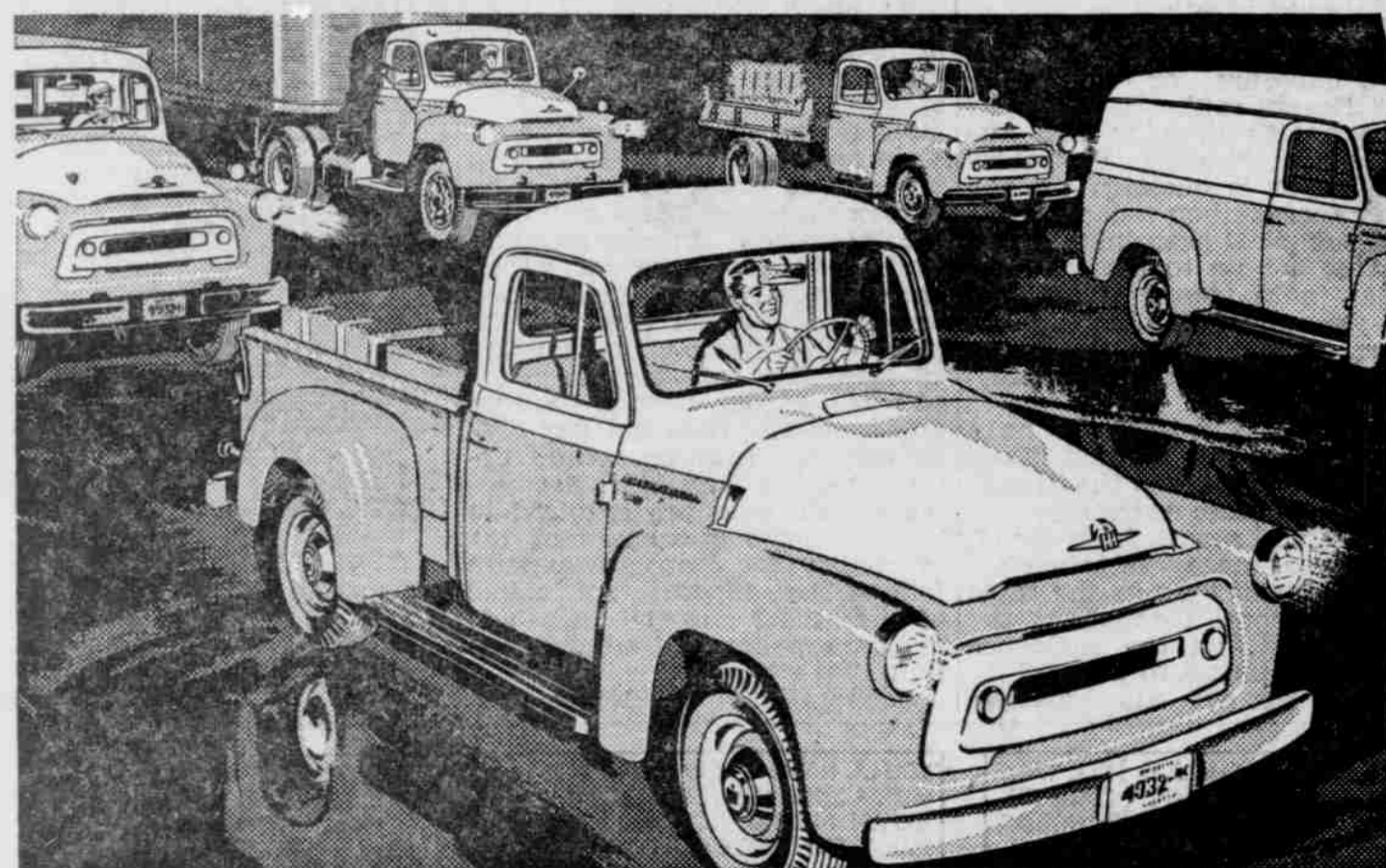
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