



Threshing Progressing Since the Rainy Spell

Since the threshing machines were able to get into the fields the threshing operations have progressed nicely, and much of the grain in this community has been threshed. While the wheat was a little tough for threshing the fore part of the week, this is not now the case and much faster progress is being made cleaning up the work.

There is a regular army of machines operating in this vicinity and another week of good weather will see the grain all in the bins or in the elevators. The yield is fair, as is also the quality of the grain, but the present low prices leaves nothing for the farmer for his work for the year, and the growers of the grain are, and have license to be, discouraged. Many of them are signifying their intention of not putting in any wheat to amount to anything next year, but will devote themselves to the raising of feed crops and some will go into the stock raising business on a larger scale in an effort to recoup the losses they have sustained during the past two years in the wheat raising business.

COUNTY AGENT PLAN MAY BE GIVEN TRIAL

Sentinel-Courier: T. O. Gorman of the Agricultural College Extension service, was a Cooperstown visitor Monday, coming in answer to calls made upon him by many Griggs county people for detailed information regarding the county agent work and methods of obtaining a county agent. Mr. Gorman spent many hours discussing the problem here with farmers and town people who have taken an interest in the matter, and the outcome of his visit will doubtless be the early activity of petitioners asking the county commissioners to provide a county agent.

Mr. Gorman stated that if this

county wanted federal aid available immediate action would have to be taken in order to provide for the expense in the Extension Department budget, which soon is to be closed. Funds, he said, are available for three or four more county agents in the state, but to obtain them action would have to be taken very soon.

The county agent plan has been fought in Griggs county to some extent on the ground that the services of an agent are not sufficient to merit the expenditure. Other opposition is given birth through the fact that some county agents do not prove themselves to be good ones even though some counties have secured unusually fine service through their agents.

The cost of a county agent for Griggs county would be partly met by the federal government. Mr. Gorman visited at the court house while here and after studying the situation figured out what the cost of a county agent would be to the county. If the tax necessary to collect were levied against the land of the county alone, the tax against each quarter section of land would be about seventy cents.

Mr. Gorman made it plain while here that he knew the success of the county agent plan depended largely upon the merits of the agent himself. He explained that there was no difficulty under the plan of discharging an agent who was not doing what the county commissioners considered the best work possible, and that the discharge of the agent can be brought about at any time, supplanting a new agent in the place of the old one.

There seems to be more sentiment favoring the county agent in the county now than ever before. People are each day seeing where a county agent would be a mighty big factor in bringing about such conditions as can be enjoyed even in times like these.

Undoubtedly there will be a start made within a few days to secure signatures to petitions calling upon the county commissioners to provide for an agent. The law requires that twenty-five per cent of the taxpayers shall sign the petition to obtain the county agent.

APPLY THE BRAKE

A taxicab says in an advertisement: "The next time you see a little boy or girl crossing the street just ahead of your car—don't try to blow them out of the way with your horn. Use your brake. Suppose the child were your own—what would you do? Probably come to a quick stop. Then why not do the same for the other chap's child? Man to man now—do you want some little chap to cry all his life because you made him a cripple?"

There is a sermon to automobile drivers in the doctrine of using the brake instead of the horn. It is true that children should not play in the streets, and it would be better for them to use as much judgment in crossing the streets as adults—though even the grownups do not always display judgment that is faultless.