

Good Roads Are a Big Factor in Development of Agricultural Sections

GREAT CARE MUST BE EXERCISED IN LAYING NEW ROAD

By R. C. Stewart

The employment of an engineer who is a road expert in the construction of good market roads is cheaper in the long run and the roads give much better satisfaction than when the construction is supervised by someone who has had little or no training in this work.

Good roads are needed for many reasons, the most important being easy and quick transportation of market products for the farmer. Good roads are the making of a country. Without them the cost of transportation is so great that by the time the products have been put on the market it has taken some of the profit away from the farmer.

GOOD ROADS NEEDED

Good roads are also needed to assist the forest service in taking care of the national forests and for military purposes.

Tourist travel, while at first glance seeming only to benefit the hotel people, in reality benefits the entire community through which it is induced to go by means of good roads.

It makes a better market for all products used in the hotel, it interests Eastern people in the community and will cause greater development in the future.

The cost of wear and tear upon the vehicles and the keeping up of a poor road would in many cases build a paved highway.

CHEAP ROADS COSTLY

The old time road of clay, loose gravel or crushed rock would stand up under a good deal of horse drawn vehicle travel, but with the traction strain of the drive wheels of automobiles and trucks constantly tearing up this loose gravel or shoving the mud from the rut of the dirt road these types soon go to pieces.

A great many large army trucks have been turned over to the various counties for road construction. They are doing wonderful work when used during the dry season, but some of the counties are using them at all seasons of the year, and in consequence for every load of gravel they put on the road they help tear up several miles.

There is another and better means of putting gravel upon the roads during the wet season, and that is to use a tractor drawing a string of wide tire trailers. This instead of tearing up the roads crushes down the freshly placed gravel, making the road better instead of worse.

BIG PROGRAM AHEAD

The writer has two counties in mind, one is using the trucks all winter because the operating expenses are slightly smaller than with the tractor and trailer. This county is using the tractor with trailers and as a result has very fine roads.

This is a period of long needed road development and during the coming season many a mile of good roads will be built. It is up to the people to see that the best methods are used to get their roads built as cheaply as possible.

\$6,000 MILES OF ROADS

Thirty thousand miles of road, estimated to cost not less than \$150,000,000, will be needed for the proper protection and development of the national forests and the nearby communities during the next 10 years, according to comprehensive road plans which have been prepared. The secretary of agriculture has already approved the construction of 612 miles, estimated to cost \$26,463,000, contingent upon federal and cooperative funds becoming available. Government expenditures of \$15,740,000 have been authorized for this purpose.

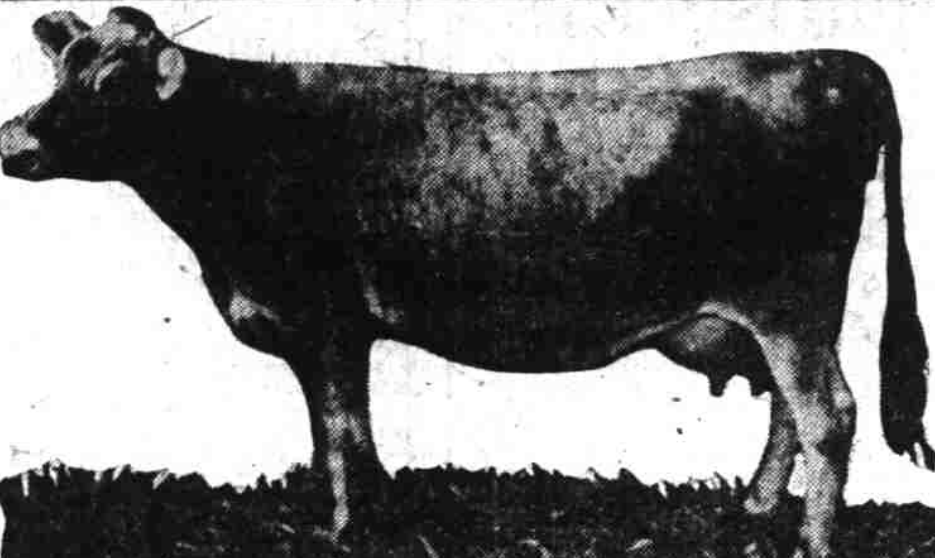
PRIMARY ROAD SYSTEM

The roads comprised in the comprehensive road plans form the basis of the ultimate national forest road system. They are used as main highways, either in connection with through routes or to serve important local needs. The construction of feeder roads is being largely postponed until the primary road system of the national forests is completed. It is expected that the present estimate cost will be largely exceeded when surveys are made of the projects now on the list, since in many cases the only available estimates are based upon incomplete data.

The agricultural colleges give special training in road engineering. They are also glad to assist in every way possible to get proper road construction.

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from town is relatively closer to the market than a farm less than a mile from town upon a poor road.

Livestock Questions Answered

By Dr. M. J. Howes, Veterinarian, No. 1

Question—Recently one of our cows had a sore on end of teat which stopped the flow of milk until opened up with a milking tube. This quarter then became hot and inflamed and now is entirely dried up. What caused this and how can we prevent it in future?

Answer—The sore probably was caused by an injury to end of teat such as another cow stepping on end.

The use of a milking tube is always very dangerous. Extreme surgical precautions must be taken if the teat is not to be infected. This means, boil the tube for at least 10 minutes before using. Then wash of udder and teat very thoroughly with some antiseptic solution such as 5 per cent carbolic or a solution of sheepdip and water. When you once get the udder clean see that it is kept so before you insert the milking tube. All this is easier said than done, but is necessary if you do not want to endanger the quarter and sometimes the cow's life as well.

Question—Will you explain why firing and blistering cures a horse lame with a spavin?

Answer—It hastens the union of the joint which is causing the pain. The minute the union takes place pain ceases and the horse goes sound. To a certain extent the firing and blistering substitutes an acute condition for a chronic one, and nature in curing the acute condition, also takes care of the chronic trouble.

Question—When is the best time to castrate a colt?

Answer—In spring, after he has been running on grass for two weeks or more. He is cleaner and there is less dirt or infection in pasture than in barn.

Blooded Stock Sale Is Poorly Attended

The Shorthorn and Hereford sales held at the pavilion in North Portland were poorly attended and as a consequence some very fine animals sold for much less than they were worth. Beef breeders missed a good opportunity of adding some fine blood to their herds.

H. F. Kelley of Prairie City was the heaviest buyer, getting nine Herefords. Other interested buyers were M. P. Whalen, Woodland, Wash.; J. S. Beal and J. M. Main of Portland, W. H. McMahon, Halsey; E. D. Sitton, Carlton; A. H. Barnum, Moro; J. W. Davis, Ridgefield, Wash.; George Schulmerick, Astoria.

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POULTRYMEN OF LANE COUNTY TO ORGANIZE ON BUSINESS BASIS

Eugene, March 13.—Lane county poultrymen are to be organized and pool their interests just as the fruit men of the county pool their interests, according to Ira P. Whitney, county agriculturist, who attended a meeting of Lane county poultry men at Junction City.

The Oregon Poultry Producers' association, which has been organized only eight months, with U. E. Upson of Portland as president, is now bringing together all poultrymen in Lane county, with the intention of putting the poultry industry of the county into a business organization that will place it on a paying basis.

Whitney says the poultry business in Lane county has been of the Pinnacian kind, "on again, off again," and that it is the intention of the organization to eventually ship all eggs to Portland, where the central organization will be able to ship to eastern markets, instead of giving the profit to commission men.

After the association has become fairly well organized, Whitney says, he hopes to arrange a financial body that will finance producers whereby when eggs are selling below cost of

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POULTRY NOTES

A. J. Raney, a prominent poultry breeder who for many years has owned a fine flock of prize winners, has just accepted a position as service man for the poultry department of the Albers Bros. Milling company.

Raney is an authority upon poultry, and upon poultry feeding. He is now in a position to give his expert advice to those who are contending with poultry diseases or wish information about proper feeding for egg production. This service will be of great benefit to those who are just starting in the business or who have a new problem to deal with.

Cement floors, especially for large poultry houses, are quite satisfactory, as they keep rats out and also last much longer than board floors. They are also sanitary and easy to clean but are harder and more expensive to build than wooden floors. A cement floor should always be kept well covered with litter; otherwise it is cold and uncomfortable for the birds.

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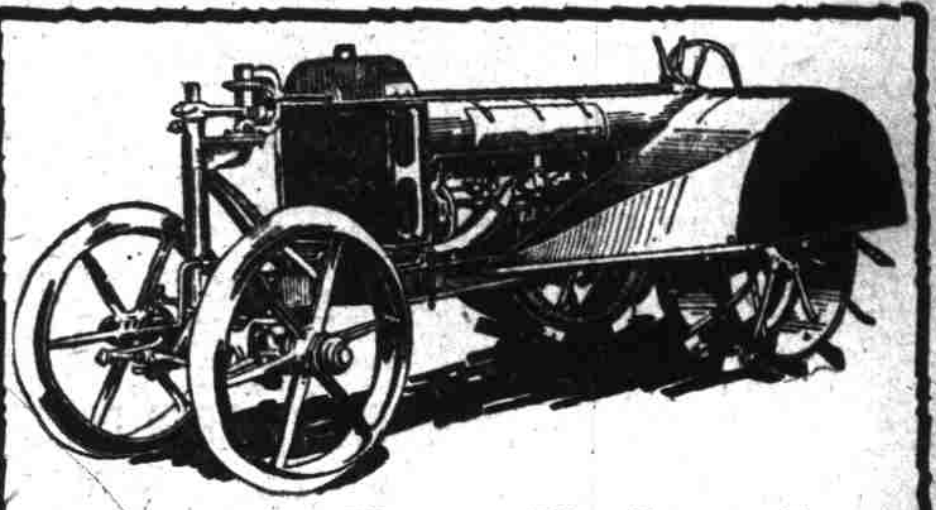
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dent, for the purpose of keeping a comprehensive record of their farm business during the year and arriving at the cost of producing wheat in this section, as well as cost of carrying on other farm operations. These men so organized are in position to receive help from the county agent or state farm management demonstrator whenever needed. As many farmers at Moro are planning a similar organization in the near future. The account books are furnished by the local banks.

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