

Kansan Tells of Early Days On West Branch Farm Where Hoover Was Born

E. D. King Recalls Life in Quaint Quaker Settlement in Iowa—Lived With Candidate's Family.

E. D. King, 1216 Richmond Street, Kansas City, Kansas, has many interesting incidents to relate about the Hoover family, having himself lived in the Hoover home in West Branch, Iowa, at the time Herbert Hoover was born.

Mr. King was working for Herbert's father in the blacksmith shop at the time. It was he who went for the doctor when Herbert was born. Mr. King ate his meals with the Hoover family.

West Branch was at that time a town of about 400 population. It had two blacksmith shops, one hotel, a livery stable, four general stores, and a restaurant. It is located in Cedar County, where broad Quaker hats and poke bonnets were worn for almost a generation. Cedar county was on the western edge of the original Black Hawk Purchase which was the nucleus of the State of Iowa. Here farms bordered rougher land of hill and ravine.

According to Mr. King, Hoover was a respected name in Iowa. The family originated in Holland, but has been represented in the United States for nearly two centuries. Andrew Hoover and two brothers, about 1740, obtained land in the uplands of Maryland. Later Andrew's son, John, joined a group of Quakers and moved to the Western Reserve in Ohio.

It was in 1853 that the son of John, Jesse Hoover, Rebecca, his wife, and Eli, their son, and his three children moved farther West, helping to found the town of West Branch. The King family settled there the same year, and both families lived in log cabins for a while, later building better houses. Buffalo and deer were quite common in the vicinity at that time.

Herbert Hoover was only six years old when his father died. His mother did sewing and other kinds of work to support her children. She also took a prominent part in Quaker meetings and was invited to speak in other towns and cities. After she died Herbert and the two other children were cared for by relatives. Herbert went to live with his Uncle Allan and Aunt Millie. This Aunt Millie was, before her marriage, Myra Gifford, a first cousin of Mr. King.



Mr. King left West Branch to go on a farm in western Iowa. He later farmed in Oskaloosa, Kansas. In 1893 he came to Kansas City where he was engaged in the real estate business for some time. He is now employed in a furniture store in Kansas City, Kansas.

THE NEW FARMING ACCOUNT SCHOOL

The good business farmer today watches his farm accounts carefully. In respect to his labor, his farm stock and his soil, he knows what they can do and how they can be most profitably handled. He knows the mathematics of growing feed from the soil, pigs and poultry from the feed and cash profits from pigs and poultry. He knows whether he is milking the cow for paying returns or the cow is milking him out of his invested capital. Wherever his accounts show a deficit or insufficient profit on one or more items, he immediately studies to overcome the handicap and correct any mistakes that have been made.

The Agricultural Commission of the American Bankers Association is conducting a nationwide educational campaign for better methods of farm accounting. The commission has been stressing the wisdom of country bankers through cooperation of county agents, calling farmers together, and adding account schools where instruction is given on the use of the farm account book.

Each person is led through the various steps in keeping accounts and each enters his own inventory which he has previously been instructed to take and bring to school. This gives a good start and when properly followed up by letters and an occasional visit by the specialist in charge, greatly aids the man who is really in earnest to come through his first year of keeping accounts successfully. Many times country banks offer the rooms for holding the account schools. In some instances, an employee of the bank is designated to assist farmer patrons during the year in keeping their accounts.

HOW TO GO BROKE FARMING

1. Grow only one crop.
2. Keep no livestock.
3. Regard chickens and a garden as nuisances.
4. Take everything from the soil and return nothing.
5. Don't stop gullies or grow cover crops—let the top soil wash away, then you will have "bottom" land.
6. Don't plan your farm operations. It's hard work thinking—trust to luck.
7. Regard your woodland as you would a coal mine, cut every tree, sell the timber and wear the cleared land out cultivating it in corn.
8. Hold fast to the idea that the methods of farming employed by your grandfather are good enough for you.
9. Be independent—don't join with

your neighbors in any form of co-operation.

10. Mortgage your farm for every dollar it will stand to buy things you would have the cash to buy if you followed a good system of farming.—Division of Extension, University of Tennessee.

"Dorm" Reservations Being Made Early

Oregon State Agricultural College, Corvallis, Sept. 13—With 150 deposits already made for rooms in the new men's dormitory and nearly a score of inquiries coming in

each day regarding rooms, indications are that the five units will be filled to capacity. Freshmen students engaging rooms will go directly to the new building upon arrival to the campus, September 24, the opening day of freshmen week. Places for 188 more students are still available.

Growth of Legumes Important

Growth and development of the western Oregon livestock industry in the future will have to depend upon the growth of legumes more than upon any other single factor, believes E. L. Potter, professor of

animal husbandry at the state college. This is because of the calcium nutrients contained in the legume plants, since the most difficult thing to handle in preparing rations for any kind of livestock and particularly growing stock is provided enough lime in suitable form.

Silverton — Mile of asphalt paving being laid on Silver Creek Falls road out of here.

Springfield — State highway crews are keeping McKenzie Route in good condition.

Umpqua — Construction being pushed on South Umpqua road.

HOOVERISM

The Presidency is more than executive responsibility. It has the inspiring symbol of all that is highest in America's purposes and ideals.

The tie between the child and adult life is at once the strongest and the gentlest element in human nature.

Progress of the nation is the sum of the progress of its individuals. Acts and ideas which lead to progress are born out of the womb of the individual mind, not out of the mind of the crowd. The crowd only feels; it has no mind of its own which can plan. The crowd is credulous, it de-

The greatest government experiment in human history was universal free education at public expense—and it has been successful.

If democracy is to secure its authorities in morals, religion, state-manship, it must stimulate leadership from its own mass.

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