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## THE NEIGHBORHOOD CORNER

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Community Building Project Gets Boost

The idea of a county community building received a distinct boost last Saturday when the mid-winter gathering of farmers at the courthouse endorsed the idea and appointed a committee of three, headed by R. A. Parkinson, to bring the matter before the people.

Various speakers called attention that the facilities for holding public meetings of all kinds at the county seat are very meager at the present time and that there is a demand for some place that can be utilized to house public and semi-public gatherings.

The committee should receive the enthusiastic support of all persons interested in the development of the county.

The gathering also voted to cooperate with the county board of education in the selection of a new agricultural agent and to assist in financing the office.

It was generally considered that the meeting was one of the best ever held by the county association.

Poultry Association Is Flourishing

The Jasper County Poultry association is in the best condition that it has been, in years, according to the report of Secretary Max Kepner, read at the annual meeting, held earlier in the week. After paying the bills for the show, a small balance remains in the treasury. The association plans to put on an active membership campaign and enlist the support of every breeder in the county for the show next year. A committee was appointed to revise the catalog and premium list.

Hog Costs Show Close Margin

The feed cost of producing hogs at the present time is about \$12.50 per 100 pounds, according to the records of W. C. Dooley, who operates 500 acres in Walker township and who has been keeping a fairly close tab on all of his feeding operations this season.

Mr. Dooley's method of producing pork is to give the hogs the run of timothy and blue grass pasture during the summer, and feeding a ration of corn and tankage in addition. He sows rape in the oats and as soon as the crop is on, the rape is pastured by the hogs. Soybeans are sown with the corn and rape is sown in the corn fields at the last cultivation, the hogs being turned into this mixture in the fall. When it becomes necessary to place the hogs in the dry lot, the hogs follow cattle and receive a ration of corn, ground oats and tankage.

This method of handling the hogs will be recognized as very efficient and it is doubtful if cheaper methods can be developed for Jasper county farms. With hogs selling locally for from \$13 to \$14 per cwt. it will be seen that even under the best of conditions hog producers are not receiving very much for their labor, risk, interest on the investment and all the other factors which enter into the cost of pork production.

The figures indicate that there is a chance for a slight profit in hog growing at the present prices, but that the best methods of feeding and management are absolutely essential to this profit.

### THE PROPOSED CHURCH MERGER

Church union is a subject that has been much discussed for many years, both in ecclesiastical and lay circles, but usually with the attitude taken that while it would be an admirable thing it was visionary and not practicable. Nevertheless, the idea has grown and at last a movement has been started looking to a "church merger." The conference delegates from 200 denominations called by the Presbyterian church to meet at Philadelphia next month will consider a proposal for a national merger of Christian interests under the name of the United Church of America.

Exactly what form the merger will take, if such action is agreed upon, can not, of course, be known now, but the proposal is to form a council elected by the supreme bodies of the various denominations, two ministerial and two lay delegates being suggested as representatives of each 100,000 communicants. The plan is to retain the present denominational organizations, but the constitution outlined by the promoters of the undertaking "looks forward ultimately to a complete union of the Protestant churches and opens the way for a gradual merging of the inter-denominational interests." The plan calls for the administration of home and foreign missions on approval of the supreme governing and advisory boards. The council will accept the ordination and doctrinal views of the Evangelical churches.

A number of considerations have doubtless hastened this movement. The condition of the rural church has attracted much attention in recent years both in clerical and civic circles. The folly of trying to keep up two or three churches of different sects, yet of the same general beliefs, in communities where only one good-sized congregation can be mustered has been evident to all observers. Only on rare occasions, however, has a village or neighborhood agreed to unite forces and forget the minor differences of creed. The difficulty has probably been often a matter of local and personal prejudice or fear that one



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