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Between the Lines Over The Hills

I'm starting to write what I plan to be the last article about local fliers, but keep getting more names on my list so there could be more of adding my personal comments. Be patient and we will decide together, and since we are being so honest I just as well "come clean" for this week. It is already Saturday and I always, at least sometimes, 'submit' on Sunday. As I look back, and my eyes are almost through seeing, back, front or sideways, I find I'm more confused than usual about what I've already written. But as I said before I've already asked forgiveness for mistakes and omissions. Along the same vein of thought, when I visited with Tim Sizer, I always ask some questions trying to learn something. He said that time and money keep him from doing more, and I said that neither of those things bother me anymore. I still have a lot of ideas and desire too, but as an old saying goes, "my physical get up and go has got up and went." I'll add here that these last few weeks I've used a lot of local names and if anybody feels slighted just give me a call and give me a bunch of facts and I'll be sure you get coverage!

Some of you readers will remember the names, Dale and Regina Mahan. I could go back another generation if you would like. Regina came from over in Colorado. I have no clue how Dale and she met. At an air show, with professional pilots and 'safe' planes, her mother, I think others of her family, and certainly other spectators, were killed when a plane crashed into the grandstand. That was an extraneous (my word for this week) remark leading to Dale working for Storer's, flying his own plane and even teaching LeRoy Daly how to fly. Meanwhile, Wes Reichenberg, living on the Philip Crouse place was flying and teaching Bob Daly the fine art of flying. I don't know which lesson Bob didn't digest, but he damaged the plane that he and LeRoy owned beyond repair, but Bob survived that episode.

While mentioning Daly's we just as well touch on the fact that Donna's brother wrecked his plane east of Arthur and unless it has recently been moved I can take you directly to the burned

remains of that plane near the Jim Lewis building site.

Moving a little farther east, we could tell at least two flying stories. It amused some of the neighbors when Ted Daigger (Sr.) lost his glasses when he tried to get in the best position to shoot a coyote as Larry Trumbull flew him into position. It certainly wasn't amusing when Betty Rodewald watched as her husband, Leland, flew his plane into the ground north of Ringgold in 1971.

Pat Clinch, of North Platte, was the instructor who taught a lot of locals to fly and I saw him drop mail and some groceries around the time of the '49 blizzard and it was about that time that we were all curious when he landed at the Center Valley church right after Sunday School. I think he had skis on his plane that day to pick up Rose Shimmin after she had spent a week boarding with my folks and "practice teaching" at our school. She hadn't expected a 'road closing' snow storm when her folks had brought her to that assignment a week earlier.

When I mentioned Duane Dunwoody earlier I should have known that

Dean Thompson

he no longer had his plane, had no further use for his hangar, and had dealt it to Tim Sizer to be moved to the airport at Arthur where it will accommodate the tricycle plane. Tim told me that even though a plane is awful nice in locating windmills and potential drilling sites it would take a 'copter to get to most of them. I gathered the use of his plane, stationed at Arthur will be mostly 'personal' but at present even that will save countless hours as he and Kim attend mission board meetings in other states.

I know that I have missed a bunch of familiar names connected with local flying and different uses. A few years ago I heard of someone scaring cattle, even through fences, as they experimented with aerial spraying. I've heard names like Vinton and Kostman in connection with my theme of flying and I've let my personal stories get mixed up with your interests, but for now we'll at least change topics.

As I heard so many times from Japanese workers years ago, "So Solly, Please!"

I'm a few words short this week. Enjoy!



Quote: "Gratitude, like faith, is a muscle. The more you use it, the stronger it grows, and the more power you have to use it on your behalf. If you do not practice gratefulness, its beneficence will go unnoticed, and your capacity to draw on its gifts will be diminished. To be grateful is to find blessings in everything. This is the most powerful attitude to adopt, for there are blessings in everything."

Alan Cohen

Gratitude is something that we tend to take for granted. It's a little thing most of the time. Just saying "thanks" when someone holds a door open for you or does something nice. I try to remember to thank the Lord when prayers are answered, the lost is found, or something happens that I know just has to be a

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"God Thing"! The year back over the year, there 2020 has been rather are plenty of things to be rough so far and we have thankful for so remember no idea what the future to keep "An Attitude of holds. It is scary to say Gratitude" as we face the least, but if we look 2021.

AN ATTITUDE OF GRATITUDE

Have an attitude of gratitude
As you approach this Christmas Day.
Be joyful and think positive
No matter what others say.

Look to the "CHRIST" in Christmas.
Don't fret about what's not.
Remember that salvation
Is worth more than all you've got.

Bright packages and ribbons
Can bring temporary joy
But the greatest gift ever
Was the birth of God's own boy.

Celebrate God's "presence"
If He dwells within your life.
If not, then please now greet Him
And be saved from Satan's strife.

Give to God the present
Of asking forgiveness of your sin
And this will be the best Christmas
That for you has ever been.

J.R. Trumbull
24 November 2005

Winter Hay Access

BEN BECKMAN

With Nebraska forecasts for the next few weeks looking to be dry, getting hay to animals in the field or pasture may not be a concern, but if conditions change to snow and mud, will current placement allow for easy access?

While only Mother Nature knows what lay in store for the winter months ahead, long periods of cold and snow turning into a wet and muddy spring are not out of the norm for Nebraska. If this winter does take a turn for the worse, are you prepared? The principles of bale storage are fairly straight forward and easy implement while dry weather holds.

First, mitigate the impact of moisture. Move bales away from areas where snow will drift making access difficult. Tree lines, low areas, and fence rows are all natural snow catches, and while convenient, are poor locations for winter bale storage. Additionally, areas where snow collects often

become muddy during the spring thaw. While we may be able to plow through drifts and get access while the ground is frozen, bales stored across plowed fields or along minimum maintenance roads may be unusable later on due to mud.

The second concept to keep in mind is organization. Hopefully by now, you have taken some forage tests and have a good idea of the nutrient value of the bales on hand. Higher quality hay may be needed later during late gestation and peak lactation, while right now lower quality forage will suffice for spring-calving cows. Plan accordingly.

Hay that might be

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New DHM's Take Effect

LINCOLN - Governor Pete Ricketts has announced that the State is moving from the "orange" to "yellow" phase of its coronavirus pandemic response plan. As a result, the State of Nebraska is issuing new Directed Health Measures (DHMs) effective 12:01 AM on Saturday, December 12, 2020. The new DHMs change some of the restrictions put in place to help manage the coronavirus pandemic.

"Since the beginning of the pandemic, protecting Nebraska's hospitals has been the 'north star' guiding our strategic response to the coronavirus," said Gov. Ricketts. "Coronavirus hospitalizations have decreased from where they were three weeks ago. As a result, we're updating the State's DHMs in keeping with our pandemic plan. The virus is still present in our communities, and we all need to continue using

the tools we have to slow its spread. I especially urge Nebraskans to be mindful of at-risk loved ones when making plans to celebrate the holidays. Let's all take personal responsibility to stay healthy and keep Nebraska headed in the right direction."

Nebraska's pandemic response plan links DHM restrictions to the percentage of staffed hospital beds in Nebraska filled by coronavirus patients. The percentage is below 20% (7-day rolling average), which is the threshold for the State moving to the "yellow" phase of its pandemic plan.

Moving from the "orange" to "yellow" phase involves the following DHM changes:

- Fan attendance at extracurricular activities—both school and club—is

no longer limited to household members of participants.

- Parties at restaurants and bars remain limited to groups of 8 or less. Individuals must still be seated unless ordering food, using the restroom, or playing games. Six feet of separation between groups returns to a guidance.

- The maximum capacity for indoor gatherings goes from 25% to 50%.

- Only certain venues where people convene are considered "gatherings" under the State's DHMs. Go to dhhs.ne.gov/coronavirus and click on "Directed Health Measures" for details.

- Masks are recommended, rather than required, for establish-

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