

Knox County.

I am very much interested in the effort you are making to aid the farmers. I have worked horses on my farm all my life and raised the feed which they eat, so have a market for part of my crops in the horses.

The farmers are making a big mistake by using tractors for all the farm work. They do away with their own markets for grain and hay. The depreciation on tractors and the cost of oil and gas, besides the up-keep, will break up any farmer. Good horses will do the work for four or five years, and should then bring what they originally cost. Today there is no demand for horses, even at lower prices. Farmers should raise their own work stock.

Today all the young men are leaving the farms for the cities where they can get big wages and short hours. When work is over they get into an automobile and buy gas and ride until midnight. That is partly the reason why we older farmers are having a hard time. No good farm hands are available, and big wages are demanded by those who remain.

I noticed a good advance in prices of all grains and live stock yesterday as a result of the prospects of farm relief.

Hoping to hear what you think of the sorghum, and wishing you success in your efforts as an industrial leader, I remain,

Yours very truly

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