

Farm Business News

Hybrid corn breeder dies

DE KALB, Ill. — C. L. (Charlie) Gunn, 94, died July 2, 1980 at Wesley Willows Retirement Center in Rockford, Ill. where he had resided the past several years.

Gunn was the last of the early hybrid corn breeders and, along with Thomas H. Roberts, Sr., was instrumental in the founding and growth of DeKalb AgResearch, Inc.

Gunn was born February 19, 1886 on an 80-acre farm near Mt. Palatine in Putnam County, Ill. In his late teens he worked as a carpenter in the summer and with a seed corn company in the winter. Gunn went to Grover, Colorado in 1911 to manage a small ranch, married Irma Barnett in 1912 and the couple moved to DeKalb, Ill. in 1917.

Gunn worked with the DeKalb County Agricultural Association, forerunner of the present DeKalb AgResearch, as head of the seed division.

Each year for 15 years, he would travel to Idaho to buy choice red clover and alfalfa seed direct from the growers for distribution to local farmers. During World War I, he served as an assistant farm adviser for a short time.

In 1921, he started working with a variety of open-



C. L. Gunn

pollinated corn known as Western Plowman and from that he developed his own strain known as Gunn's Western Plowman, which became very popular in DeKalb County and surrounding areas.

Gunn's interest in the hybridization of corn began in 1923, when Secretary of Agriculture Henry C. Wallace spoke at a Farm Bureau picnic.

After the picnic, Wallace pointed out to Gunn and Tom Roberts, Sr. the company's general manager, that hybrids would far outyield the current strains of open-

pollinated corn. Gunn's new hybrid was in 1932. The hybrid looked very promising so a small field was grown in 1933.

A husking contest resulted in the hybrid outproducing the open-pollinated Plowman variety by 21 bushels per acre.

Seed was first offered for sale in 1934 from a total of 412 bushels which had been produced. That event marked the beginning of DeKalb's growth as a leader in the hybrid seed industry.

In 1940, Gunn produced a hybrid called 404a which was widely used across the entire cornbelt. At one time, this hybrid was the most widely used of any on the market.

Gunn served the company in varying capacities. He was on the board of directors for many years.

He participated in many local and state organizations, including the Kiwanis Club and at various times was president of the Illinois Crop Improvement

Association, secretary of the Illinois Seed Dealers Association and chairman of the Hybrid Corn Committee of Illinois. He was a member of the Congregational Church in DeKalb, Illinois.

Gunn retired from DeKalb in 1974, after 57 years as seedsman and corn breeder. His wife, Irma, preceded him in death. He is survived by one daughter, Clara; and a son, Ralph, who followed in his father's footsteps as a corn breeder for DeKalb for many years.

Thomas Roberts, Jr., chairman of the board of DeKalb, described Gunn as "the finest of men; the kind of man that we were proud to be associated with."

According to Roberts, "Charlie was always supportive, applying the best of Christian morality to his judgments; a man to whom we owe a great deal for his contributions to the company. He earned our greatest respect and esteem."

Gets tractor dealership

QUARRYVILLE — Grumelli Farm Service of Quarryville, has been appointed as a dealer in agricultural engines for the Allis-Chalmers Corp. Engine division, according to John R. McKendry, division general sales manager.

The Grumelli organization's area of primary responsibility for the Engine division includes the Pennsylvania counties of Lancaster, Chester, Bucks and Berks.

Anthony D. Grumelli heads Grumelli Farm

Service and serves as sales manager. Victor Grumelli is service manager and George Grumelli is parts manager.

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Per capita water consumption in the United States for all purposes (manufacturing, agriculture, domestic, etc.) is about 2,000 gallons per day. This is about 200 times as much as each person uses in underdeveloped parts of the world.

PUBLIC SALE

Of Woodland In
Providence Township
TUES. EVE., JULY 22

at 6:30 P.M.

Located along Snyder Hollow Road, west of 272 South, Lanc. Co., Pa.

Approximately 6½ acres of woodland situated on both sides of the Snyder Hollow Road, of Route 272 South, between Miller Road and Fairview Road

Sale by

Alfred C. Alspach, Executor

of MARGUERITE C. SHENK, Dec'd.

Alspach and Ryder, Attys.

Howard Shaub Auctioneer 464-3541

and Roy C. Probst 464-3190

PUBLIC SALE

OF 97 ACRE FARM - MACHINERY & LIVESTOCK
SATURDAY, AUGUST 23, 1980

9:00 A.M.

Located at Orrstown, Pa. Franklin County In Shippensburg turn off Route 11 onto Orrstown Rd west at traffic light 1 block south of Cresslers Food Market, and 4 miles to sale

Real estate to be offered at 1:00 p.m. consists of a farm of 97 acres, more or less, 80 to 85 tillable improved with 2 floor bank barn, stable cleaner and new milk house, 8 room house with new coal stoker furnace, machinery shed, hog pen, and 3 car garage

Terms 10% down, 10% at final settlement in 30 days from sale. Owner will finance balance on a 5 yr mortgage payable in 10 equal installments beginning 6 mo from time of settlement with interest at 10% per annum on unpaid balance. Other terms & conditions will be made known day of sale. For further information call 717-532-6384. Inspection anytime except Sundays

Listings of Personal Property will appear later

MR. & MRS. MARK E. GARMAN
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PUBLIC SALE

OF REAL ESTATE

(Building Lot Zoned Industrial)

MONDAY EVE., JULY 21

At 7:00 P.M.

Located along old Phila Pike, Rt. 340, east of Lancaster, East Lampeter Twp., Lanc. Co., Pa.

1.51 acres of land zoned industrial w/no buildings or improvement. Public sewer running along front of lot. Lot is situated just west of B.R.W. Fuel Oil Co. 75' frontage by 526' depth and 181' across rear

Sale by

ROBERT L. REESE

Harry B. Yost Attorney

Howard Shaub Auctioneer 464 3541

and Roy C. Probst

WOODLAND AUCTION

SATURDAY, JULY 19

at 10 A.M.

along blacktop road between Fleetwood & Dryville, near Fleetwood Fish & Game Assoc. Bldg, Richmond Twp., Berks Co., PA

Woodland consists of 35 acres fronting on state blacktop road #06140. For inspection call for appointment (215) 944-8522. Zoning is woodland conservation. This is a nice location overlooking the beautiful East Penn Valley.

Terms — 10% on sale day, balance by September 15, 1980 or very attractive financing terms available at 10% interest rate to qualified buyer. For details call Auction Co. prior to July 15, 1980.

Ordered by,

ARTHUR G. & GRACE M. RAUCH

Conducted by

Ralph W. Zettlemoyer Auction Co

(215) 395-8084

CONSIGNMENT SALE OF FEEDER PIGS & FEEDER CATTLE

FRIDAY, JULY 18, 1980

6:30 P.M. Sharp

Held at Keister's Middleburg Auction Sales Inc., Rt. 522, 3 miles east of Middleburg, 5 miles west of Selinsgrove, PA.

Early consignments appreciated

Bring a load - buy a load

For Information Call:

717 837 2222 — 717 524-5285 — 717 966-2856

Terms Cash, Restaurant Open

KEISTER'S MIDDLEBURG AUCTION SALES, INC.

Rt. 522, RD#3, Middleburg, PA

DON & WALT KEISTER
Owners

Auctioneers:

Ray Long & Dave Imes

PUBLIC AUCTION

DISPERSAL BEEF CATTLE AND CALVES

SATURDAY, JULY 26, 1980

10:30 a.m. D.S.T.

The undersigned discontinuing his beef cattle operation will offer for sale on the premises turn off of I-83 north onto Middletown Road exit 31 and proceed up Middletown Road 3½ miles to Walker Road or 7 miles south east of New Freedom, Pa. via Freeland Road to Middletown Road turn on Walker Road and go ½ mile to sale in the 6th district of Baltimore Co. Md. (watch for arrow signs)

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Consisting of 13 cows; 2 yearling heifers; one yearling bull and Angus bull; 13 calves average 250 to 300 lbs. These cows are pasture bred to come due from February on. These Hereford & Angus cows have been raised on farm. Will be T.B. and blood tested within 30 days of sale for out of state shipment.

Not responsible for accidents

Lunch Served

Terms - Cash or approved check with proper ID

GILBERT F. MARSTELLER

Owner

Charles W. Shrodes

David W. Shrodes - Auctioneers

Phones 301-692-5667 or 301-996-2424

CLEANOUT

PUBLIC SALE

VALUABLE REAL ESTATE
LOVELY 53 ACRE FARM
FARM EQUIPMENT, TRUCK,
HOUSEHOLD FURNISHINGS
SATURDAY, JULY 26

Starting at 10:00 A.M.

Due to the undersigned moving away will offer at Public Sale at the site of the Real Estate, located 6 miles South of Dillsburg on U.S. Route #194 thence turn East at Bermudian Cross Road 1 1/2 mile then turn North 1/2 mile on Bentz Mill Road, in York County, Pa. Sale sign posted, the following:

REAL ESTATE AT 1:00 P.M.

Farm containing 53 acres more or less lying and being in Washington Township, York County, Pa. fronting approximately 1000 feet along Bentz Mill Road, improved with a 2 1/2 story 7 room frame dwelling and attached summer house with green insulated siding, improvements eat in kitchen with cupboard, dining room, living room, second floor contains 4 bedrooms, storage attic, basement ground floor w/outside entrance, electric hot and cold running water, frame bank barn, two car garage, machine shed and other frame out building, the entire 53 acres is nice cultivating soil, there is about 10 A excellent for pasture with stream of water running through. If looking for a nice small farm, try and plan to attend this sale, for inspection telephone 717-432-3346 - 6:30 A.M. for appointment. Garage - 14'x32'-4", Workshop - 12x24

TERMS: Real Estate 10% when stricken down, balance in 60 days. Other terms and condition will be announced.

WALTER I. KUNKLE
RD1, Wellsville, Pa

Clair R. Slaybaugh, Auctioneer

Phone 677-7479