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November is the month of patriotism. It is the month where we celebrate our patriotism because it is in this month that we exercise one of our greatest rights—the right to vote.



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This compact scraper, a Hoelscher DB-5 is being pulled by a 35-hp tractor. It is digging a pond and building a circle driveway for a new country home near Bushton, Kan. If you have, or plan to have a pond, you will want to read next month's Aquatic Farmer Section for some ideas about what to do with your pond. Photo by Darrel Hoelscher.