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Agricultural War Work

That farmers recognize the obligation which goes with deferred draft classification for agricultural purposes is shown by many instances which have come to the attention of the department of agriculture. One of the most recent of these is the organization by 1200 farmers of La Porte, Ind., under the name of Liberty Farmers. These men, given deferred classification, pledge themselves to carry out unquestionably the food production program advocated by the United States department of agriculture. It is stated that their action is particularly gratifying to the administration at Washington, since it recognizes the oneness of the government's organization, and the close interrelation of the efforts of all the federal departments in the achievement of victory by utilizing the country's man power to best advantage.

An example of how motor trucks are relieving railroad transportation in many sections of the country is shown in the receipts of hogs delivered to the Omaha market by this method of conveyance. According to a report recently compiled by the bureau of markets there was an increase of 180 per cent in the number of hogs transported to that market by motor trucks during the first six months in 1918 as compared to the corresponding period of 1917.

There is an increased interest in growing sheep both for mutton and wool, according to a report just received by the department of agriculture from the sheep extension husbandman in Indiana. This feeling, according to specialists of the department, prevails in many other states. The increase in production is being obtained from the saving of ewe lambs and the introduction of good stock from the western range.

To relieve as much as possible the unprecedented demand for leather, the department of agriculture is urging that slaughtered and dead animals on the farm be skinned with great care. Usually the skinning of animals on the farm and the care of hides is not given a great amount of time and care, and as a result many hides are cut and scored when they are removed. By devoting a little extra time and care in skinning animals to make sure that they are not cut or scored the farmer can increase their value on the market several times. In tanning hides scores show very plainly and in many cases one-half of the thickness of the leather is lost by such defects.

Two thousand county agent workers were employed to help the great land army of this country to produce and conserve food during the six months from January 1 to July 1, according to a recent report made by the department of agriculture. The report shows that over 6200 county agent workers were at work in all parts of the country on July 1, as compared with 4200 on January 1.

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ary 1. This increase consists of an addition of 650 persons connected with the county agent work, 625 with the home demonstration work, and 725 with the boys' and girls' club movement.

Arrangements have been made whereby rural motor truck operators can co-operate with the bureau of markets in developing rural truck routes for farm products. Operators of truck routes who comply with certain requirements of the bureau will receive assistance in building up business in farm produce, and will be given a sign to display on their machines that they are co-operating with the department of agriculture. Truck operators can get details of this plan by writing to the Bureau of Markets, Washington, D. C.

Methods of reducing the consumption of sugar in soft drinks have been worked out by the bureau of chemistry, department of agriculture, which is now co-operating with producers throughout the U. S. The bureau has prepared directions for making soft drinks which include formulas that utilize substitute sweet materials such as corn sirup (ordinary glucose), corn sugar, maltose sirup, honey and high grade refiner's sirup. By following these directions which are being distributed among bottlers the actual sugar content in soft drinks can be cut to 50 per cent or less. A saving of approximately 50,000 tons of sugar annually is thus possible. It is estimated and at the same time the customary taste and quality of the beverage can be preserved. It is estimated that there are 110,000 producers of soft drinks in the U. S., employing 2,000,000 workers, and having a total capitalization of \$250,000,000.

A majority of the growing vegetable seed crops are in good condition, according to reports just received from many large growers in the United States by the seed reporting service of the bureau of markets. Cereals in the east and middle west almost uniformly reported on June 28 good growing conditions. Some failures have been reported for some crops in certain sections, particularly California and the Pacific northwest, where hot weather during June damaged many crops severely. Crops growing in the river districts of California have suffered the least from drought and the prospects in these sections are that fair to normal seed crops will be harvested. Hot weather in the spring in the western section will result in damage ranging from "slight damage" to 15 per cent, according to local conditions.

CARE SHOULD BE USED TO KEEP MILK SWEET

To keep milk sweet it must be kept clean and cold. Bacteria in milk are dangerous. The remedy is to keep them out by milking a clean cow, with clean, dry hands, into a clean pail, followed by immediate and thorough cooling. To do this, it is not necessary to go to much expense; for practically all farmers have a supply of fresh cold water.

"One must take into consideration that contamination takes place every time the milk is handled, such as pouring from one vessel to another," says V. D. Chappell, assistant professor of dairy husbandry in O. A. C. "Milking should be done before feeding so that the air will be free from dust. The flanks and udder of the cow should be wiped with a clean damp cloth to prevent dirt, manure, and hair from dropping into the bucket while milking. This may seem to require a lot of work and to be impractical, but it brings results. Immediately after milking, the milk should be run through a clean strainer. A dirty strainer is the cause of much sour cream. The strainer no matter whether metal or cloth should be thoroughly cleaned after every milking. A cloth strainer should be washed, and then placed in boiling water before being hung up to dry. After straining and while the milk is still warm, it should be run through a clean separator. The dirty separator is no doubt the cause of more sour cream than any other process through which the milk passes.

"Many farmers think that washing the separator once a day is sufficient so after separating the evening's milk, the dirty separator is left to stand over night until after the morning's milk has been separated, then washed. The warm milk in passing through the separator is subjected to centrifugal force causing the heavier particles to pass to the outside. Casein, dirt and hair gather on the bowl and form what is known as separator slime. This mass is a perfect medium for the growth of bacteria and to allow this to stand over night and use in the morning would be nearly as bad as straining the milk through a manure-covered strainer."

Many Are Affected By New Draft Treaty

Ratification of the draft treaties between the United States and Great Britain and Canada have been exchanged at London, it was officially stated at the state department, making them effective from Tuesday, July 30.

It is estimated that some 54,000 American citizens in the British empire, including 36,000 in Canada, and 250,000 British subjects and 60,000 Canadians in the United States, will be affected by the treaties.

American citizens between the ages of 21 and 31, resident in the British empire, will be given 60 days from July 30, in which to enlist, enroll or return to their country for service, but after that time they would be subject to draft unless they have been granted exemption by the American ambassador as provided in the treaties.

All British subjects and Canadians between the ages of 21 and 31, the state department explained, who have made declaration of intention to become citizens of the United States, and who are liable to service under the draft law, may, during the 60-day period, enlist or enroll voluntarily in the British or Canadian recruiting mission in the United States or may leave the country for the purpose of military service in their own country.

"British subjects and Canadians," said the department's statement, "between the ages of 21 and 30, both inclusive, who have not made declaration of intention to become citizens of the United States, and British subjects and Canadians of the age of 20 to 44, both inclusive, whether they have or have not declared their intention to become citizens of the United States, may enlist or enroll or leave the United States, as the case may be, for the purpose of military service in their own country during 60 days from July 30, the date of the exchange of the ratifications, if on or before July 30 they are required to register by a proclamation of the president (under the draft law), or, if not so required, to register on or before July 30, then they may enlist or enroll or leave the United States, as the case may be, for military service in their own country, before the expiration of 30 days after the date when registration shall be thereafter required by proclamation of the president."

"If, within these periods of 60 and 30 days, they do not enlist or enroll or leave the United States for military service in their own country, they will, unless exempted by the British ambassador under article 2 of the conventions, be liable to military service in the United States, and entitled to classification and exemption under the laws and regulations relating to compulsory military service in force in the United States in the same manner as if they were American citizens.

"British subjects and Canadians may now apply for such exemption, subject to certain rules and limitations, which will be made known by the ambassador upon request."

Talent Tidings

Mrs. Dlin Coleman and daughter Delpha of Jacksonville were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Jess Adams last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Brown and small daughter are guests of Mr. and Mrs. Withrow from Imperial valley, California.

John Calvin and family were the guests at the home of Marion Tryer Sunday. Mrs. Calvin and children left on the evening train Sunday for Castle Rock, Wash. Mr. Calvin expects to leave for the same place in a week or two.

Mr. and Mrs. Ager of Jacksonville were visitors in town one day recently.

J. H. Fuller of Oakmont farm has recently sold to P. C. Hollibaugh of the Valley View district, five head of registered Jerseys. Mr. Hollibaugh now has one of the largest herds of purebred stock in the valley.

The silk quilt presented to the Red Cross by Mrs. Mattison is on exhibition at the Mercantile company's store, and will be sold for the benefit of the Red Cross.

The box factory has again opened under new management and will conduct business as heretofore.

Mrs. Vogell will leave for Portland Thursday for a visit with her daughter Callie who is attending a business college in that city.

Miss McCormick will give a canning and drying demonstration in the domestic science room at the school house August 9. Notices of the hour will be posted at the post office. Watch for it. All are cordially invited to be present.

Mr. and Mrs. E. E. Foss are on an auto trip to Crescent City.

C. W. Holdridge and family motored to Grants Pass Sunday and spent the day on Rogue river.

The Liberty bond—it is as strong as all the banks, all the farms, all the mines, all the factories, all the lands, all the people, and all the power of the strongest nation in the world.

GREAT FOOD OFFENSIVE IS NOW BEING WAGED

"Food is one of the most important munitions of war," the food administration points out. "The great spring offensive on the part of the Germans had added to the food needs of the allies."

The influx of refugees from the battle zone has increased the need for plenty of food back of the lines.

The hundreds of thousands of American soldiers now over there will swell to millions, and that will mean millions of tons of army rations.

The army of workers that are going to help the Red Cross canteen, Y. M. C. A., and other agencies of relief and recreation all are increasing food needs abroad.

In Paris, American doctors have been working under the children's bureau to give life and color back to the spindling, pale-faced children of the poor. They have found their need is not so much for medicines as for well-cooked, nourishing food.

These are but a few of the increasing responsibilities for which America must launch a great food offensive. There must be renewed determination to produce more and eat less.

CHIEF OF JAP ARMY PRAISES YANKEE BOYS

Congratulations upon the successes of the American troops in France have been received by General March from General Baron Y. Yehara, chief of staff of the Imperial Japanese army.

The message from General Yehara reads:

"Please accept my sincerest congratulations on the recent brilliant success won by your gallant army on the French battlefield. I am looking forward with absolute confidence to the continued favorable development of the situation and I feel fortified in my convictions for the final triumph of our common cause."

General March, in replying, said: "Your message is deeply appreciated by the United States army and I am repeating it to General Pershing for publication to the American expeditionary forces in order that they may be made aware of your interest in their fight for our common cause towards the final triumph of which our two countries are jointly contributing. On behalf of the American army I sincerely thank you for your message which is prized very highly."

Here and There

Albany—That electrical storms are rare occurrences in the Williamette valley is shown by the fear Monday afternoon's storm caused in animals. Many local people have commented on the antics of dogs, particularly while the lightning was flashing and thunder roaring. During the storm the automobile of County Commissioner Irvine was standing at Russard station, east of Albany, and a frightened canine came tearing down the road and leaped over the side of the car onto the back seat of the auto. There it cowered until the storm was over.

Every time you read, you purchase of Liberty bonds and war savings stamps, of what the United States is doing in France in building wharves and railroads, or deluging the Germans with gas or shelling them out of position with big guns or shrapnel, or of bombing their arsenals or cities, or of the great work of our army and our navy, or of the building of ships here, or of any of all of the great or small achievements of America, here or abroad or on the seas, you buyers of Liberty bonds and war savings stamps truthfully can say, "I had a hand in this"; "I contributed to this"; "I am helping do this"; "It is part my work."

Canned fish bait is nothing new to devotees of the art of angling but canned grasshoppers for that purpose is an innovation. In the Goose and Burney valleys in Shasta county the voracious othopterous pest, highly appreciated by the wily trout, has stripped hundreds of acres of grain and meadow lands of all vegetation. Chas. H. Newell of San Francisco conceived the idea of trapping the hoppers and preserving by canning and placing them on the market for fishermen very much in the manner of salmon eggs. Newell has built a funnel-shaped contrivance set on a sled close to the ground and is successfully trapping them in large quantities.—Yreka News

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