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BETTER FARMING

FARMERS UNITED
IN COMMON GOOD
BY FARM BUREAU

By R. C. Stewart

The farm bureau movement is really the latest development in cooperation. It is cooperation wherein producers of all kinds of farm commodities have their share in the working of a common good.

While the farm bureau is distinctly separate from any of the commodity marketing cooperative associations, it is the center from which practically all of the new associations will be formed. That farmers are ready for cooperation and mutual assistance, is shown by the readiness with which they are joining the Farm Bureau Federation. In getting together through cooperative associations and locals of the new farmers' organizations people of a community are learning to mix with their neighbors, getting new ideas, and, in fact, are greatly broadening themselves.

NEW IDEAS DIFFUSED

It is only through the inter-change of ideas, made possible through these new farmers' organizations, that all of the producers of the country will be able to get together and give their mutual assistance and ideas for the solving of the producers' problems. The man who stays at home, never getting out of his back yard, so to speak, and has nothing to do with his neighbors, is always going backwards upon the path of progress. He has no opportunity to secure or study any new ideas but must depend upon those which he can evolve, and there are few men who give birth to really new ideas.

If it is necessary then, for the broadening of any person's vision, that they not only mix in a social way with their neighbors and fellow countrymen, but that they get together and work out their ideas together, each lending what assistance he may. Often times a man will have an idea which has been dormant in the back of his head for a long time, the value of which has not as yet impressed itself upon him. It may be that by talking with a group of men who are interested in his particular line of work, the real value of his idea will be shown up and a new idea will be developed which will be of assistance to a large number of people. This broadening and mutual helpfulness is but one of the dominating features of the farm bureau.

STUDY COURSES PLANNED

The farm bureau is looking to the future as well as to the present. A great many people are now beginning to realize that one of the chief difficulties which will be met in the cooperative marketing of farm crops, will be the lack of trained men for the marketing machinery efficiently. The president of the American farm bureau has written to the president of the various state universities and agricultural institutions suggesting that these institutions render a great and appreciated service to agriculture by offering courses in cooperative marketing. It is hoped that both long and short courses will be provided on this subject to furnish men trained in the mechanics of cooperative marketing.

As the farm bureau progresses, many new problems will have to be solved. There are problems which can be solved only through the efforts of the individual members, who must devote considerable study to the matter in hand. The farm bureau provides the machinery through which any question of moment can be immediately referred to all of the members for their opinion and the expression of their ideas.

The term cooperation need not be limited to a marketing association. It has a broader sense, and service of all, for the benefit of all others.

Director Announces
Appointments in
Agricultural Dept.

Olympia, Wash., March 26.—Appointments in the department of agriculture, as organized under the administrative code, have been announced by E. L. French, director designate of agriculture, as follows: Frank H. Gloyd, supervisor of the division of animal and poultry husbandry; L. C. Pelton, supervisor of dairy and livestock; Charles L. Robinson, supervisor of horticulture; Will H. Adams, supervisor of food, meats, drugs and oils. A director of weights and measures is yet to be appointed.

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500 ATTEND FARM
BUREAU'S MEETING

The first annual meeting of the greater Washington county farm bureau, was held at Hillsboro, March 19, with 500 farmers in attendance. George A. Mansfield, state farm bureau president, gave the principal address, taking for his subject the state and national farm bureau, in which he emphasized the fact that the individual, after all, is the key-stone to the organization.

Paul V. Maria, director of extension, discussed the county farm bureau and community committee work, stating that the foundation of the farm bureau rests with the several communities of the county.

A committee of eight wheat growers of the county was appointed to meet with Edgar L. Ludwick, organization manager for the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers' association. Members of the committee adopted a resolution urging a membership campaign for the Oregon Cooperative Grain Growers' association.

Ludwick addressed the meeting upon cooperative grain marketing. R. G. Scott, formerly county agent of Clackamas county, but now with the wool growers' organization, discussed the phases of cooperative wool marketing. A new constitution and by-laws were adopted which called for the election of three new officers of the executive committee: George Bierdorf, treasurer; C. Bechen and L. L. Crawford are the new officers.

During the entire session, the spirit of cooperation among the farmers was evident, and there were no signs of differences of opinion, which indicates that the farmers are all thinking and working together on the big issues confronting agriculture.

Multnomah Farm
Bureau Picks Its
Officers for 1921

A meeting of the Multnomah County Farm Bureau was held in Portland on Friday, at which officers were elected for the current year. This was really the organization meeting following the campaign for members, which has so far netted a little better than 500 new names on the dotted line.

M. G. Woodie was elected president. H. W. Lynch, vice president. Guy Robertson, secretary, and Jacob Luscher, treasurer, of the new organization. Practically all of the new members are of the district around Gresham.

E. E. Faville was the principal speaker during the morning session and George Mansfield, president of the state federation, told of the aims of the farm bureau at the afternoon meeting.

Sumpter Valley Hay Farmers Hard Hit by High Freight Rates

Baker, March 26.—High freight rates have surely hit the farmers of Sumpter a hard jolt, and this year they have had the full effect of the raise when it came to marketing their hay.

Much of the hay from Sumpter valley has always sold in the Portland market. A large percentage of the crop is clear timothy, and as such has been given a slight premium over other hay in the Portland market. Under the new freight rate which went into effect last year, it now costs \$10.00 to land hay in carload lots from Sumpter valley to Portland.

The result is that farmers in the valley still have their hay, which they must have been able to sell by shipping at the old rate.

Crowfoot District Farmers Organize; Bureau Is Started

Lebanon, March 26.—The farmers of the Crowfoot community have to persuade the organization of their farm bureau branch, elected officers and outlined a complete program of projects. O. D. Stringer was elected president and Frank B. Steen, secretary-treasurer. The Linn county farm bureau has drawn 67 of its members from the Crowfoot community. A resolution was adopted approving the Oregon Dairyman's Cooperative league and favoring the establishment of a cooperative creamery at Lebanon, under the auspices of the league. The resolution also carried with it that an educational program toward that end be instituted. Under the supervision of the teacher, Miss Grace Harris, the young folk have been organized for club work, which is a help toward propagating the spirit of community work.

BAKER VOTES NOT
TO EMPLOY AGENT

Baker, March 26.—While Baker does not have a county agricultural agent, through the good offices of the Tri-State Terminal company and the Farmers' Union, much of the service of an agent will be performed for the farmers of the county.

An important step in this direction at this time is the preparing of poison for squirrels and other pests which will be furnished through the Tri-State at actual cost.

POISON READY

Manager Earl Hoge has been preparing the poison and is now ready to supply farmers. The poison is mixed from the formula.

W. E. Wilmer, the newly elected president of the Farmers' Union, is a live wire with considerable experience in farm agent work, and through the union will do all he can to assist farmers in this work.

The Tri-State company has volunteered to act as a clearing house for the farmers in the work, which has been undertaken at the instigation of the Farmers' Union. It is hoped that the clearing time may later lead to the appointing of a county agent in Baker county. As it grows the need of the agent may become more urgent. It is hoped with the present plan to get much of the same result for farmers as with a county agent, and this without the added expense to taxpayers of \$400 to \$450.

VOTE AGAINST AGENT

Baker county has two of the leading farmers unions in Oregon. The Baker local has 211 members and is the largest local in the state. The Rock Creek local has about 100 members, being classed as the third in size.

At a recent meeting of farmers at which there were 20 present a vote was taken on the question of a county agent for Baker county, and there were only three favorable votes. It was from this meeting that the idea of the Union and Tri-State company taking up the work was developed.

Superphosphate and Lime Are Declared Best as Fertilizers

Montesano, March 26.—Fertilizer tests conducted last year by the Grays Harbor county farm bureau have demonstrated that superphosphate and lime are the most successful fertilizer here for clover, clover and rye grass. Flowers of sulphur also proved a valuable aid to these crops.

Two new demonstration plots have been laid out this spring under the supervision of Robert Cowan, county agent. They are on the McAllister farm at Washburn, and the James Castaldi farm at Satsop. Each plot is two by eight rods and contains six subdivisions, fertilized as follows: No. 1, superphosphate, 200 pounds to the acre; No. 2, potash, 150 pounds to the acre; No. 3, unfertilized; No. 4, superphosphate, 300 pounds to the acre, and manure 10 tons to the acre; No. 5, unfertilized; No. 6, flowers of sulphur, 100 pounds to the acre. In addition, half of the entire plot is left unfertilized. The two plots will be sown this week. Eventually it is planned to have plots in all parts of the county to determine what is best for every variation of soil condition.

Baker Plans Active
Irrigation Campaign

Baker, March 26.—Plans were discussed for an active campaign for securing government aid for reclaiming arid lands in Baker county at a meeting of the irrigation committee of the Chamber of Commerce Monday afternoon. Promotion work will have to be done, and representatives sent to Washington to get the projects before the proper authorities. The committee will hold a meeting later, when definite action will be taken.

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GROWER'S
ASSOCIATION
NOTES

Ten years ago, growers in the apple sections of Oregon were worried as to what should be done with the crop of apples, estimated at that time at from 8000 to 10,000 cars annually. During the past four or five years, the apple tonnage of the Northwest has ranged between 20,000 and 25,000 cars annually, according to C. J. Lewis, organization manager of the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. Lewis states that although the Northwest rather fell below its average crop of apples last year, there is a feeling among apple growers that this season a large crop will be harvested.

Pears grown in the Medford district last season topped the market in the three great fruit centers of the world, London, New York and Chicago. Now the fruit section between Medford and Ashland is coming to the front as an apple growing country, especially for the Golden Delicious. At the annual exhibit of the Mississippi Valley Apple Growers' association, held at Louisiana, Mo., A. Johnson of Ashland was awarded all prizes offered on Golden Delicious.

Boston, New York and Chicago have become familiar with the high grade of broccoli grown in Oregon through shipments made by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association. Chicago has been a steady buyer of the Romaine broccoli. The price received by the association this season has been from 25 to 50 cents a crate over the average. These prices range from \$1.25 to \$1.40 a crate, with a general average of \$1.40 a crate. There is at present a growing interest in the broccoli industry in the immediate section of Salem. One grower, who claims to have an especially fine grade grown from the Valentine seed, claims to have sold from a patch of little less than an acre, \$375, with several more shipments to gather before the season closes.

Farm Bureau Begins
Douglas County
Membership Drive

Roseburg, Or., March 26.—With 11 trained organizers from various parts of the state now working in the field with the local committees, the farm bureau membership campaign started Tuesday at Douglas county. A corps of efficient and expert farm bureau workers arrived here Sunday to assist the county in reaching its quota of 1000 members.

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POLK COUNTY HAS
CATTLE TEST LAW

Dallas, Or., March 26.—"That legislation be enacted providing for compulsory and regular test of all cattle for tuberculosis and for effective machinery to carry out the provisions of the law, act to become effective January 1, 1922."

This quotation is taken from the county program of work adopted at the annual meeting of the Polk county farm bureau in Dallas, December 18. This feature had been worked out by the county livestock project committee and considered and approved by a county-wide meeting of livestock men some days before the annual meeting. With the active support of Representative P. O. Powell this feature of the farm bureau program was enacted into law at the last legislative session.

The law provides for the appointment of a county herd and meat inspector by the county court with the approval of the state livestock sanitary board, for per diem payment of such inspector while actually in service for tuberculosis test of every head of cattle in the county once a year, and for a fee of 50 cents per head to be collected for such test.

With the generous indemnity provided in this state, the loss to owners of condemned animals is very low. The law is welcomed by every enterprising stockman as the means to eliminate tuberculosis from this territory in from three to five years.

MICKLE PRAISES
MARKETING LAW

Dallas, Or., March 26.—"The cooperative marketing law is the greatest legislative victory that the farmers of Oregon have won in 50 years," said J. D. Mickle, former state dairy and food commissioner and now with a convention of the Farmers Union organizations of Linn, Marion and Polk counties, held near Jefferson, March 12.

"It looked as if we were whipped," continued Mickle, until the very close of the session, but fortunately, the farmers of this state were able through their several organizations to make their wide meeting of livestock men some days before the annual meeting. With the active support of Representative P. O. Powell this feature of the farm bureau program was enacted into law at the last legislative session.

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"Organized farmers felt fully qualified to pass upon any dangers of the bill and notified every house member of their wish for passage with the result that but four negative votes were registered against the bill.

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