

REPORTS MADE ABOUT FARMS

Social Workers and Grange Leaders Recommend on Training School

A committee of the Social Workers of Oregon and a committee representing Pomona Grange of Marion county, are not agreed on their reports on farms under consideration as sites for the new state training school and their recommendations handed to the board. The social workers committee recommends the F. E. Bethea or Eldridge farm and the Grange committee recommends the E. W. Powers farm.

The committee of social workers recommending the Bethea farm was appointed by the Social Workers organization and consisted of Mrs. Sadie Orr-Dunbar, Mrs. C. B. Simmons, Mrs. R. E. Bondurant, George Ehlinger and James Brockway.

The Grange committee that recommended the Powers ranch was Dr. A. Slaughter, a naturopath physician of Salem, and S. H. Van Trump, Marion county fruit inspector.

Secret Ballot Taken
The Social Workers committee claims that it reached a unanimous decision in favor of the Bethea farm by a secret ballot and without any conference among the members.

"Upon examination of the ballot," says the report, "it was discovered that every member of this committee, balloting in this way, had, without discussion, voted for the same location."

It is said State Treasurer Hoff, as a member of the board of control, favors the Bethea farm, while Governor Pierce and Secretary of State Koser are believed to be opposed to it.

The Social Workers committee states that it has made no effort to pass on the quality of the soil or value of the land per acre on any of the seven sites submitted by the board for its consideration. The points mentioned in the report in favor of the Bethea or Eldridge farm are:

- **Acresage Claimed Sufficient**
"It has sufficient acres to insure caring for these charges of the state for a good many years."
- **It is accessible to the main line of the Oregon Electric railway; it is accessible to the Pacific highway.**
- **Advantage of being near the Newberg highway.**
- **It has good roads with immediate prospect for better ones.**
- **It has several thousand dollars worth of wheat planted.**
- **It has a splendid site for buildings, with fine drainage.**
- **Place has sufficient timber for fuel for a good many years ahead.**
- **The tract is not overly wooded but sufficiently so to make it attractive.**
- **It has a running creek for spring water.**
- **Water Supply Adequate**
"It has three or four very fine springs."
- **It has a deep well with particularly good water and large flow.**
- **It is adjacent to the best land for gardening and small fruits, which we believe should be encouraged.**
- **It has a gravel island of 35 acres for roads, school buildings and for sale.**
- **It is bordered on the Willamette river a considerable distance and his high banks.**
- **There are about 35 acres of the best beaverdam land and there are 375 acres in cultivation.**
- **Away from Other Institutions**
"There are 85 acres of pasture and timberland."
- **It is away from other state institutions.**
- **It is situated so as to have no special lure for boys to run away.**
- **Splendid opportunities for playgrounds and recreational activities."**

The Grange committee, on the other hand, makes the following adverse report on the Bethea tract:

"This farm consists of two types of soil, upland and bottom, which may be roughly described as follows:

"The upland consists of light clay loam, which seems to be a deep, well-drained soil; the bottom land is an alluvial soil formed by deposits from the backwater of the Willamette river, about one-half of which is adjacent to stream and consists of a sandy, clay loam, fairly light and fertile. The other half is formed of much finer sediment, and is largely composed of a heavy kaolin soil, really adobe. Air drainage poor.

Organic Matter Lacking.
"This land lacks organic matter, dries rapidly and bakes hard. Cracks badly. Unfitted for fruit or vegetable gardening.

"Badly located and unsuited as a site for training school."

Concerning the Powers farm, the one recommendation in its report, the Grange committee says:

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soils, which run from red clay loam to a light gray clay loam. A portion of the southeast part of this farm is composed of a deep, dark loam, resembling beaverdam soil.

"The cleared land is all fertile soil and much is newly cleared virgin soil. The rolling character of this land gives it practically perfect soil and air drainage.

Fruit Possibility Good
"This farm is especially adapted to fruit and vegetable gardening."

"Of the six farms discussed, we believe that the Powers farm is the best adapted to the purpose of the training school.

"We also believe that the 235 acres that it contains is enough land for the use of the school, and we have reported upon it without the Witzel farm which joins it on the south.

"These 235 acres with improvements can be bought for \$33,000, which leaves a balance of the appropriation of \$22,000 to be saved on the site at this time.

"Of the improvements on this farm, it is well to note 40 acres of prunes in bearing with 40 acres of young trees, all in splendid condition. Also, splendid modern, well-built house."

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NEW ORLEANS, July 31.—Reinforced by a staff of seven wardens in his own employ, by the moral support of the state of Louisiana, to which he only recently conveyed the Rockefeller, Sage and Rainy-McIlhenny game reserves, and by good sportsmen everywhere, Edward Avery McIlhenny is now undertaking a new stewardship in the interest of wild life protection. Already an informal advisor and overseer for the state in connection with more than 500 square miles of territory, Mr. McIlhenny has taken control of some 100,000 acres of land in the heart of the Gulf coast game regions.

Mr. McIlhenny has for some time owned 78,000 acres of land, and only a few days ago obtained 22,000 acres more in the wild fowl feeding grounds. This land constitutes practically all that is left of the feeding grounds except the territory in the game preserves. Mr. McIlhenny, after several months required to clear up title to all the ground in question, has just announced his purchase.

The significance of Mr. McIlhenny's announcement is in the fact that with his acquisition of the ground the millions of ducks, geese and other game birds which come from the north here to feed in winter are assured of permanent feeding grounds against unscrupulous hunters and commercial exploitation. Already Mr. McIlhenny is being congratulated by sportsmen for his farsighted program.

Mr. McIlhenny has announced no plans with regard to the tract he has acquired other than to say that game will be protected and safeguarded. With this 100,000 acres in hands friendly to wild life, game will be safeguarded in all the territory from the mouth of the Mississippi to Texas.

Seventy-five miles of coast line along the gulf will be protected, and the total area inland is approximately 700 square miles. This territory includes the Rockefeller Foundation, of 88,000 acres, the Rainy-McIlhenny and Louisiana State Wild Life Refuges of 62,000 acres; the Sage Foundation, of 78,000 acres, and the property now controlled by Mr. McIlhenny. The Gulf of Mexico is the south line, and the White Lake and the Louisiana rice fields form the northern boundary. Needless to say this territory is a paradise for birds coming from as far north as the Arctic Circle to feed for the winter — as well as for hunters, if they could get into the grounds and run wild.

Sportsmen generally are familiar with Mr. McIlhenny's work in the direction of game conservation. Beginning several years ago he devoted much time and money to acquiring ground for the game preserves. Besides giving land of his own, he obtained grants and others. He now has on his own territory a squad of seven wardens who patrol the district and see that the laws are obeyed. They are safeguarding not only the game bird feeding grounds, but the haunts of the innumerable deer and bear, to say nothing of the otter, mink, muskrats, squirrels, rabbits and other small game.

Like most of the ground in this region, Mr. McIlhenny's 100,000 acre tract is of extremely fertile soil and suited to many profitable

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