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FARM BUREAU TO VISIT WASS COUNTY

Membership Drive Will Be Succeeded by Speakers and Publicity

Farm Bureau movement has reached the point where it is recognized nearly every thinking farmer as the most promising instrument for the promotion of the business of agriculture.

According to O. R. Daugherty, organization manager for the Polk County Farm Bureau, Mr. Daugherty has been in the county for several days conferring with local officials and members on the membership campaign to be staged in the next few months.

Farm Bureau is a threefold organization, Mr. Daugherty stated. It is the county unit, the Polk County Farm Bureau, and the American Farm Bureau Federation, which is chiefly in matters of better marketing and home consumption. Then there is the State Farm Bureau, made up of a federation of county units. In this state the county units form the state organization. The work has been mostly in the way of marketing activities, relief for farmers, and a vigorous legislative representation.

The American Farm Bureau Federation is the national unit formed by the federation of over forty state federations with individual chapters running into a million. The national body has been active in legislative, financial, marketing, transportation and other circles.

The eighteen county members of the state body put on active membership campaigns last spring, getting 800 to 1500 members in each county. With the close of the season the membership work is continued. Campaigns are being run in Lincoln and Coos counties with Polk to follow later.

As outlined by local officials, the newspaper and other advertising two weeks, beginning October 15th; a series of meetings in the county the week beginning October 17th; a farm-to-farm campaign reaching every farmer in the county the week of the 24th to 29th. The speakers point to a heavy enrollment in this county, as the farm-bureau men have come to understand and appreciate the work of the Farm Bureau.—Dallas Itemizer.

Pedee Affairs

Mr. and Mrs. Jimmie Condon and Mrs. Wilbur Bush visited the fair at Pedee last Friday.

Mrs. Wilbur Bush visited the fair at Pedee last Sunday.

Mrs. Troy Turner visited the fair at Pedee last Sunday.

Werner's last Sunday.

Condon is hauling lumber from Shaw.

Harry Ryan was at Pedee last Sunday.

Mr. Hoppe visited in Independence last week.

Mrs. Wilbur Bush, Ruby Wilbur Bush attended the fair at Pedee last Friday.

Mrs. Troy Turner and son attended the fair Friday and their son rode in the airplane.

Ruby Bush took second prize in the county fair for a crocheted quilt.

Mrs. Will Ostrander and Mrs. Ostrander visited at H. A. Ostrander's last Sunday.

There was a party given at the house at the Pedee mill last night.

Making seeds in a chemical process by a farmer, a French station has increased the yield of some grains and vegetables.

RED CROSS GIVES ANNUAL BUDGET

\$19,361,657 Allotted for Current Program of Relief and Service.

MILLIONS FOR VETERAN AID
Medical Aid for European Children Will Cost \$6,000,000 This Year.

Washington.—Expenditures totalling \$19,361,657 for carrying through its program of relief and services in the United States and overseas are outlined in the budget of the American Red Cross for the current fiscal year. This total is more than \$5,000,000 lower than the expenditure during the last fiscal year, when the disbursements reached \$24,462,741. It is announced at National Headquarters in a statement calling attention to the necessity of continued support of the organization by response to the Annual Roll Call, November 11 to 24, if the vital work of the society is to be effectively carried on.

Outstanding among the items of the domestic budget is the appropriation of \$3,660,256 for work in behalf of the disabled ex-service man and his family. This appropriation represents the amount allotted to this work from National Headquarters only and does not take into consideration the millions being spent in chapters for relief of the World War veteran. It is in the chapter that the greater amount is spent in meeting this obligation of the Red Cross, the announcement continues, as manifested by figures of the fiscal year 1920-1921 when the total was approximately \$9,000,000, of which \$2,092,701 represented the disbursement of National Headquarters while the remainder was the chapters' contribution to this field of Red Cross service.

Vast Work for Disabled

Chief among the sub-divisions of the appropriation for work with veterans is that which concerns itself with assistance to disabled men and women in government hospitals. This item of \$1,798,000, an increase of more than \$500,000 over the appropriation for the same work in last year's budget, will provide those personal services for the disabled and their families which are indispensable to supplement those provided by the government. The director of the Veterans' Bureau has recently expressed his desire that the Red Cross should continue and extend these "humanizing services."

Other items of the appropriation for veterans' relief are proportionately increased. An additional appropriation of \$469,600 has been made for Red Cross work in connection with regular Army and Navy hospitals and with the regular Army and Navy.

For disaster relief, the Red Cross has set aside for the current twelve months an appropriation of \$543,976, virtually doubling the appropriation for the same purpose for the fiscal year 1920-1921.

More than \$2,000,000 is provided for service and assistance to the 3,600 Red Cross chapters by the national organization.

Helping Destitute Children
Other items of the domestic budget include \$498,546 for miscellaneous activities, including contributions restricted for special purposes and \$763,000 for management. Each of these items represents large reductions over similar appropriations of the previous year.

From a fund of \$10,000,000, \$5,000,000 of which was contributed through the European Relief Council campaign and \$5,000,000 allotted by the Red Cross for child welfare work in Europe, there remains \$8,765,108 still available, of which it is estimated that \$6,000,000 will be required for this work during the current year. For Red Cross participation in the joint effort to relieve famine conditions in Russia, for final work in the China famine, for Junior Red Cross and other overseas activities including the closing of the old general relief program in Europe \$4,978,000 is made available.

In announcing the national budget, the Red Cross makes it clear that the figures do not include chapter expenditures or place any cash estimate on the invaluable service of volunteers in chapters.

CARRYING ON SERVICE FOR DISABLED VETERANS OF THE WORLD WAR THAT IS COSTING \$10,000,000 A YEAR, THE AMERICAN RED CROSS IS HELPING FULFILL THIS NATION'S OBLIGATION TO ITS DEFENDERS. HELP THE RED CROSS CONTINUE THIS WORK BY ANSWERING THE ANNUAL ROLL CALL NOVEMBER 11-24, 1921.

EASTERN GROWERS PLAN TO BEAT WESTERN FRUIT

Mid-west and eastern orchardists are planning to follow the Pacific coast practices in growing and marketing their fruits in an attempt to recapture their own home markets now largely held by the far-west trade. They are telling themselves that if they prune to get better size and color in their fruit, spray to keep down insects and diseases, pick the fruit tenderly to keep it free of bruises, and then put it up in attractive box packs which are held in cold storage "with enough moisture to prevent shriveling," they can out the western product because of the advantage they have in transportation charges.

This does not mean that the coast growers are bound to lose the markets, thinks W. S. Brown, chief of horticulture at O. A. C. experiment station. Superior climatic conditions make for a certainty of crop much above that of the eastern conditions, and also lend a high color and fine quality that are truly distinctive. The industry is a business in itself here, while in the more eastern districts it is only a side-line that will not get the study and attention it receives here.

Westren men have a big advantage in the cost of containers, Professor Brown points out. Nearness of box lumber mills enables the western grower to buy good boxes at 12 to 16 cents, whereas the eastern growers paid as high as \$1.50 per barrel of three bushels capacity last year.

With a further reduction in freight rates by rail to eastern points, and increasing shipments through the canal to European markets, the Pacific coast growers may expect to find outlets for their surplus high grade fruits. No other kind should be sent.

Farm Pointers That Point

Many tender vegetables such as tomatoes, egg-plant, peppers, corn, beans, cucumbers, and melons were injured by the early frost of September 12. There are still many opportunities to select for seed if one has the right type already in the field. Seed saving is undesirable unless one has knowledge of the proper types to select and a good strain to start with.—Department of Vegetable Gardening, O. A. C. Experiment station.

Apple growers who have not yet sprayed for anthracnose canker pro-

tection should do so at once, using Bordeaux 4-4-50. All bark surface from tipmost twig to the base of the trunk must be thoroughly covered. The spray protects the remaining fruit against rot due to the disease. Instructions for the preparation of Bordeaux mixture may be secured from the Oregon Experiment station at Corvallis free on request.—Department of botany and plant pathology.

Now is the time to hill select potatoes for seed. Choose only healthy, vigorous plants that are not next to a deceased hill. Vines meeting these requirements may be staked when not frozen down already. Only high yielding hills should be retained at digging time.—O. A. C. Experiment station.

Alfalfa and clover if pastured back or clipped late in the fall will suffer less loss from cover stem rot, according to observations made by the O. A. C. Experiment station specialist in forage crops.

COOPER HOLLOW TO HAVE MAIL DELIVERY FROM DALLAS


Postmaster V. P. Fiske has received notice from the department that a third rural free delivery route will be allotted to Dallas, effective December 1st, and serving the communities of Cooper Hollow, Oakdale and Pioneer, providing that about two miles of gravel are laid in the vicinity of the Domaschofsky hill, in the Pioneer section. It is nearly certain that this will be done, and the new route assured, as the county court has had a rock crusher installed nearby, and as soon as the fall rush of work is over the residents of that vicinity will commence crushing and hauling the necessary rock.—Dallas Itemizer.

OREGON GROWER NOTES

The larger sizes of Oregon Italian prunes have again been placed on the market by the Oregon Growers' Cooperative association.

When the withdrawal of prunes was made by the association in early September it was desired that no further sales should be made until it was learned what the proportion of the various sizes would be in order to avoid overselling.

The first week of grading indicates that more than 75 percent of the prunes in the Willamette valley



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will be 30-40s and that nearly all of the rest will be 40-50s. The Umpqua valley where the crop was heavier will furnish more smaller prunes but the proportion of prunes of the large sizes is very heavy this season.

Individual lots of Italian prunes from some growers are running more than 50 percent 20s with nearly all the rest 30s. This condition has been brought about by the extremely light loads which many of the orchards bore this season.

On account of the abundance of the large prunes the association has again placed 30-40s on the market and is booking orders at the opening prices announced in August. Nearly a third of the tonnage which the association expects to handle was sold before the early withdrawal and it is probable that the movement will be rapid under the new offerings.

The prunes of this season's crop

are of the finest quality and carry an unusually large percentage of sugar owing to the favorable weather conditions which prevailed during the ripening season. Almost a negligible amount of damage was done by the light showers during one or two days of harvest and practically no cracked prunes resulted.

TEACHERS' INSTITUTE AT DALLAS OCT. 26-27-28

The Polk County Teachers' Institute will be held at the Dallas high school on October 26, 27 and 28.

The law requires that every school in the county must be closed for these three days, and the teachers must attend the institute for at least 16 hours. Supt. Josiah Willis is busy making the program and expects a very interesting institute this year.

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