BANKER-FARMER MOVEMENT GROWS

Funds Supplied by Banking Organizations in Many States to Finance Studies and Contests.

The nationwide movement being conducted by county and state bankers' associations and the American Bankers Association in co-operation with the state agricultural colleges and county agents for the purpose of bringing about both local and national solutions for farm economic problems has shown notable results during the past year. A review of these activities in the Bulletin of the Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Assoclation, summarizes some of the chief points as follows:

In Missouri a meeting was held at the College of Agriculture at which the bankers again appropriated \$1,600 for boys' and girls' club work. Saline county bankers have raised \$500 to stimulate beef calf clubs and report definite results obtained in getting farmers to lime their soil and grow alfalfa. County "key bankers" to promote banker support of farm betterment projects are being appointed and another Short Course in Agriculture for bankers is being planned.

In Kansas no less than fifteen counties are reported by the Extension Service as engaged in definite bankerfarmer work. County key bankers attended four district conferences during the year.

The Louisiana bankers' agricultural committee met at the College of Agriculture in connection with a bankers' farm course. The bankers are thoroughly aroused to the wisdom of tick eradication and are co-operating to that end. County key bankers are being selected and county meetings with bankers throughout the state will be

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In Kentucky key bankers have been appointed in each county with the result that the bankers of the state are co-operating with the College of Agriculture more specifically than any other group of business men. Some of the fruits of this co-operation is demonstrated by the fact that the number of dairy cattle in the state has increased seven per cent and the production per cow twelve per cent. Three counties in the state have eliminated all scrub bulls.

In North Carolina the oustanding accomplishments have been the honoring of "Class A Farmers," that is, those attaining a degree of proficiency in a well balanced and sound system of farming as indicated by a score card prepared by the College of Agriculture and the Bankers Short Course given there. Future plans provide for the continuation of the county key banker system and the arrangement of county banker-farmer tours.

In Virginia \$15,000 has been raised by subscription for boys' and girls' club work, largely from bankers. A group meeting was held at the College of Agriculture with two hundred bankers in attendance. The Committee on Agriculture of the State Bankers Association voted to continue and check up on the county key banker work.

The reports from New York on the activities for the past year included the distribution of 20,000 short form farm credit statements prepared cooperatively by the agricultural college and bankers. The bankers' agricultural committee also arranged to send suggestions to the banks of the state to aid in financing purchase of dairy cattle to replace those lost by the tuberculin test.

Bankers' Farm Schools

Bankers' Farm Schools or "Short Courses" continued popular during the year. Several colleges held such courses under the auspices of the state bankers' agricultural committees and are repeating them this year.

"Minimum of Talk-Maximum of Demonstration" was the character of program put on by the Kansas Agricultural College for the second Bankers' Farm School in April. Four representatives were invited from each of twenty counties, consisting of the county key banker, the county agent, the secretary of the county bankers association, and the president of the farm bureau. Proper farm methods were brought out by demonstrations, then tours were made to farms whose owners had followed the practices and methods outlined by the college to illustrate the lessons. Emphasis was placed on the important part bankers can play in developing agriculture.

In South Dakota specific plans for the ensuing year are the appointment of county key bankers, co-operation in boys' and girls' club projects and group meetings of county agents and key bankers. In Minnesota the county key bankers system is to be continued with special emphasis on bringing the county agent and key banker into closer co-operation.

At a banker meeting at the North Dakota Agricultural College it was de-

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cided that the key banker organization would be completed and in order to acquaint the bankers with agricultural needs county bankers' meetings were planned during the year.

At a conference held at Montana State College it was reported that county key bankers had co-operated in arranging for a livestock special train which ran for seventeen days, made twenty-nine stops and came in contact with 22,000 people; that bankers had assisted in six district conferences that led to the formation of a state agricultural program, and that twenty-eight counties reported definite work under the leadership of the county key bankers such as assisting in the purchase of purebred livestock and loans to club members.

Idaho College of Agriculture was the scene of a special meeting attended by thirty-five bankers and college representatives. The conference voted to join the key banker ranks.

In Oregon the first banker-farmer short course was held in January with a good attendance and marked enthusiasm. A meeting of the state bankers Agricultural Committee held in conjunction with the course voted approval of the banker-farmer contest sponsored by Agricultural Commission, American Bankers Association, and appointed a committee to confer with college authorities on methods to prevent spread of contagion in dairy cattle.

California held twenty-two successful county tours during the year and as a result it is planned to extend the tours to every county in the state and also to arrange a state-wide tour. The county key bankers played a big part in pushing this work. At an Arizona College of Agriculture meeting of bankers county key bankers were appointed and plans made for community conferences of bankers, farmers and others where local agricultural needs will be discussed.

In New Mexico bankers and county agents met at Clovis as a step in the plan to acquaint bankers in different sections of the state with agricultural conditions and to bring about greater co-operation between them and the county agents. At the Colorado College of Agriculture plans were formulated to select county key bankers, to follow up work with key bankers and county agents and for chairman of the state bankers' committee to attend and address group meetings.

In Nebraska four "farm outlook" meetings were held, largely attended by bankers. Sixty-nine county key bankers were appointed during the year and follow-up work between them and county agents is to be pushed.

For Iowa effective co-operation is reported between bankers and the Extension Service of the state college in their farm bureau programs. Every third farmer in the state is a member of the bureau. The key banker system is to be continued and special emphasis is to be placed on team work between county agents and key bankers.

Director D. H. Otis of the Agricultural Commission American Bankers Association attended many of the

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gene.-Further recognition of the importance of aviation is seen in the recommendation for

appointment as assistant professor in mathematics at the University of Oregon of Harvey C. Hicks for a year

has been studying in this field as a fellow at the California Institute of Technology under the Daniel Guggenheim Foundation.

He had a prominent Harvey C. Hick part in planning the laboratory of aeronautics at the California institute.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Solista N. Pickett, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has been appointed executrix of the last will and testament of Solista N. Pickett, deceased, by an order of the above entitled Court.

All persons having claims against the estate of said decedent are here-by notified to present the same to me at Athena, Oregon, within six months from the date of the first publication of this notice. All claims must be verified as by law required.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 27th day of July, 1928.

Viva Pickett-Prestbye, Executrix of the Last Will and Testament of Solista N. Pickett, Deceased.

NOTICE OF FINAL ACCOUNT n the County Court of the State of Oregon for Umatilla County. In the Matter of the Estate of Mar-tha J. Shick, Deceased.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned has filed his final account and report in the above entitled matter and that the above entitled Court has fixed Saturday, the 1st day of September, 1928, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M. of said day, as the time, and the County Court room in the County Court house at Pendleton, Umatilla County, Oragon as the place for the hear. Oregon, as the place, for the hear-ing of said final account and report. Objections to said final account and report, if any there be, should be filed on or before said date.

Dated at Athena, Oregon, this 3rd day of August, 1928

ARTHUR E. SHICK,
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