

Federal Farm Board Faces Its Important Tasks



Here are the men chosen by President Hoover to make up the Federal Farm Board dedicated to the best interests of American agriculture. The men were selected with great care and each is an expert in some phase of agricultural endeavor. As yet, no man is selected to represent the wheat interests.

NO MAGIC WAND TO SOLVE PROBLEMS  
PRESIDENT HOOVER TELLS NEW BOARD

Washington, July 24 (Autoeaster)—The Federal Farm Board has been launched on its mission of establishing relief and stability for American agriculture. It is backed by a revolving fund of \$500,000,000. The board's major accomplishment at its organization meeting last Monday was to appoint a secretary. He is Chris L. Christenson, head of the cooperative division of the Bureau of Agricultural Economics of the Agriculture Department.

President Hoover, in outlining his policy, left it to the board to deal with problems as they deemed wise. He pointed out there is no "magic wand" to bring instant surcease to the planter's woes.

The President said: "I am deeply impressed with the responsibilities which lie before you. Your fundamental purpose must be to determine the fact and to find solution to a multitude of agricultural problems, among them to adjust more nearly production to need, to create permanent business institutions for marketing which, owned and controlled by the farmers, shall be so wisely devised and soundly founded and well managed, that they, by effecting economies and giving such stability, will grow in strength over the years to come. Through these efforts we may establish to the farmer an equal opportunity in our economic system with other industry."

"I know there is not a thinking farmer who does not realize all this cannot be accomplished by a magic wand or an overnight action. Real institutions are not built that way. If we are to succeed it will be by strengthening the foundations and the initiative which we already have in farm organizations, and building steadily upon them with the constant thought that we are building not for the present only, but for next year and the next decade."

The Farm Relief Board is in continuous session in its temporary quarters in the Mayflower hotel.

Alexander Legge, former president of the International Harvester company, who was designated as chairman in his appointment, said the problem confronting it was so vast that the board proposed to proceed slowly. Secretary of Agriculture Hyde indicated the wheat problem naturally would not receive much consideration until a member to represent that branch of farming had been appointed on the board. He pointed out that the president was having difficulty in selecting a wheat man because of disagreement between the wheat grain elevator men and the wheat pool faction.

It is expected that as soon as a wheat representative is named the board will immediately appoint a commodity council and through this organization will make loans to cooperatives.

Besides the chairman, the farm board is now composed of the following men: James C. Stone, of Lexington, Ky., representing tobacco; Carl Williams of Oklahoma City, representing cotton; C. B. Denman, of Farmington, Mo., representing livestock; C. C. Teague, of Los Angeles, spokesman for the fruit interests; Secretary of Agriculture Arthur M. Hyde, general spokesman for the farm board; W. I. Schilling, of St. Paul, Minn., representative of dairying interests; and Charles Wilson, formerly Secretary of Agriculture of the state of New York.

As the chief factor affecting the cost per horse-hour on Oregon farms is the number of hours the horse is worked during the year, the cost can be most easily reduced by increasing the number of hours of work per horse, finds the experiment station in a recent survey. This can be done on some farms by eliminating extra horses, by carefully planning and reorganizing the cropping system to reduce the number of horses required, or by finding new profitable farm enterprises that will keep busy the horses that must be kept anyway.

egg shows in county fairs to assist in a wider dissemination of information on egg grades. A higher tariff on dried eggs was asked for in another resolution, to permit the establishment of egg drying plants in this country as a market for low-grade eggs. The association also went on record as favoring more county meetings during the winter months in order that more producers might receive benefits of the organization.

Beneficial results from the drive against poultry thieves are becoming evident, reported officers of the association, who announced that a contract with the Burns Detective agency for the protection of members meeting certain requirements will make it still harder for chicken thieves to exist. Use of the new, simple method of tattooing a brand on each bird was urged as a further means of protection.

Nearly 200 persons attended the convention. Officers for next year were elected as follows: Lloyd Lee of Salem, president; Fred Cockell of Milwaukie, vice-president; F. L.

Poultrymen of Oregon  
Warned Against Disease

Oregon State College, Corvallis, July 23.—The necessity for careful guarding against infectious bronchitis of poultry, now epidemic in California, was emphasized at the seventh annual convention of the Oregon Poultrymen's association on the campus. One case of the disease has already been discovered in Oregon. While no formal embargo against California stock is being contemplated, breeders are advised to be on guard against birds or crates from California, or any egg-laying contest.

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Knowlton of the college staff, re-elected secretary-treasurer, and J. H. Russell of Corvallis and A. H. Dowsett, Gresham, members of the executive committee.

From a state-wide three-year survey study of the costs and practices in producing forage crops in Oregon, the experiment station finds that the average cost of production for corn silage, with an average yield of 5.7 tons per acre was \$7.40 per ton; for vetch silage, with a yield of 7.9 tons per acre, \$4.27 per ton, and for kale, with a yield of 18.1 tons per acre, \$3.78 per ton.

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