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MORE CENTRAL BODIES OF FARMERS URGED.



Members of a County Farm Bureau Discussing Seed Corn With the County Agent.

PLAN FOR MORE CENTRAL BODIES

One of Country's Needs, Says Secretary of Agriculture in Recent Statement.

STRENGTHEN FARM BUREAUS

War Proved Power of Organizations That Plan Farm Work in Communities—More Than a Million Members Enrolled.

One of the points of strength in America's agricultural organization has been found during the war to be central organizations of farmers to plan and develop the best methods of farming for their region. That these organizations are to be of even greater usefulness in the era of peace is indicated in a recent statement addressed by the secretary of agriculture to the farmers and agricultural forces of the United States.

As one thing that seems clear, the secretary noted the need of perfecting the organization of agricultural agencies for the purpose of intelligently executing such a program as may seem wise. "We should not only have the best possible organization and co-operation of the department of agriculture, the agricultural colleges, the state departments of agriculture and farmers' associations," said the secretary, "but we should especially strengthen the local farm bureaus and other organizations which support so effectively the extension forces and assist them in their activities. The perfecting of this organization is highly desirable, not only during the continuance of the present abnormal conditions, but also for the future. The local, as well as the state and federal agencies, are of supreme importance to the nation in all its activities designed to make rural life more profitable, beautiful and attractive, and, therefore, to secure adequate economic production, efficient distribution and necessary conservation."

Supporting County Agent Work. The county organizations, known as county councils, county bureaus of agriculture, or farm bureaus, often employ a county and a home demonstration agent and aid them in their work. They usually are composed of farmers and others in the county interested in agriculture.

At present there are more than 1,000,000 farmers who are members of organizations assisting the county agent in his work.

In the South. In the South special emphasis is laid upon community organizations of farmers. These are increasing rapidly and involve the work among men, women and children. The tendency and general policy of the work in most of the Southern states is gradually to form central county organizations, composed of representatives of the community organizations, to deal, in co-operation with the county agents, with such problems as are county-wide in their nature.

Farm Bureaus in the North. In the Northern and Western states the county organization is usually known as a farm bureau. The farm bureau is a nonpartisan, nonsectarian, nonsecret organization representing the whole farming population of a county, men and women alike, and acting as a clearing house for every other association interested in work with rural people. Its primary purposes are:

- (1) To bring to the agent the counsel and advice of the best farmers in the county as to what ought to be done and how to do it.
- (2) To provide an organization for study and quickly reaching every community in the county with information of value to that community or to the county as a whole.
- (3) To provide a plan for organized self-help, enlisting the co-operation of all farmers interested in carrying out a county agricultural program of work.

Membership is open to all residents of the county directly interested in agriculture, men and women alike. A small membership fee (usually \$1) is charged.

While the original conception of the farm bureau was as an aid to county-agent work, it was quickly realized that it has a broader field, and now it is coming to be recognized as the official agricultural body interested in promoting all that pertains to a better and more prosperous rural life.

How to Organize. Farmers interested in organizing county central bodies to work for better agriculture may obtain plans and other information from their state extension director at the state agricultural college, or from the states relations service, United States department of agriculture.

Finding Good Ground Water. Good ground water is the ideal supply for farms, according to Farmers' Bulletin 941, "Water Systems for Farm Homes," recently issued by the United States department of agriculture.

Any farmer about to put down a deep or expensive well, and who is uncertain of the depth and the quantity or quality of the water likely to be encountered, should describe fully the location and conditions of his project to national or state geological authorities and ask for advice. Times without number, wells have been sunk to great depths in the belief that eventually a plentiful supply would be reached, only to find that water was not there, or that it was unfit for use, or that a mere hole or sump had been created which served but to drain water from relatively near the surface. There is no short cut and no better guide in this matter than information as to the kind, thickness, porosity, and dip of the strata of the region and of the results obtained in neighboring wells, study of the land slopes and character of the vegetation, and examination for evidences of seeps and springs.

Regarding the use of a forked willow, hazel, or peach stick for locating underground water, it can be said safely the method is without merit, although so-called forked-stick artists from their experience and observation of surface conditions usually are better able to judge of the probabilities of ground water than is the average person not thus trained. So also, there is little to recommend certain patented automatic water finders which are based upon the possible, but largely conjectural, proposition that electrical exchanges between the earth and atmosphere are stronger in the vicinity of subterranean waters.

HOW TO TRANSFER BEES

The keeping of bees in box-hives or log "gums" is unprofitable. The care that bees need in order to gather a fair crop of honey can be given only if the beekeeper is able to examine the bees and to move the combs as needed.

Probably one-third of all the bees in the United States are in hives without movable combs, and to assist the owners of such colonies to get them in proper hives the United States department of agriculture has prepared Farmers' Bulletin 961, "Transferring Bees to Modern Hives." Various methods are given, some one of which will be possible to any beekeeper, so that there is no reason for delay in making the bees productive.

Unless the bees are properly managed after transfer there is little advantage in movable-frame hives. This requires a study of beekeeping as well as promptness and care. Directions for handling bees are given in other publications of the department.

CITY BAD MAN TAMED IN WEST

Sheriff's .45 Looks Like Cannon to Chicago Safeblower.

LION BECOMES LAMB

Official Says Prisoner Behaved Himself on Train Returning to Chicago—Always Conscious of Little .45.

Chicago.—"Big Joe" Moran, safeblower who some time ago escaped from the Cook county jail, is more or less securely locked up in the Joliet prison and bitterly deriding "rube constables" and their "Wild West" stuff. But it was the kind of taunting a small boy does when he has a nice high fence between himself and a larger boy. "Big Joe" Moran wasn't quite up to his tough reputation when he was in the arid climate of Alamogordo, N. M., and under the cold eye of the sheriff's "forty-five," according to the story that drifted back to Chicago when Moran was brought back.

The man who brought him back was the man who captured him—Deputy Sheriff C. H. Haynes of New Mexico. "Behaved All Right."

Sheriff Haynes is as much of the West as the alkali dust and cactus. He is tall and lanky and there are wrinkles about his gray eyes that speak humor as well as long days squinting across the hot, sunbaked stretchers of the desert country.

Deputy Haynes grinned when he was asked of the capture and conduct of "Big Joe" Moran.

"Oh, the gentleman behaved all right," he said. "I sort of knew he was hiding out at this May Wallace's place where we got him. I don't care much about gun-play, so when I went to take him with a couple of the boys we pretended like we were on a hunt for slackers. I went right up to May's back door and went in. She said she was alone, but there were two plates set on the table.

"So I start toward her room. She runs ahead of me. When I get there there is Moran sitting on a chair and a gun on the table in front of him.

He Makes a Decision. "It really isn't a gun, at that. More like a pen-shooter. It looked like a .22, but I found out later it was a .38. "I told him to come along. He said he guessed he wouldn't and he told me



He Said He Wouldn't Leave. to go to—well, he swore at me. So I just moved my hand toward my .45. Then he decided to come along. He wasn't so darned hostile.

"In the jail I put a man to guard him. Moran got a little braver and said: 'There's a weak spot in the jail. I'll get out.'

"The man who was guarding him said: 'There's a strong spot, too. "When it came time to bring him back to Chicago this Moran began to act like he did here, according to what they tell me. He said he wouldn't leave. So I unlocked the cell door and went in and got him. I showed him my .45 and he came along.

"He knew I had the old .45 with me and we didn't even have to put the handcuffs on him.

"Oh, yes, the gentleman behaved all right. But he don't like me, nohow. As for my .45—well, he just can't tolerate it."

GIRL BANDITS IN CHICAGO

Held Up Saloon and Got Away With \$164 With Coolness of Seasoned Crooks.

Chicago.—Two young girls suddenly popped into Patrick Farley's saloon, in Chicago, and, pointing heavy revolvers at the bartender and two patrons, ordered them to throw up their hands.

One girl stood on guard at the doorway. She also assisted the other, who did the actual robbing.

This latter had a sense of humor. After emptying the cash register of \$150 she helped herself to a drink of whisky and rang up "No Sale." Then she relieved the two awed patrons of \$14.

"Don't overlook the bartender, May," the girl at the door said. The girls backed their way out of the door and escaped in an automobile.

HEARD and SEEN at the CAPITAL

Punishment for Archcriminals of Great War

WASHINGTON.—Americans should understand that in listening to the cry of the German people for food the allies have not the slightest intention of either forgetting or forgiving German crimes against civilization and humanity. On the contrary, there is every indication that the victors intend to make the criminals in Germany and other countries pay the penalty for these crimes. Even the Germans and Austrians appear to have turned against those who got them into the war. There is, however, this radical difference of viewpoint: The Germans and Austrians would punish the ex-kaiser and the ex-emperor as traitors; the allies would punish these former rulers and others as common criminals amenable to the criminal code. For instance, the ex-kaiser has been indicted for murder in England in connection with the sinking of the Lusitania.

As a result of investigations made in the region of Lille "precise charges have been made out against German officers guilty of having ordered or committed shocking crimes. It was in April of 1916 that the Germans seized in Lille, Roubaix and Turcoing 22,000 women, girls and men and drove them into slavery. Whether the German government is able or not to turn the criminals over to their French judges, sentence will be passed on the guilty and the victors will hunt them down.

France has a great score to settle, but Belgium's is even greater. To mention Liege, Louvain, Aerschot and Malines is to recall an appalling chronicle of frightfulness—some official, some individual.

The German brutalities toward allied prisoners, the starvation by the Turks of their British captives, must be avenged.

There should be a trial of the men guilty of that most colossal massacre of noncombatants committed in all the war—the almost complete extermination of the Armenian race by the Turks.

The man or set of men responsible for the murders committed by the German submarines must be punished. Some one high up is the real criminal, whether he be Von Tirpitz or Hohenzollern or some creature unidentified.

What the victors in this war have been fighting for is justice and order. These go together, putting aside false mercy and insane fury.

Swivel-Chair Brigade Yearns for Civil Life

WASHINGTON'S armchair army is anxious to quit the job now that the war has been so gallantly won. Uncle Joe Cannon once said of some of these officers that they wore spurs to keep their feet from slipping off their desks. It is said no fewer than 1,800 officers in the ordnance department stationed in and around Washington have tendered their resignations since the signing of the armistice. A great many of these officers, expert in their line, gave up high-salaried positions to don the khaki when the war was the only thing in life worth considering and when the uniform carried with it the homage of a grateful people.

Now the men who make up the ordnance department are desirous of getting back into civil life as fast as they can go. But they are up against a snag. None of the resignations has been accepted and none will be until the construction plans have been thoroughly digested and until the need for the officers no longer exists.

In other words, no officer of the army is to be allowed to quit at this time just because he wants to. Most of the officers taken on the staffs here in Washington used every sort of "pull" to get their commissions, and now that they have them they are finding it not an easy matter to let them go.

There is no chance at this time for the blanket acceptance of resignations, especially among the young men who were in the first and second drafts and were commissioned without serving any time in the ranks.

Every mother or father who has made a request for the return of a son naturally regards it as a very small matter to grant their particular request. It is true the early return of one or two men would not disrupt the general scheme. But there are thousands of such requests already and likely to be thousands more, and the department feels it would be folly to begin the practice.

To Make Public School Children Physically Fit

WHILE the general staff of the army is working out a plan of universal military training for submission to the president as a part of the permanent army organization, Secretary of the Interior Lane is preparing to ask congress for legislation extending federal aid to the public schools throughout the country for the establishment of systems of physical education and training.

At the direction of Mr. Lane, Commissioner of Education Claxton has drafted a bill which provides for federal appropriations aggregating \$20,000,000 a year eventually for the support of the physical training courses for boys and girls, the government giving one dollar for every dollar appropriated by individual states for the work. The authors of the plan say that it is not a substitute for military training; with respect to boys, it is preliminary training. It is a program for producing physically fit men and women by physically educating boys and girls during the period of immaturity. The program stops at eighteen years of age.

It is not exclusively preparatory to military training. It is for both sexes. It is for the strong and the weak. It is for efficient living, not merely for one function of life.

Who Is Trying to Wipe Out Grape Juice Tax?

WHO caused the elimination by the senate finance committee of grape juice from the list of soft drinks to be taxed 10 per cent in the pending revenue bill? Of course you guess it on William Jennings Bryan—the Bryan who lives in Lincoln, Neb., and used to be in Mr. Wilson's cabinet. He's strong for grape juice—and also frugal. But if it was Mr. Bryan, nobody can prove it on him.

Maybe your next guess is Secretary of the Navy Daniels. He's as strong for the unfermented as is W. J. B. But he's got an alibi, too.

This question has been the theme of much jocular speculation in the cloak rooms of congress. In the absence of visible evidence of the influence of Mr. Bryan or Secretary Daniels' suspicion falls upon Senator Simmons, chairman of the committee, whose state, North Carolina, produces the scrupulous grape, once famed for wine and now for the unfermented juice. The house specifically taxed grape juice. The senate finance committee first struck out the word "grape" and substituted "fruit and berry" before "juice."

That made the tax apply to apple cider, currant juice, loganberry and all the other fruit and berry juices, and it, of course, called out a protest from the farmers who make cider, loganberry, currant, blackberry and other unfermented beverages.

This was apparently what the committee anticipated, and in another revision it struck out "fruit and berry juices" and then wrote the same exception into the taxable soft drink list.

By the two revisions the committee exempted grape juice without doing it directly.



Women all over the world realize more and more that their work at home helped the men at the front. It involved great sacrifices, hard work and unusual physical strength. Women at home should study nursing for the home. A good way to learn is to ask your druggist for a copy or send 50c to publishers of the "Medical Adviser," 663 Main St., Buffalo, N. Y., and get a copy of their 1,000 page book bound in cloth, with chapters on First Aid, Taking Care of the Sick or Wounded, Physiology, Hygiene, Anatomy, Sex Problems, Mother and Baby. Nobody, man or woman, can do good work when health is impaired. If a woman is nervous or has dizzy spells, suffers from awful pains at regular or irregular intervals she should turn to a tonic made up of herbs, and without alcohol, which makes weak women strong and sick women well. It is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Send Dr. Pierce, Buffalo, N. Y., 10 cents for trial package.

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