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Farm Bureau Federation Membership Drive Made on November 24 to 30

Iowa Farm Bureau Immense Success. Every Farmer In County Urged to Become a Member of Federation.

Last week's farm bureau campaign in O'Brien, Dickinson, Emmett, Humboldt and Cerro Gordo counties resulted in nearly 6,000 more members to the state federation. This brings the total membership to 18,000 with fourteen counties canvassed and boosts the special working fund well above \$44,000.

Benton county occupies the banner place with 2,000 members, while O'Brien county claims the honors on the financial end, having contributed to the special fund \$5,500.

Five counties, Clay, Chickasaw, Wintehick, Allamakee and Clayton, will be finished this week. Next week the drive will be carried into nine different counties.

Secretary J. W. Covardale is enlarging his working force as rapidly as possible, and expects soon to be able to widen the membership campaign to the extent of ten or twelve counties every week.

J. R. Howard of Clemons, president of the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation left today for Louisville, Ky., where he goes to help the farmers of the Bluegrass state organize a state federation of farm bureaus along the line of the work in this state.

Last week Mr. Howard went to Chicago where on Nov. 12 and 13, representatives from thirty or more states had gathered for the purpose of organizing an American Farm Bureau Federation.

Mr. Howard reports a wide spread and rapidly growing interest in this newest of organizations for farmers. Every state in the union is interested in the farm bureau and county agent work and thirty of them, from New Jersey in the east, to Utah, California and Arizona in the west, have state federations and will send representatives to the coming convention in Chicago. Reprint Des Moines Register, November 7, 1919.

FEDERAL F. E. RICHARDSON, OF LOCAL FARM BUREAU, ON WHY FARMERS SHOULD JOIN THE FEDERATION.

Delaware County is one of the principal farming counties of the state and as such should be in the front ranks with other counties in organizing for farmer's rights. In fact how can we in the face of all other organizations which include all other classes except the farmer, neglect to organize?

People are talking about the high cost of living, the papers are full of it, but have you noticed any reduction in prices, to speak of, except in hogs, cattle, corn and other farm products. Your working hours have been just as long; some of you have worked over eight hours a day and possibly have been late to the picture show.

The brain force of the farmer should average up and even excel other classes for he is a capitalist, mechanic, engineer, chemist and has knowledge along many other lines that go with farm life. He is in direct touch with nature, which keeps all parts of the brain working, making a more evenly balanced mind. History compliments the farmer for the many great men, who have emanated from the farm.

At the present time you are making sacrifices that are unjust as compared to other classes that are organized, and perhaps it is due to a small handful of men who control your products. You ought to be heard in congress. You could and would be if you were organized to speak in a body, as one man interested in a common cause.

The government saw the necessity during the war of having as many County Farm Bureaus as possible in order to know what was being produced, when and how it was to be marketed, etc. It won the war. Now that the war is over it has left us with an organization that was not made for speculation, but for the interests of the commonwealth, which, if completed as it should be, will give the farmer the strongest organization in the world and at the same time will be for the good of all humanity.

How long will you stand out against your own interests, when other organizations call for or demand lower prices on your products at a loss to you as the producer? You have been called on to help in every other cause and have responded liberally, to your credit. Now we are asking you to subscribe \$5.00 a year to your own farm organization, that some of your neighbors have joined, and feel that you should join in order to complete the circle.

We hope to meet with cheerful and ready response when you are solicited.

MILK PRODUCERS WILL.

The eight officers and members of the Milk Producers' Association who have been on trial in Chicago for conspiracy to fix prices of milk, were found not guilty last week. The trial continued for almost two months. The state prosecutor fought bitterly to convict the farmers, and in this he had the support of the federal authorities.

The result of this first prosecution of a farmers' association is most satisfactory. In part it reassures farmers of their rights to demand a fair price for their products, and their right to come together in an association and bargain collectively.

And level-headed people in the cities should also receive the verdict with satisfaction. If milk producers should be prevented from getting prices which will cover the cost of production and yield a fair profit they would be forced out of business in large numbers and the result would be a great scarcity of milk and prices much higher than ever.

The milk producers in their case were fighting not only for themselves but for a great principle, and they are entitled to the thanks of the farmers of the entire nation. We congratulate them upon their victory.

City people were watching with interest the outcome of this test case. And had their wishes been obeyed the farmers would have suffered still more in reduction of prices. Yet these same people maintain that they have a right to collective bargaining and the right to establish prices.

Why this class distinction? Thanks to an impartial jury and judge the farmer has been granted the rights of any other citizen.

EVERY FARMER IN DELAWARE COUNTY OWES IT TO HIS FAMILY, HIMSELF AND HIS NEIGHBORS TO JOIN THE FARM BUREAU FEDERATION.

REMEMBER!—WHAT THE FARMERS OF BENTON COUNTY THINK OF THE FEDERATION.

Some new Farm Bureau members have suggested that a sample membership card be printed so their neighbors will know what it's all about. It will not take so long to get every man signed up if he knows ahead of time. One man remarked "It's the Greatest Idea in the world, and I am FOR IT the rest of my life. No laboring man has anything on me." You will find the blank elsewhere on this page.

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PACKERS' CANNED SQUEAL HEARD.

Many people are pointing to the drop in prices of hogs and saying: "You see what this agitation for legislation to supervise the packers is doing to us. They are getting even by buying hogs for less than they are worth." What better argument than this can there be found for wise legislation? If, as some of these people think, the packers have it in their power to put down the price of hogs, is it not high time that power was brought under government supervision? Reprint from Wallace's Farmer.

BIG MASS MEETING IS PLANNED.

R. M. Plister, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce DeBureau, met with members of the executive committee of the Manchester Commercial club in the parlors of the Armory Tuesday night, when plans were made to hold a big mass meeting in the armory on the evening of December 1st. On that date Woodward Clum, secretary of the Greater Iowa Association will be in Manchester and give an address before the meeting at the armory.

Monday evening December 1st is the time for the next regular meeting of the Manchester Commercial club, and Mr. Clum will give a short talk to the members of the club. At this time the Manchester Commercial club will also have as its guests representative men from all of the nearby towns. Mr. Clum will talk to the men on community work and at the big mass meeting he will speak on some of the problems which confront every town and city, and also some of the things that have a big bearing on the unrest that exists in the country as a whole. At the mass meeting some things will be brought out that may be an eye-opener to a good many of us. Every red-blooded American is not only invited, but urged to attend the meeting at the armory on the evening of December 1st.

The meeting of the Commercial club will be held at Keckler's restaurant at 6:30, and following the dinner and business meeting the members of the club and their guests will adjourn to the Armory for the big meeting to follow. Let every member of the Commercial club be on hand.

Baptist.

Special services Thursday evening also Friday afternoon and evening. Rev. J. A. Lapham of Des Moines is in charge of the meetings. He is to be assisted by Miss Boyd, a competent Bible teacher.

All the usual Sunday services. The public is cordially invited.

JOIN THE AMERICAN LEGION.

The American Legion wants every soldier, sailor and marine who has served the country during the world war to become a member. The officers of the organization want the names of every ex-service man on the roster, and dues can be paid any time between now and January 1st, which will carry you for the entire year.

The next regular meeting of the Legion will be held in the Armory on Monday evening, November 24th. The entertainment committee has arranged a program of boxing and wrestling, and the smokes will be free. The American Legion will be one of the greatest organizations in the United States, and every man who wore the uniform during the world war should affiliate with this body of red-blooded American young men.

Congregational.

The usual services will be held next Sunday. Sunday school at 10:00 A. M. Preaching at 11. The theme for the morning sermon will be "The Gifts of Home and Friends." In the evening the pastor will speak on "The Twentieth Century Devil."

COMMERCIAL CLUB HOLDS MEETING.

The regular meeting of the Manchester Commercial club was held at Master's restaurant Monday evening. A goodly number of the members of the club were present. Among the items of business at the meeting was the reading of a report of Secretary E. W. Williams with respect to the dances held in the Armory during the past few weeks. The question of fixing the fair dates was also brought up for discussion and was left with the fair secretary to determine. The electric light problem came up for discussion. While the light question was up for discussion Dr. H. A. Dittmer stated that when he paid his October bill he was wondering whether he was subscribing to stock in the company or paying for the use of electricity. President Gildner appointed a committee of four to take up the light question with the city council. After discussing the question with the council, it was decided to call in electrical experts to determine what is best for the city at this time.

At the commercial club meeting it was decided to hold a meeting of all of the stockholders of the fair society, the breeds association, and exhibitors of the fair, and all others interested in the fair, on December 4th, at which time Secretary E. W. Williams will give a full report of all of the fairs and celebrations held on the fair grounds since the commercial club took over the management of the fair.

THANKSGIVING MUSICAL PROGRAM AT M. E. CHURCH.

The choir and organist of the Methodist Episcopal church will give an interesting musical program in the church next Sunday evening, November 22nd, 1919, the program beginning at 7:30 o'clock. The following is the program:

Festival March Buck
Benediction Nuptial Dubois
Sousvair Drala
From the Southland Gaul
Fanfare Lemmens
Mrs. Margaret Wilson
Praise the Lord West
Choir
March Funere and Chant-Seraphique
Gulmait
Mrs. Margaret Wilson
Out of the Depths Wooler
Mr. W. J. Smith
Within a Chime Garden Stroughton
Meditation Frysinger
Concert Overture on America Flieger
Mrs. Margaret Wilson
Benediction

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SOLOMON TRIPP ANSWERS CALL.

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CLARK DUREY.

Clark Durey, one of the well known citizens of Manchester, died at his home on the West Side on November 15th, 1919, following a brief illness. Funeral services were held at the Methodist Episcopal church Monday afternoon, and interment was made in Oakland cemetery, Rev. S. R. Beatty, pastor of the Methodist church, and Rev. Mr. Boyd, of the United Brethren church, had charge of the services.

Mr. Durey was born in Betherden, Kent, England, on August 25th, 1853. He was united in marriage in England, June 18th, 1866, to Miss Elizabeth Tolhurst, who survives him. He and his family came to America in 1872 and resided on a farm in Prairie township until eight years ago, when they came to Manchester, which has been his home since.

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Mr. Durey was a hardworking man and was honored and respected by all who knew him. He was a kind husband and father, and will be greatly missed in the family circle. For forty-five years he was a faithful member of the Methodist church, and gave generously of his means and time to the furtherance of the cause of the church.

Profound sympathy is felt for the aged wife and the children who sorrow.

SOLOMON TRIPP.

Solomon Tripp, one of the pioneer farmers of Delaware County, died at his home near Lindsey Bridge on November 14th, 1919, aged 71 years, 3 months and 5 days. Funeral services will be held in the Presbyterian church of this city Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Rev. W. A. Montgomery will have charge of the services. Interment will be made in Oakland cemetery.

Mr. Tripp was born in Kane County, Illinois, and when he was 5 years of age his father's family came to Delaware County. He was united in marriage with Miss Mary Anna Curler of Colesburg, Iowa, who, with three sons, Albert, Solomon and Wayne, survives him. Mr. Tripp also leaves to mourn for him one brother, Elias Tripp, of Manchester, and two sisters, Mrs. Hannah Chalk of Viroqua, Wisconsin; and Miss Sallie Tripp of Dowell, City, Iowa.

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CITY COUNCIL MEETING.

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DISTRICT COURT.

Judge H. B. Boies adjourned court Monday afternoon, but will be in Manchester again some day this week to pass on a number of matters which were not disposed of. During the last days of the term the court made the following entries on the docket:

Law.

W. A. Lang & Co. vs H. P. Peddicord. Default against defendant. Judgment against defendant for \$153.50; interest at 6 per cent.

Manchester Auto & Supply Co. vs T. B. Given & Son, et al. Default against defendant, T. B. Given, for \$198.35, and interest and costs. Dismissed as against other defendants.

Geo. W. Hooker vs Oscar L. Kvoel et al. Settled as per stipulation on file.

John Matusch vs Wm. Matusch. Default against defendant.

Equity.

Andrew Fessler et al vs John Fessler et al. Written decision filed.

Augusta Fisher vs Isaac Fisher. Plaintiff granted a decree of divorce as prayed. Enrolled decree filed.

Nellie A. McGarvey vs Arthur McGarvey. Plaintiff granted decree of divorce as prayed, upon payment of costs incurred in her behalf. Plaintiff is granted alimony, and custody of the children, as per stipulation on file. Judgment against defendant for costs incurred in his behalf.

Probate.

Estate of Wm. Mead. Executors authorized to enter into a contract with the administratrix of the estate of Frank Cramer, and to terminate the lease held by said decedent and to join in a public sale of the personal property at public auction, without appraisal, and to thereafter again lease said premises either for cash or shares. Reports approved.

Estate of Fannie M. Jones. Application of Wm. Jones for order on executor to make immediate distribution and to turn over to the applicant his distributive share at once, is over-ruled.

Estate of Wm. Hammond. Final report approved. Executors discharged and bonds released.

Estate of Elias Faust. C. M. Laxson, temporary administrator authorized to sell decedent's interest in such grain as it is necessary in his judgment to sell in order to avoid loss.

Estate of Mary E. Waugh. Hearing on probate of will filed for November 24, at 10 A. M.

Estate of David Waugh. Hearing on probate of will set for November 24, at 10 A. M.

Estate of Frank Cramer. Administratrix authorized to enter into a contract with Hugh Clemans and J. J. Mead to terminate the existing lease made between executors and Frank Cramer deceased, and to sell personal property at public sale.

Estate of Jeremiah Mahoney. Hearing on probate of will set for November 24.

W. C. T. U. NOTES.

The October meeting was held October 31st at Mrs. C. S. Bailey's. The subject: "The Children Today; The Nation Tomorrow." It was a very interesting given by Revs. Beatty, Montgomery, McDonald, Prof. Hilliard and Miss Younggreen. Mrs. Chas. Riser was the leader.

The next meeting will be held on November 21st, with Miss Younggreen at her apartments over Shelley's undertaking rooms. Mrs. Fred Dewey leader. Thanksgiving subject. A potluck dinner will be served at 12:30. Each bring service for self and guests. There is something good in store and a full attendance is requested.

There will be an apron and fancy work sale at Kramer & Schacher's store, Saturday, November 22, beginning at 1:30 P. M. This is for the purpose of helping to raise our Jubilee quota, which is to be used in Americanization, Child Welfare and Work Prohibition. Come and help a good cause and secure for yourself a home-made, good useful garment.

LANG-MATTHEWS.

Miss Cora Lang of Greeley and Mr. W. W. Matthews of this city, were united in marriage at Greeley on November 4th, 1919. Mr. and Mrs. Matthews have returned from a short trip to Minneapolis and St. Paul, and are now nicely settled in their home on Franklin street. Their friends wish them a long and happy married life.

McGEE-BURDICK.

Mrs. Edna French McGee, formerly of this city, and Mrs. C. A. Burdick of Sioux City, Iowa, were united in marriage at Vermillion, S. D., November 8th, 1919. Mrs. Burdick has a host of friends in Manchester who wish for her and her husband a full measure of happiness and prosperity. Mr. and Mrs. Burdick will make their home at Sioux City.

\$12,000 REALIZED AT BLOODED STOCK SALE

J. C. NIEMAN & SON HOLD SUCCESSFUL SALE ON FAIR GROUNDS TUESDAY.

54 HEAD OF CATTLE ARE SOLD.