

## Farm Bureau Notes

Mrs. C. C. Schuttler, Farmington, Mo., R. F. D. No. 1, has been asked by the Secretary of Agriculture, Henry C. Wallace, to take part in President Harding's Agricultural Conference at Washington, for the week beginning January 23rd. The purpose of this conference is to consider agricultural problems, present and future. Mrs. Schuttler is one of the active members of the Executive Committee of the County Farm Bureau. The following extracts are taken from President Harding's letter to Secretary Wallace (taken from Wallace's Farmer):

"I am writing to ask you to call a national conference to consider the agricultural problems of the American people. We are all well aware of the severe agricultural depression which exists throughout the land and the extraordinary conditions which brought about the present situation. No one will pretend that the present conditions could have been avoided, but none of us is willing to agree that there ought not to be some corrective and constructive steps taken to remedy the severe hardships under which so important a portion of our productive citizenship is struggling. I am convinced that a conference may be made a very helpful agency in suggesting practical ways of improvement, particularly if brought into coordination with the helpful investigation which has been begun by the congressional committee committed to a related work.

"Such a conference might divide itself into two parts: one part to give consideration to our present day difficulties which, though temporary, are serious and need effective attention; the other part, a survey of the future in an effort to determine upon general policies, having in view the maintenance of production, the greatest possible use and at the same time the conservation of our agricultural resources, and the more complete coordination of our agricultural, manufacturing and general business interests."

"It is unquestioned that a conference will bring us to a clearer understanding of the problems before us. I would like you to bring into the conference, not only the ablest representatives of agricultural production, which shall represent our great country in the broadest possible way, but I think much good would come if you will include in the conference, those who are engaged in industry most intimately associated with agriculture. It will clarify our views if we may have present representatives of the more important interests which are closely related and dependent on agriculture. I trust these representatives will be invited. I must leave the make-up of the conference to your more intimate knowledge of those who may confer most helpfully, but I will be glad if you will immediately issue invitations so that both the country and the government may have the benefit of the earliest possible suggestions which will come from such a meeting."

This recognition on the part of Secretary Wallace, of Mrs. Schuttler's ability to represent the interests of farmers, is of no little importance. As Mrs. Schuttler will voice its sentiments, the local Farm Bureau may justly feel that it has a vital part in the conference.

### Community Meetings on Lining Well Attended

More than 230 people attended the meetings held in the different communities last week. One reel of moving pictures was shown at these meetings. P. F. Schowengert, Soil Specialist from the Extension Service, College of Agriculture, assisted in holding these meetings. Twenty-two co-operators to put on liming demonstration, were secured.

### Better Bull Campaign Progressing

From all indications at present, the Better Bull Campaign, being put on by the Farm Bureau, will result in the replacement of a large number of scrub and grade bulls by registered bulls. A report came from one of the outlying sections of the county, to the effect that many farmers in that district was to secure registered bulls on this plan. On the other hand, breeders of purebred bulls are offering some of their bulls in exchange for the scrubs and grades.

### Swine Specialist here Jan. 26 and 27

W. H. Rusk, of the Agricultural Extension Service, will be in the county Jan. 26 and 27 to assist in pork production problems. One or two night meetings will be arranged. The plan used recently when the dairy specialist was in the county will perhaps be used. The co-operation of those people interested in pork feeding and breeding is asked in order that Mr. Rusk's service may be made the most of.

### HOME DEMONSTRATION NOTES

St. Francois County Poultry Co-operators Place High in Farm Flock Laying Contest.

Two St. Francois county poultry co-operators in the Missouri Farm Flock Laying Contest placed highest in their class in the State. These people are Mrs. Roy Johnson, Farmington, R. F. D. No. 4, and J. W. For-

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Mrs. Johnson has White Wyandottes and her average per hen for year was 163.1. The flock which placed second, had an average per hen of 148.2. Mrs. Johnson went in as a demonstration flock co-operator in November, 1920. Her hens made a good enough record so that in November, 1921, the flock qualified for the Certified Breeding Project. All the hens in the certified flock are now being carefully trap-nested so that an individual record is kept.

Mr. Forshee headed the list in the State for the Rhode Island Red flocks. His hens averaged 146.1 per hen for the year. Mr. Forshee also went into the demonstration flock work in November, 1920. His hens made good enough records to qualify for the certified Breeding Project November, 1921. Mr. Forshee is trapping in order to get individual records. He has a much larger flock of hens this year, the total coming around or over 100. Mr. Forshee also has a new 36 by 36 Missouri poultry house.

These people are not the only ones who have found it a good thing to improve their poultry. There are fourteen others throughout the county who are trying to bring up egg production and the quality of farm flocks by right feeding, housing and general care.

### Oak-Grove Holds First 1922 Meeting of Community Club

The first monthly meeting of the Oak-Grove Community Club was held Wednesday, Jan. 11th, at the home of Mrs. Roy Johnson. The subject for the afternoon was "Serving." It was divided into three parts: first, the different pieces of silverware commonly used; second, laying the table for a simple home dinner and for a five-course meal; and third, decorations for the table.

The first part was carried out by an exhibit of various knives, forks and spoons, the uses of which were guessed by each one present, after which the leader explained the common sense reasons for their shape.

The second part was developed by illustrations of various kinds of economical and attractive table coverings which can be made easily by farm women. These included the Sanitas sets, table runners, luncheon centerpieces, and dollies with accompanying dinner and tea napkins. To complete this part, the table was laid, first, for the simple home dinner, and then for a five-course dinner for special occasions.

The third part consisted of an exhibit of various enameled plant and flower containers that can be made at home. A demonstration was given of the arrangement of various materials for table decorations which are available without cost in every farm community; i. e., bitter sweet, buck bush, pine, flowers. Last in this part was a demonstration of the tinting of white flowers any desired shade by the use of wool dyes.

The program was closed with a demonstration by each individual of some rule of table etiquette, while the others gave some reasons why they thought this rule should be correct. All the women agreed that the meeting was very instructive and entertaining.

### PUBLIC SCHOOL NOTES

Friday of last week closed the third six-weeks period of the present school year. Regular Period Reports will be sent to all parents indicating the progress each pupil has made in his school work. Parents are earnestly requested to examine the reports very carefully, and talk over with each child the grades indicated on the report. If any child fails to take his report home, by the end of the week, please call his teacher, if in the grades, and if in the high school, call his faculty adviser, or the principal, Mr. Hallaman. After reports have been carefully examined, they should be signed and returned to school. However, no parent should sign a report without first scrutinizing it carefully, and satisfying himself that the markings are understood in every detail. If the report indicates that any child is not doing satisfactory school work, in whole or in part, the teacher or school management should be consulted, and some definite plans formulated for correcting the defect during the next period. The school failures

## Have You Made a Contribution

An error has crept into the minds of many regarding the raising of funds for the Woodrow Wilson Foundation project. It seems quite probable that such error can be traced to the statement that St. Francois county's quota of \$600 would be raised if each precinct raised the sum of \$20. While that is true, there are quite a number of precincts in the county where perhaps no contributions will be raised.

Anyway there would be no sense or reason in such an apportionment. No community need fear an overcontribution. All should raise what they can. Those communities with large population and great wealth will not discontinue such worthy endeavor when a certain amount has been secured for this worthy work. Anyone wishing to make a contribution to the Woodrow Wilson Foundation fund should hand it to J. C. Watson, chairman of the county organization, or send it to him in Farmington, or to anyone else who has been authorized to solicit for this fund.

of pupils are very serious matters, and should, if possible, be corrected at once. Report cards indicate serious efforts on the part of teachers and the school management to keep parents informed regarding the progress of the child, his attendance, apparent effort, and school attitude. The report is worthy of your attention. Do not pass it by lightly.

Dr. W. J. Hawkins, Field Secretary of Washington University, made his annual visit to the high school on Wednesday morning, and addressed the student body in his usual pleasing and instructive manner. His theme was "The Value of Higher Education and its Relation to Present Day Problems." Dr. Hawkins showed the necessity for higher education in meeting and solving the intricate and social problems of the present. While here he consulted with the members of the Senior Class regarding their plans for the future, and incidentally pointed out to them some of the advantages of Washington University.

Mid-winter athletic activities are in full operation in the St. Francois County High School Association, of which Farmington High School is a member. On last Friday evening both the girls' and boys' basketball teams of Elad Wood High School met similar teams of the local high school, on the Farmington court. Both games were well played and rather vigorously contested. The Farmington girls showed great improvement, and played a very effective game on defense. Their offense, though not strong, resulted in a very pleasing score. They defeated the Leadwood girls by the score of 14 to 0. Their recent great improvement indicates that they are strongly in the race for the indoor pentathlon in basket ball. The Farmington boys, led by their invincible captain, Geo. Detring, had a much harder contest, but succeeded in winning by the score of 15 to 9. This week-end both teams will go to Elvins where they meet the Elvins H. S. teams.

On Saturday night, the 14th, the Eighth Grade boys' team of Farmington played the Elvins Eighth Grade boys on the fine Elvins court in their excellent new high school building. The Farmington lads ran through the first half of the game rather smoothly, winning in that half by the score of 17 to 10. In the second period, however, the Elvins boys returned with wonderful speed and almost played the Farmingtonians off their feet. For grade pupils the game in that half was fast and furious, with the advantage all on the side of Elvins. During that period Elvins scored fourteen points to Farmington's eight, making the final score for the game 25 to 24 in favor of Farmington.

Since Elvins, Desloge and Eladwood have erected fine modern high school buildings with adequate gymnasium accommodations, Farmington High School is the only large high school in the county that does not have even comfortable, or presentable gymnasium quarters. Farmington has by far the largest high school enrollment in the county, and her athletic talent is second to none in this part of the state, and the people of the communi-

## Poultry Association Organized

A St. Francois County Poultry Association was organized last Saturday afternoon, in the Farm Bureau offices in this city. A number of chicken fanciers and breeders were in attendance at the meeting, and the movement was launched with considerable enthusiasm. The purpose of the organization is to put this county well up toward the top among the counties in the State as a breeder and producer of fine chickens, which is recognized as one of the most productive of industries of the future.

Already this county is entitled to consideration in the production of thoroughbred chickens, as was abundantly demonstrated at the exhibit made during the fair here last fall, when there were displayed several hundred coops of chickens that would have been most creditable even at a State fair, especially to the amateur fancier. But this new association proposes to greatly expand and enlarge the breeding of fine chickens in this county, though there will be no effort to boost one breed above another, so long as they are purebred stock.

The organization was perfected by the election of the following officers for the year:

- President—G. S. Powell.
- Vice-President—Arthur Calvird.
- Sec.-Treas.—H. O. Williams.
- Executive Committee—Elbert Hunt, A. P. Denby, Barton Wagoner, Mrs. Chas. Hopkins and Mrs. J. E. Beard.

The next meeting of the association will be held in this city on Saturday, Feb. 4th, when all who are interested in the poultry industry are urged to be present and participate. At that meeting by-laws will be submitted and perhaps adopted, and all are invited to become members of the Association. The dues will be \$1 a year, of which 50c will be used to keep up the local organization, while 50c will be sent to the State Poultry Association for each member, which will automatically make them all members of the State Association also, entitling each to all the information and literature that is being sent out constantly by the State organization. It is a most worthy organization, which will doubtless result in inestimable benefit, not only to the members, but also to this entire county.

## Big Fire in Fredericktown

A fire at Fredericktown Monday night destroyed the large hardware store of E. H. Bess and the adjoining building, which The Times is informed, was occupied by a garage. Owing to the primitive condition of that town in regard to fire protection, for a time much of the business section was threatened, and it was only through the industry of bucket brigades that the fire was suppressed.

Only a small part of the loss caused by Monday night's fire would equip Fredericktown with efficient fire fighting equipment. Perhaps the advanced rate that must be paid for fire protection there for a few years would also pay for paraphernalia to successfully fight fires. We hope our neighboring city will soon wake up to this fact.

Virgil Swearingen and Henry Brown, both of Flat River, were given preliminary hearings in "Squidie Cleveland's" court in Flat River Monday, on the charge of burglary and larceny. They were bound over to circuit court, their bonds being fixed at \$500 on each count, Brown being held on three counts, while Swearingen is held on a single charge. In default of bond they are now in the county jail.

ty owe it to their young people that they be provided with ample and comfortable gymnasium quarters. It is hoped that large numbers of our citizens will accompany the teams on their trips to the neighboring towns and become acquainted with the athletic facilities provided in those towns for the athletic activities of their pupils.

## C. of C. Meeting Monday Night

An interesting and profitable meeting of the Chamber of Commerce was held Monday night, with President M. F. Cayce in the chair. While there was a fair attendance, not nearly so many were in attendance as there should have been, when the great importance of the work that is being undertaken by that organization is considered. The new secretary, Rolla Cozcan, read the minutes of the last meeting, which were adopted as read.

A number of matters tending to the good and improvement of Farmington and community were brought up and discussed, and action taken to carry some of them to successful conclusion. Henry Manley, who is chairman of the production department, made an interesting report on some work he has been doing, and suggested the advisability of getting busy in the encouragement of larger production of tomatoes, beans, corn, strawberries, etc., for canning purposes, in the production of which this community is particularly well adapted. With sufficient production of such crops canning factories could be made most productive, and would also afford a market for all such products. Not only that, it would keep an inestimable amount of wealth right here at home. His suggestions made an impression on his hearers, and he was urged to continue along the lines of endeavor he had started, and both personal and financial aid was voted him in his splendid efforts.

H. O. Williams, the recently elected Secretary-Treasurer of the St. Francois County Poultry Association, who was a visitor, was called on to tell something of the purposes of that organization. He told in interesting manner of what had been done thus far, and stated that the movement had been launched with the finest possible prospects, and that its future appeared bright and promising. He said the purpose was to encourage the production of more and better poultry—any breed desired—just so it was pure bred. He extended a cordial invitation to all members to attend their next meeting, which will be held on Feb. 4, and expressed the hope that all would become members of the Poultry Association.

The Chamber went on record with a hearty endorsement of the Poultry Association, and offered their assistance at any time it may be desired in encouraging that movement.

It was determined to launch a membership drive for the Chamber, and next Wednesday, Jan. 25th, was agreed upon as the time for beginning such drive, when efforts will be made to get every citizen of this community to add the weight of their presence and influence to the splendid and worthy efforts the Chamber is now making for community betterment, which will mean the betterment of every individual.

## Good Roads—and Others

The roads of St. Francois county generally are now in splendid condition, perhaps as good, if not better, than they ever before have been, as a whole. Much excellent and expert work has been done on them during the past year, so that it is very rare that a really bad place is found in the public highways, practically all of which have a rock foundation and the surface is generally smooth and in a well kept condition. Regardless of weather conditions, one can now travel throughout the county, with positive assurance of reaching the desired destination without the least trouble from bad roads.

If there are any who fail to appreciate the value of such roads as are to be found in St. Francois county, then the experience of travel on roads in most other counties in this section of the state would be enlightening to them at this season of the year. After such an experience, they would doubtless return with a more correct estimate of the value of roads such as this county is possessed of. For this excellent condition of the county roads the County Court Judges are very largely responsible, as it shows they have used care and judgment in the selection of road overseers, and have also given all road matters much personal attention.

There is but a single "fly in the ointment" of good roads in this county, however, and that is the deplorable condition of many of the streets right here in Farmington and various towns in the lead belt. Going to and from Farmington to Bonne Terre the roads connecting the different towns are practically as smooth and hard as an approved boulevard. But when one gets into the confines of the various towns there is found streets that are far inferior. It is almost one continual jolt until one gets beyond the thickly populated districts. The holes and depressions are so thick that if you attempt to miss one of them you are sure to run into a covey of others. Such things should not be permitted to exist, just where the roads should naturally be at their best. It does seem that the town authorities should bestir themselves a little more in regard to this matter, as it is certainly true that a town is judged, especially by strangers, very largely by the condition of its streets.

On Wednesday Thos. H. Stam sold a hog to Louis Yeager that tipped the scales at 675 pounds—some pig. Jim Robinson, the hog expert, won a bet by guessing the exact weight of this bulk of meat.

## Killing in Y. M. C. A. in Flat River

Last Monday night in the Y. M. C. A. building in Flat River, Thomas Frothenham was shot and killed by Henry McDourell, at about 9:30 o'clock. Death resulted almost instantaneous. The causes leading up to the killing, it seems, was the outgrowth of practical "jokes", in which the dead man was more or less active. It appears that such "jokes" had been carried to considerable extent, especially among the roomers there, culminating in more or less hard feelings among some of the participants and victims of the "jokes."

Just why such things should have been permitted to progress to such an extent is not known. In fact there have been a number of reports of "carrying on" there for some time past that indicates incompetent management of that institution, which was built and has been in the main supported by the great mining companies in that field.

The inquest over the body of Thomas Frothenham was held by Coroner Hill in Benham's undertaking parlors in Bonne Terre Tuesday afternoon, where the evidence there given appeared to establish the following facts:

Henry McDourell, who is charged with the felonious killing, is a native of St. Francois county, is 60 years old, is about 5-1-2 feet high and weighs about 130 pounds. Frothenham was about 30 years old; about 5 feet high, and weighed 215 pounds. Each of them, together with others, roomed at the Flat River "Y."

Monday evening, at about 9 o'clock, Frothenham became very angry and enraged, because some one or more of the roomers had, as he believed, made complaints to T. C. Marsh, secretary of the "Y", concerning his Frothenham's conduct at the "Y", and began to demand of his fellow-roomers that he be told who had "snitched" on him. Being unable to get this information, he proceeded to attack Prof. Ernest Seibert (a teacher in the Flat River schools) in the hall, knocked Prof. Seibert down and dragged him into Prof. John Buford's room, which was just across the hall from the room of Henry McDourell; Prof. Buford and others pulled Frothenham off of Seibert, who rushed to his own room further down the hall, accompanied by Secretary Marsh and Prof. E. J. Simms. Secretary Marsh tried to quiet Frothenham, but he was in an angry rage, and stated that there was another man who "had to apologize to him, or he would beat hell out of him." The tumult in the hall and near the room of McDourell had awakened him (for he had retired and was asleep) and he had opened the door of his room and asked Prof. Buford who it was that was going to "beat hell out of him," and, at this time Frothenham rushed toward McDourell, and as he came, with his hands clinched and arms in a threatening position, and as he did so, McDourell shot Frothenham in the region of the stomach, and in the mix-up, shot him five times. Before Frothenham was removed to the St. Joseph hospital at Bonne Terre, he asked for McDourell to come in his room, and when he did so, Frothenham confessed his wrong and each forgave the other. The Coroner's jury found that Frothenham came to his death by gun shot wound inflicted by McDourell. The preliminary hearing will be had before Judge John L. Cleveland at Flat River on Saturday.

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## Madison County Has Sportsmen

The Democrat-News of Fredericktown last week had a story on "St. Francois is Stocked With Bass; Others Pronounced", in which it tells of how "the Silver Mountain Fish and Game Club" has "planted 10,000 baby bass" in that stream, and closes with the following paragraph:

"Just at this time while St. Francois county fishermen are having another spasm against the Silver Mine dam, it is particularly noticeable that they are doing nothing to restock the waters of the St. Francois in their county. Their complaints of poor fishing above the dam would be taken with more consideration if they showed the interest in planting baby fish that is being shown by Madison county sportsmen."

It seems just a little unkind to thus "show up" the amateur sportsmen of this county, who could hardly be expected to afford the expense such a prodigious expenditure of "baby bass," which expenditure must have been enormous. All our "cheap" sportsmen desire is that the Silver Mountain Dam be opened, thus removing an impassable barrier in that stream and giving the fish a chance to propagate in their natural way. Then, if the natural propagation of fish is not sufficient to supply that stream with early denizens, they might also succeed in getting a few "babies" to turn loose in the upper waters of that stream, even though the price may be enormously high for their pocket-books. May we ask the Democrat-News about what those "babies" cost per head?

W. B. Rariden returned the first of the week from a few days visit with relatives in Irondale.

F. M. Bass, of Perryville, Deputy Game and Fish Warden, was in Farmington yesterday and made The Times office an appreciated call. Mr. Bass is a very pleasing mannered gentleman, who seems to be ready and willing to perform his duties in a courteous but courageous manner.