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FARM BUREAU WORK

Consulted by F. C. SMITH
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We have now reached a stage in Farm Bureau work where the public is properly beginning to ask, does it pay, and is the work efficient? In trying to answer these questions we need to keep in mind two fundamentally important conditions. The first is that we are trying to measure the value of educational work and the second is that the work is so recently organized in most of the counties that it has hardly yet found itself on a sufficiently well organized basis to enable it to produce the results that it will ultimately be capable of. In other words, it is difficult as yet to measure the real value of this type of work and to make tests of efficiency which we may apply entirely fair.

Personal Efforts Versus Organization

Many of us are apt to make a mistake here and to try to measure the success of a Farm Bureau organization by the success of its manager. Without any organization the two are identical, but as organized in New York State the two are very different. We have found there are two very important factors in the success of this type of work: (1) organization, and (2) personal qualities, ability and energy of the leader; namely, the Bureau manager. Of the two, our present experience indicates that organization is the most important.

If we wish to measure the personal ability, energy and efficiency of the Bureau manager, this may be fairly done by such things as number of farm visits made, number of letters written, number of office calls, number of meetings held, attendance at these meetings, and in general by the results of his activity and energy upon individual farmers in the county. Measured by this standard the apparent average personal efficiency of the Bureau managers in New York State based on figures for the three months from April to June, inclusive, is 73 farmers visited, 129 letters written, 54 office calls, 18 meetings held with a total attendance of 335, per man per county. It frequently happens, however, that the results from this kind of effort are not proportionate to the energy expended. A man may be a very hard worker and busy 16 hours a day and yet accomplish very little.

On the other hand if we wish to measure the efficiency of this type of work when it is well organized, considering the movement as a whole rather than the personality of the leader only, then we must change our measurement.

A determined effort is to be made this Fall by the officers of the Allegany County Farm Bureau to reorganize it along those lines which in the experience of other counties, have been most productive of results. To this end it is their purpose to issue a series of statements through these columns by which it is hoped to lay clearly before the farmers of the county the present situation as regards the Bureau and to bring to their attention ways and means of improving it. The Farm Bureau officers hope that these articles will be carefully read. Article No. 1 follows:

The Farm Bureau a Co-operative Organization

Perhaps the most essential thing to be borne in mind in regard to a Farm Bureau, as the officers point out, is that it is a co-operative institution established in a county to conduct agricultural education and development. It is jointly managed by the farmers of a county, organized as a Farm Bureau Association, the State Department of Agriculture, the U. S. Department of Agriculture and the College of Agriculture. The last

large measure is represented by and work through the office of the State Director of Farm Bureaus.

As can easily be seen from this arrangement, the factor that varies from county to county is the Farm Bureau Association, and it is the experience of the state that the success of a bureau is almost directly proportionate to the strength of the local organization.

Where Allegany County is Weak

It is just here that Allegany County is falling down. Despite the good work being done by its manager, the local association, instead of growing stronger from year to year, has steadily been going back. In 1914 it had a membership of 135, in 1915 this had fallen to 112, or less than two per cent of the farms of the county, it being the only county in the state in which the membership of the Farm Bureau Association decreased. Despite this falling off in membership, every indication has it that interest in the work of the Bureau is increasing, attendance at meetings is larger, more farmers are conducting practical field tests each year, and many committeemen are working hard.

More Representative Farm Bureau Associations Needed

What is needed is to organize this support; to secure a large and representative Farm Bureau Association; one that will represent each and every farming community in the county and be capable of drawing up a county wide program work. Failure to do this will ultimately mean the loss of the Farm Bureau, and of much of the extension work that is now secured through it from the State College of Agriculture. The agriculture of Allegany County is not yet developed to a point where it can afford to take such a step backwards. Consequently everyone must take hold and help put the Farm Bureau Association on its feet.

The present Farm Bureau Committeemen have been working on a plan that will bring this about and next week will outline the steps it intends to take. Following this an article will deal with the work that will confront the Farm Bureau this Fall, particularly the formation of the county program of agricultural development.

CHILD DISEASE AND ITS CURE

The appearance of a couple of cases of infantile paralysis at Andover near Wellsville, and other places in this state is causing considerable alarm. Health Supervisor Dr. John A. Conway of this city, made an inspection of the two cases at Andover recently.

Dr. George W. Goler, Health Officer of Rochester suggested that infant paralysis may be warded off by keeping a child's nose and throat, hands and fingers clean, and seeing that the child keeps its fingers out of its mouth. He says:

Since no vaccine or anti-toxin against the disease has yet been found and since discharges from the nose and throat are known to carry the infecting agent, this program is the simplest and most effective devised for discouraging the appearance of the dreaded disease in children.

In the last three months, it is said, fifty-six cases of infantile paralysis have been reported to the Rochester health authorities. No new cases have been reported recently. The disease usually disappears with the advent of cold weather.

Dr. Goler gives the following statement of things to remember about infantile paralysis.

"Infantile paralysis is a disease that usually disappears with the coming of cold weather. While the urbanism or virus of the disease has not been discovered by Dr. Flexner no vaccine or anti-toxin against it has yet been found.

The stable fly is not a carrier of the disease.

"At the present time 90 per cent of the attacked are children between one and five years of age, although older children and even adults sometimes get the disease. The attack there is very small, about one in a thousand and children of the susceptible age.

"The disease is carried by persons in contact with the disease or by people who have the disease, without any paralytic symptoms.

"Discharges from the nose and throat, carry the infective agent. It is therefore, best for children to keep their noses and throats clean, wash their hands and keep their fingers out of their mouths. Use no disinfectants of any kind. Permit the children to go to school, but do not allow them to go to crowded or poorly ventilated places."

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Not a Bouncer.

"Mother," said a six-year-old hopeful, "isn't it funny that everybody calls little brother a bouncing baby?"

"Why do you think it's funny, Willie?" remarked his mother.

"Because when I dropped him on the floor this morning he didn't bounce a bit. He only hollered."

AMONG THE SUFFRAGISTS

Mira Ivanovna, a Russian sister of Charity, during a severe engagement on September 22 refused to leave the battle field but amid hail of rifle and machine gun continued to care for the wounded. She had forgotten that a woman's place was home.

When all the officers of her company were killed she rallied the survivors; charged the German line; captured a trench and at the moment of victory fell dead. She had forgotten that women could not vote because they could not fight.

If she had fainted and been carried to the rear it would have been admitted as evidence before the bar of the world's judgment that women were incapable of enduring the hazards of warfare. But her noble death will receive a personal and not a sex tribute. It will not be admitted as evidence that courage is human and alike the possession of both men and women.

Do you know that the present war is being fought under the rules of the Hague Conference of 1899 and not under the more human rules of the Hague Conference of 1907 and why?

Well just because little Montenegro did not get around and sign the convention of 1907 so it went by default, and when war came, we flew farther back into barbarism than would have happened if someone had taken the pains to bring little Montenegro into line.

Women are the putters of the world. Missing about over detail has been the lot of women so long it has become a race habit. It is a pity somebody didn't do a little "fussing" over little Montenegro.

Inez Milholland Boissevain, who has been politely put out of Italy where she went to report the war for the New York Tribune, says that woman suffrage is bound to come in Italy directly after the war; that while there is no large party urging it, the men who are working for manhood suffrage, get converted in the process to woman suffrage. She gives as her authority the Minister of the Colonies, Mrs. Boissevain was recalled because she persisted in writing of peace when the Italian government wanted the people to think of nothing but war.

Senator Helen Ring Robinson of Colorado has been rendering valiant aid to the suffrage campaigns in both New York and New Jersey. She resents deeply the caustic comments made on the industrial troubles of Colorado and asserts that more men have been killed in industrial disputes in New Jersey since the beginning of the trouble in Colorado than in Colorado.

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Dated at Andover, N. Y., May 29, 1915.

CHAS. M. LASH, Executor.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Hon. James T. Ward, District Attorney and Acting Surrogate of the County of Allegany, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against James P. McGinty, late of the Town of Andover, in said County, deceased, to present the same with the vouchers thereof to the undersigned administrator at the law office of Francis B. O'Connor, Baldwin Block, Village of Wellsville, said County, on or before November 1st, 1915.

Dated at Andover, N. Y., April 24, 1915.

KATHRYN PARDON, Administratrix.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Mr. James T. Ward, District Attorney and Acting Surrogate of the County of Allegany, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of Rosella Perry, late of Andover, N. Y., deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned executors of the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, at the Law Office of Crayton L. Earley in the Village of Andover, N. Y., on or before the 2nd day of October 1915.

Dated March 20th, 1915.

ED. McLOUGHLIN,
W. F. O'CONNELL, Executors.

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Pursuant to an order of Hon. Elba Reynolds, Surrogate of the County of Allegany, notice is hereby given to all persons having claims against the estate of David Slocum, late of Andover, N. Y., deceased, to present the same with proper vouchers thereof to the undersigned Executor of the Last Will and Testament of the said deceased, at the Law Office of Crayton L. Earley in the village of Andover, N. Y., on or before the 3rd day of January, 1916.

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