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Co-Operative Association, Inc.
Meets First Saturday Each Month
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BENJ. CONLEY, Vice Pres.
HARRY SMITH, Secretary

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OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

FIFTY YEARS OF GRANGE POLITICAL ACTIVITY

The public thinks that political activity of farmers is new, because of the sudden rise of the farm bloc in Congress and the publicity which this group has received in the metropolitan newspapers. As a matter of fact, the participation of farmers in politics has been growing for about fifty years, and the present great activities are due to the rise of large new organizations which are following very largely the methods of older organizations like the Farmer's Union and The Grange. The Grange has issued a statement reviewing practically fifty years of political activity. In 1874 the Grange declared, "we desire to bring producers and consumers, farmers and manufacturers into the most direct and friendly relations possible. In 1872 this organization began its agitation for regulating the railroad companies. The creation of an Interstate Commerce commission was recommended as a remedy for unfair railroad rates and discrimination as early as 1874. As far back as 1876 the National Grange endorsed woman suffrage and consistently supported the national amendment. From the beginning it was a strong advocate of prohibition. (Later, intoxication was made a ground for expulsion from the order and a member who engaged in selling intoxicants was to be expelled). The Grange began to agitate for pure food laws in 1881. In 1883 it declared for the direct election of United States Senators, 1887 for a parcels post, in 1889 for restricted immigration. Thus it is evident that this organization of farmers was one of the pioneers for legislation which was adopted only after twenty to thirty years of education and agitation, and that in addition to obviously class legislation it has favored numerous other progressive or popular measures.

At its recent national convention, the Grange approved the following measures: tax reduction and the simplification of government procedure; taxation of incomes from all forms of securities and no reduction of income tax schedules; taxes on gasoline; the drafting of industrial plants and the government manufacture of munitions in case of war; a probe of the causes of increasing mental defect and insanity; lower operating costs and rates on our transportation systems; more practical subjects in the public schools. At the same session the Grange opposed a ship subsidy and a sales tax. This linking of social with economic interest and activity has manifest ethical implications.

FLOOD DAMAGES LEAGUE'S CITY PLANT

The Dairymen's League milk distributing station at Avenue B. and 19th street, New York City, formerly owned by the Levy Dairy Company, was temporarily put out of commission recently when a 48-inch main in First Avenue burst, sending geysers 15 feet high in the air. James Barnes, League Office Manager, suddenly found himself up to his knees in the flood as he started to leave the building. He ran back into the plant and directed the engineer to draw the fires, thus preventing an explosion. Collars in an area covering several blocks were quickly filled with water and the occupants of many tenements had narrow escapes. Members of six families were rescued from the roof of the tenement at 319-321 First Avenue.

The Co-operative Association did not stop its operations for a single minute. Borden's Farm Products Company received all the League's consignments of milk for three days and every quart was distributed to league customers.

H. A. Sieck, chief engineer of the Co-operative Association, and a crew of men started in as soon as the flood was stopped to repair the damage. Mr. Sieck set up in the street a 100 H. P. portable engine, which he obtained from a hospital and before nightfall the plant had electric and steam power, and five pumps were working. By Wednesday night the League's pasturizing operations were resumed. Mr. Sieck and many of his men were on their feet fifty straight hours without stopping work. The amount of the damage to the league plant has not yet been figured out. The city will face many suits as a result of the great loss through the neighborhood caused by the bursting of the water main.

GIVES 50 YEAR HONORABLE VETERAN'S JEWEL

Van Campen Lodge No. 258 I. O. O. F. of Friendship, last night presented their Brother, M. W. Potter with a fifty year Honorable Veteran's Jewel.

This is undoubtedly the first time this honor has been conferred upon a member of the order in Allegany County.

A fine evening was enjoyed and Mr. Potter was the recipient of many kindly congratulations by members of the order present.

A STUDY OF LIVING STANDARDS AMONG FARMERS

Investigations into the living costs of farmers in different parts of the country have been started by the United States Department of Agriculture. The first study was made in Livingston county, New York, which was chosen because it is typical of moderately successful general farming. Economists of the Department of Agriculture co-operated with the New York State College of Agriculture at Cornell University in an investigation which covered 402 farms representing about 14 per cent of the total number in the county. The average expenditure by farm families for the year ending September 1, 1921 was \$2,012. About one-third of this sum was provided without direct purchase, coming from food materials and fuel obtained from the farms, from occupancy of the farm home, and from unpaid labor. Expenditure for food was 39.5 per cent of the total; for clothing 12.8 per cent; for health maintenance 4.1 per cent; for education, church and social activities, recreation, etc., 15.9 per cent; and for personal items 1.2 per cent. Water was piped into 9.8 per cent of the houses, and gas or electric light was found in 24.6 per cent. These figures being considerably higher than the average for New York State as a whole, according to the 1920 census. Apparently the Livingston county families devoted about one-sixth of their income to expenditures for "advancement," in which category the investigators include travel, vacation trips, automobiles, and apparatus and supplies for amateur scientific work, as well as education and church and social work. The largest single "advancement" item was the cost of operating and repairing the automobile. This figure averaged \$65. Cars were owned by 304 or 75.7 per cent of the farmers included in the study. The 1920 census gives 30.7 per cent as the average number of farmers owning automobiles throughout the country. Next to expenditure for automobiles, the largest item under "advancement" was contributions to church expenditure, which averaged \$40 a family.

Expenditure for higher education, which included the cost of tuition, books, board, lodging and travel was \$36, or 1.8 per cent of the total. In 6.2 per cent of 165 families with children 18 years or older, at least one child had finished the high school; in 29.4 per cent of 92 families having children 25 years or older, at least one child had been in college for one year or more. It was noted that the better educated heads of families spent a larger proportion of their income for the less immediate needs, and were living in "better homes. In 45.8 per cent of the families, however, neither the man nor the woman had remained in school beyond the eighth grade. Those who had been thru one or more years of college comprised 2.5 per cent of the heads of families. About one-eighth of the young generation of 23 years or over had passed at least two years in college. It was also shown that the cost of clothing for both boys and girls increases rapidly from the age of seven or ten, until between the ages of 21 and 24 inclusive it is twice that of their parents. The cost of clothing for girls in their late teens and early twenties was found to average slightly higher than that for the boys of the same age, while from 25 years on the cost fell more rapidly for women than for men.

One of the most striking things shown by the study is the similarity between the figures for owner and tenant families in Livingston county. The greatest difference was in the figures for rent, and that difference was only 1.1 per cent. Another feature is the similarity shown between expenditure by farm families and expenditure by industrial families as disclosed in studies made by the Department of Labor. Rent costs the farm families a little more than it costs the industrial families, but the farm families spend a little less for clothing. Other differences were insignificant. Those in charge of the study think that on the whole conditions in this area are considerably more favorable than the average for all sections of the United States. All such studies offer material of immediate concern to persons interested in social betterment.

TRAINING SCHOOL FOR BIBLE SCHOOL WORKERS

One of the features of the Five Day Training School for Bible School Workers to be held in Wellsville, Feb. 24-29, will be a course in "Home Religious Instruction." This class will be held in the afternoon of each day and will be of special interest to all parents.

This is only one of many courses offered for general and special training in Religious Education and church school methods.

It is expected that at least one hundred and fifty will be enrolled in this school.

Agri-graphs

Raising the right varieties is one secret of success of the apple grower.

Acid phosphate, one of the most valuable sources of plant food for New York farmers, is now close to the pre-war price.

There's usually a connection between the way crops and livestock are cared for, and the way they care for their owner.

It's a slander on pigs to make them synonymous with filth. The man who does best with swine pays attention to sanitation.

Uncle Ab says the most generous man he ever knew never had a cent of money to give away, but could always give something of himself.

"All about the commercial apple orchard" might be the title of a new bulletin the state college at Ithaca will issue soon. If you'd like a copy as soon as it is ready, mail in your request for E 75.

Long winter evenings invested in agricultural correspondence courses from the state colleges of the country pay dividends for many years. New York's college at Ithaca offers such courses, without cost.

Homespun Yarn

No wonder the sewing machine "resents." How long since it's had a drop of oil?

Aunt Ada's axioms: One needn't be a Pollyanna to believe that it helps a lot to be cheerful.

It is better to keep children to their duty by a sense of honor and by kindness than by fear.—Terence.

Cabbage rates high as a healthful vegetable, and deserves a prominent place on the menu. Does it get it at your house?

The empty bottle put on the shelf may be a thrift, or it may be just accumulating junk which will never be used. It all depends.

Changing work from cooking to sewing or housecleaning may be better than staying at one job all day, but it isn't resting.

Cheese is almost as versatile as the Ford car. Many ways to use it are given in bulletin H. 133. The state college at Ithaca will send a copy on request.

Two or three cold sandwiches and a still colder apple don't make much of an appeal in the youngster's lunch box; that's why the hot school lunch is growing in popularity.

People who give the world the best they have generally get back the best the world has to offer for them.

WILL WE DO TO FOLLOW?

The man who bears the distinction of having signed the first contract toward the organization of New York State Cabbage and Potato Growers, lives at Oxford in Chenango County. He is a tall, lithe, two-fisted American, in every way typical. He is conceded to be one of the leaders in his community.

His name is Robert Marshman. He is a member of the Executive Committee of Chenango County Farm Bureau. He is a pooler in the Dairymen's League. He has an accredited dairy herd. He is a Granger. His children are Junior Project workers.

Don't these facts indicate that he is progressive and public spirited and worthy of the leadership that has been accorded him? He is a member of the County Organization, Committee of Potato and Cabbage Growers in Chenango County.

Mr. Marshman is typical of the other men who are taking a leading and active part in the organization work in this State. Think it over, Mr. Potato and Cabbage Grower, and when the opportunity comes to you to sign a contract, get in with the forward looking men of the State who are taking the lead in this movement, just as they have led the other constructive movements that have made and are making New York the best agricultural state in the Union.

"LISTEN UP" AND HEAR THE NEWS

Back P. Lewis, the only one of the Dairymen's League, gives a radio talk, "Listening to the News," from WGY, the General Electric Company's broadcasting station at Rouses Point, on Friday evening, Feb. 15, 7:30 P. M. Farmers throughout League territory, embracing six states, are eagerly anticipating the address and owners of radio sets are inviting their friends in to hear Mr. Lewis. In many places sets with loud speakers will be installed in halls to accommodate large audiences. G. W. Slocom, President of the Dairymen's League Co-operative Association, Inc., will deliver a radio address from WGY on Feb. 22, at 7:30 P. M.

Now She Will Dance



Mrs. Helen West, mother of a daughter, 14, and wife of Rev. James S. West, a Baptist Minister of San Francisco, has left her husband so she may sing on the concert stage and will no longer have to "sneak out" to dances.

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