

OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

NATIONAL GRANGE HEAD TELLS OF RURAL NEEDS

L. J. Taber in State College Address Suggests Five Accomplishments to Better Agricultural Conditions

Better marketing, production, and methods; reduction of government costs; enforcement of law; strengthening of rural organization; and water way power; and transportation development and improvement, were five accomplishments suggested by L. J. Taber, master of the national grange, that can be made "to render a contribution to the economic, social and moral welfare of rural life in the years to come."

Mr. Taber made this suggestion in an address at the annual farmers' week at the state college of agriculture at Ithaca.

"Before better marketing methods can be fully developed," he said, "we must realize as never before that marketing and production go hand in hand. Our departments of agriculture, our agricultural colleges, our extension service and our farm organizations must be sufficiently correlated that wise production information may be furnished the tillers of the soil. Then they must have sufficient confidence and faith in their leaders to be guided somewhat by this information."

"In the future, our farm production must have more relation to market demands and consumption, than at the present time. In short, the

farmer, like the business man, must have his production regulated somewhat by intelligence and information."

"Government costs affect directly and indirectly the tiller of the soil. The farmer cannot escape his taxes; he cannot pass them on to others as in the case in commerce and industry. In addition, he must pay his full share of tax burdens reflected in increased freight rates and government costs."

"We must remember that the protection of human rights and property rights go hand in hand. The farmer believes in law and its impartial, fearless enforcement. He also realizes that the future of the republic is insecure if continued law violation is permitted."

"The strengthening of the grange, the farm bureau, and all our commodity organizations is imperative before the farmers' condition can be properly and permanently improved. Our highways and our water ways will become more and more the arteries of commerce. Their development is of equal importance to agriculture and industry. In the future, we will find the necessity of conserving our water power."

POPULATION ON NEW YORK FARMS DECLINES 3 PER CENT. IN YEAR

Reports from 3612 New York farms indicate that the population on these farms is 97.2 per cent. of the population on the same farms

a year ago. On this basis the number of persons living on New York farms is estimated at 741,000. The United States Census gave the number, in 1920, as 801,000.

During the past year 40,500 men left farming for other occupations and 14,200 left other occupations to go to farming. At the present time prices that farmers receive are so far below the wage level that less than one farm in seven has a hired man.

"The production per man is being increased so rapidly that the total output of agriculture has decreased very little. The maintenance of buildings and fences, and improvements such as the laying of tile drains are being neglected."

SOLUTION OF PROBLEMS IS UP TO THE FARMER

But Secretary of Agriculture Wallace Says Legislation and Administration Can Help Farm Conditions.

Altho wise legislation and administration may help, the individual farmer after all must apply to his own needs what is done thru legislation and administration, believes Henry C. Wallace, federal secretary of agriculture and himself a farmer, who gave one of the main addresses at farmers' week at the state college of agriculture at Ithaca.

He said that the farmers have yet a long road ahead of them before getting out of the "valley of adversity" onto the high road of prosperity. "The eastern farmers have little appreciation of the terrific struggles and privations of the farmers west of the Mississippi," Mr. Wallace believes.

The easterners have been free

from some of the burdens that have almost swamped the western man, and one of the principal of these has been the higher freight rates. The situation after the Civil War, when the cheap, highly productive land of the west caused the abandonment of many of the eastern farms, has been reversed because of freight rates.

Broad View Needed

Individual farmers, declared the secretary, must look at our national agricultural problems in the big way. He compared the present period in American agriculture to the situation in England after the Napoleonic wars, when English agriculture went under, and England became an industrial nation.

He raised the question whether or not we would follow their example. He said he believed that the maintenance of the United States depends on a solid and prosperous agriculture.

"The problem, he emphasized, is not one for the farmers alone, but for the entire nation. 'If agriculture is broken down,' said the secretary, 'until it is carried on by a peasant class as in Europe, the doom of the United States is sealed. The problem challenges the interest not only of the agricultural people, but of everyone in this country interested in maintaining it as it exists today.'"

DAIRY RATION SUGGESTED FOR LATE WINTER MONTHS

During the month of January feeds dropped a little more than they did in December, particularly gluten feed and oil meal, which are the most expensive ingredients in common home mixtures, says a state-

ment from the state college of agriculture at Ithaca.

"For a simple mixture," says this statement by Dr. E. S. Savage, "I doubt if there is anything much better than a mixture made up of bran, hominy, gluten feed and oil meal. Therefore, we will make the mixture the same as suggested the first of the year. Oil meal and gluten feed are practically the same price. Gluten feed contains a few more pounds of total digestible nutrients to the ton than oil meal, but I consider that oil meal has some advantage over gluten feed."

Therefore, we suggest the following: 300 pounds wheat bran, 200 pounds corn meal or hominy, 200 pounds gluten feed, 300 pounds oil meal.

HERE'S A SCHOOL FOR THE FARMER

but Instructors Promise Not to Use the Birch Rod—Practical Help Given by Experts.

A "school" farmers to be held at Almond is one of the things which the County Agent H. C. Becker has up his sleeve as a part of the program of the Farm Bureau for better farming in this country, he announced today.

While the lectures and demonstrations in Poultry and Agronomy problems which are given at these sessions by instructors from the state college of agriculture at Ithaca are called "schools," no one wants to get the idea that the folks who attend have to sit in "position" and be in fear of "teacher's" birch rod, says the county agent. The work is given in a most informal way and is decidedly practical; no fine spun theor-

ies which have not stood the test of actual practice are presented, he declares.

Mr. Becker will be able to give out soon further details concerning the school, together with the place it will be held, the names of the instructors and the full program. Tentative dates are February 25th to 27th inclusive.

Any one who would like to know more about the school so they may be able to plan their work ahead to enable them to attend will be given all the information now available if they will call on County Agent Becker at his office in Belmont or will telephone him.

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