

BETTER FARMING ORGANIZATION IS PERFECTED HERE

Harry Macey of Dalton Township Heads Association Formed at Meeting Friday.

A large and representative body of Wayne County agriculturists met at the court house on Friday afternoon, for the purpose of organizing the Wayne County Better Farms Association.

Many of those taking part were exhibitors and visitors at the corn show and all were directly interested in the aims and particular purposes for which the meeting was called.

After the object of the meeting had been briefly explained by County Agent Kline, the speaker introduced Prof. G. W. Rosencrans, of Purdue, who discussed the need for such a county organization most instructively. Prof. Rosencrans spoke from experience and cited the results obtained in several Indiana counties by the active work of Better Farms Associations.

His talk was so impressive and convincing that when he finally read the proposed Constitution and By Laws the meeting was ready for the discussion and for prompt action.

Objects of the Association.

Section 1.—The objects of this association shall be:

(a) The organization of the forces of Wayne county that are interested in the development of agriculture and country life that they may study the best methods of procedure and harmonize their efforts in bringing about the development of these interests.

(b) To develop a community spirit and an interest in agriculture and country life.

(c) To co-operate with the county agent in furthering the development of the agricultural resources.

Various other Sections and By Laws formed a part of the plan of organization but the section cited sufficiently explains the scope and character of the new Association. It is evidently destined to have a broad and beneficial effect in this country, if it aims and useful purposes are completely carried out.

Officers Elected.

After considerable interesting discussion nominations were in order and the following officers were elected:

Harry Macey, of Dalton township, president; Arthur Curme, secretary-treasurer.

Chas. Hice, of Franklin township, first vice-president; Harry Caldwell, of Washington, second vice-president; Walter B. Fulghum, of Wayne, third vice-president; and Lewis E. Kinsey, of Clay, fourth vice-president.

The officers elected constitute the executive committee and will meet at the call of the president within two weeks for the purpose of completing the preliminary work and the setting of the machinery for action in complete working order.

Walter B. Fulghum made the opening address at the meeting and was an active participant in the discussion later on. It was alleged that there were practical forces inimical to the best interest of the farmers at work in this county. That from that quarter came the information that Wayne county is so self sufficient that the services of the County Agent are superfluous and unnecessary. Various speakers dwelt upon this theme and the result was a resolution to the effect that the farmers of Wayne county would stand by County Agent Kline to the last man.

When the organization is completed each township will have its local chairman and the Better Farms Association will be equipped to handle all the questions of interest brought before it.

Husbands to Be Provided for Russian Women

(By Associated Press)

LONDON, Jan. 4.—The town council of Petrograd, according to an exchange telegraph dispatch from Copenhagen, has decided that all unmarried women between the ages of 18 and 45 shall be provided with husbands selected by the council. The children of these unions, it is added, will not be allowed to remain with their parents but will be educated under the control of the Soviet government.

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Among the many things which Mrs. Lilly declares will have her attention are the measures which affect the welfare of women and children. She expects to introduce a bill prohibiting capital punishment for minors, another which will give to the judge of the children's court the power to appoint a guardian for children who are shown to have improper guardianship, and she will support any bills which deal with minimum wage and equal pay for equal work.

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On the present valuation of \$600,000 the city is earning 14 per cent, which is almost double what the commission would permit a private company to earn, but if the value of the plant is \$1,000,000 the earnings would be about 9 per cent, which would still permit a reduction in present rates. The consumers who use current at a time when the city's consumption is the smallest are entitled to a low rate, according to the engineers, but the power consumers who use the bulk of the current at the time the city needs the current for light, should be charged a much higher rate. This would penalize the consumer who forces the city to buy more equipment. Under the present rates the small consumer is bearing the burden of the cost of the plant.

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The joint session recommended that Mr. Hurl or some other responsible consulting engineer be employed by the city to make a report on just what equipment will be necessary to rehabilitate the plant and also to make a new schedule of rates to be submitted to the state commission.

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THE TWISTING ROAD



WITH THE WOMEN OF TODAY

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French Orphan Adopts Yank and Comes to U. S.

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Then the American troops came along and Marcel met Capt. Kyne, commanding Battery A, and went with the battery. The deserted polls made representations to the Americans to return Marcel to them, but Capt. Kyne objected. Marcel enjoyed eating American chocolate and protested also.

When the One Hundred and Forty-fourth embarked homeward Marcel stowed away inside a bass drum case, and revealed himself, three days out, only when hunger and thirst forced him out. Capt. Kyne said he would adopt the boy and take him to San Francisco.

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