

OHIO FARM FEDERATION, YOUNG ORGANIZATION
SOON TO BE ONE OF BEST EQUIPPED IN COUNTRY

COLUMBUS, O., Dec. 30.—In its swaddling clothes a year ago, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation today is an agrarian giant and, according to Murray D. Lincoln, secretary, is just stretching its muscles in adolescence.

Until recently the least organized, farmers of Ohio and the United States, Lincoln asserted, soon will be the best organized class of citizens in this country.

A year ago, the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation was more or less of a paper organization, with aims and ideas in an amorphous state. It had 20,000 members, each paying \$1 annual dues. Today it has 60,000 members, and each are paying \$10 a year into its treasury, bringing in dues aggregating \$600,000. The Ohio Federation goal is 100,000 members and dues of \$1,000,000. Just a year ago, the federation pleaded for at least one representative from every county at its meeting in January. Now it is asking every one of Ohio's 1,400 townships to be represented next month.

Double Membership.
At its last meeting it suggested to the county bodies that they increase the membership fee from \$1 to \$10 and accept only three-year memberships. This, it was thought, might result in fewer members but more money to do things with. Instead of decreasing the membership the scheme doubled it in nearly every county in which a campaign was put on.

Those facts are brought out by Lincoln in a report, showing what the Farm Bureau has done in organizing farmers of the state.

He emphasizes that the farm bureau movement still is in its infancy, and numerous details and plans remain to be ironed out. He declared the bureau in Ohio and nationally is officered by men without taint of radicalism, who realize their responsibility and are endeavoring not to abuse the power or influence they may obtain from what already is said to be the largest organization of farmers ever formed.

Half of each membership fee, or \$5 remains with the county bureau, \$4 goes to the state federation and \$1 to the American Farm Bureau Federation, the parent organization. To date the state federation has received \$172,000, while \$43,000 has been sent from this state to the national body.

Bureau in Every County.
Every county in the state now has a farm bureau, Lincoln said, the last, Adams county, having been organized a month ago.

The apparently immense funds, in brief, Lincoln said, are to be used for these purposes: To organize the producers, help maintain county agricultural agents in counties, and assistants; preach more efficient production and after that bring about collective marketing and buying.

The Ohio Federation has worked out a program of primary efforts, which has become known the country over as the Ohio plan.

It embraces the formation of live stock shipping agencies in every live stock county, fruit and vegetable marketing associations in all communities growing those products, co-operatives in elevators wherever deemed necessary and so forth. Dairymen are to be organized in the same way.

Co-operative Shipping.
Eleven counties now are shipping live stock in the county co-operative plan. In two months, it is predicted, such a plan will have been organized in 22 to 25 counties. Payments for last month, according to figures at the farm bureau federation, sold \$100,000 worth of hogs over a farmer-owned platform. This month it is expected to reach \$200,000.

The Ohio Co-operative Sugar Beet Growers' association, organized last summer, has 4,000 members, all of whom market their products through the association agent.

A dairymen's organizer has been employed to start work Jan. 15.

The co-operative elevator have taken over the Union Elevator company, of Cleveland, as their first big so-called holding company. It is planned to have branches in Columbus, Toledo, and Cincinnati. This holding company plans to employ experts to sell grain to millers or export companies in 500,000-bushel lots or more.

"While primarily concerned right now with a better system of marketing, we don't propose to ask the consumer to pay a higher price," said Lincoln. "We are preaching better farming and we realize that as soon as our activities result in higher prices for consumers we are lost."

Organize Business.
"Of course we can't fix prices; they are governed by the law of supply and demand. We have a right, however, to get the best possible prices for the farmer. Our live stock associations have been marketing hogs at a margin of 30 cents per 100 pounds, whereas the local private shipper, formerly paid himself \$2."

"The farmer must organize his business as does the business man, into three departments, production, buying and selling. The farmer himself with the aid of colleges, experiment stations and county agents is a good producer. Our purchasing department, in co-operation with the county organizations, can serve all commodity divisions. We will need trained purchasing agents as well as expert sales agents."

"The central holding company now is largely a myth. I believe though, the demand will soon be here for it. The holding company will be a concern of large capital stock, operated

for profit and financed by selling the stock directly to local associations or farmers. It can own and operate storage warehouses, terminal elevators, perhaps a fleet of vessels, and others of the larger physical properties needed in our scheme of marketing. It might also loan money to local units, under proper supervision, and perhaps finance the purchase of the central purchasing company. I hope the need of doing a banking business will never materialize. I think the banking interests will come to see our needs and meet them."

The Theatres

WASHINGTON
Paris aflutter with the spirit of the carnival season—brightly colored with streets in holiday dress, flags and bunting and almost buried in tons of confetti—this is the sort of Paris that is disclosed in "The Frisky Mrs. Johnson." Billie Burke's new Paramount picture, which is the feature at the Washington today and Thursday. It is a picture with the smart settings of the Ritz Tea Room and the atmosphere of the boulevards; beautiful women in costly gowns and jewelry, glimpses of the carnival itself, great crowds in costume, elaborately decorated floats. Comedy and drama are conspicuous elements of the story. Ward Crane is the leading man and others in the cast include Huntley Gordon, Lumsden Hare and Jean de Briac.

MURRAY
An interesting story is told in connection with the first appearance on the stage of Shirley Mason, the dainty Fox star who comes to the Murray Theatre Thursday in her latest picture, "Girl of My Heart."

Mrs. Mason Fluzarth, Miss Mason's mother, took her three children, Viola, Edna and Shirley, who had been appearing with great success in amateur theatricals in Brooklyn, N. Y., to see Mrs. Tallafierro, mother of the stage celebrities Edith and Mabel. Mrs. Tallafierro conducted an agency for supplying children for the stage. Shirley, being the youngest, was taken along because she could not be left at home alone.

While the Fluzarth family was at the agency Ned Weyburn, the well-known director of Broadway musical shows, came in. He was seeking a child whom Peter F. Daly could carry on the stage in "In Newport," then about to open.

"This is the child I want," exclaimed Mr. Weyburn, pointing in the direction of little Shirley.

"Well, I only brought her because I couldn't leave her at home," explained Mrs. Fluzarth. "I am trying to place the other two."

"I'll give you ten dollars a week for her," the manager replied.

MURRETTE
That the success of comedies depends just as much on what to leave out as what to include is the somewhat novel claim of Gilbert Pratt, director of "Dynamite," featuring Lloyd Hamilton and the comedy duo of the two real Mermaid Comedies which comes to the Murrette theatre Friday.

"Comedy success," says Pratt, "depends on the willingness of star, director and producer to discard all the film footage that is not of the highest fun calibre, to make the scenes over, to go to a world of trouble and expense to get one hundred per cent results. It is an unfortunate truth that the greater share of comedies are what we call 'slow'—a long time between the laughs. This is not altogether due to the star, to the story or to the director, but because of the temptation to use film simply because it has been made."

"Few realize that in a comedy such as 'Dynamite,' we actually 'shoot' more film than is seen in the ordinary feature. Much of it may seem desirable when the work is being done, but when it is shown in the testing room there is evidence of a decided leap in the action heard comment at the private projection room that this and that scene will 'get by,' but we do not look at it that way in producing Mermaid Comedies. We ask ourselves if the action can be speeded up, and we do not spare the scissors in cutting the film down to the very point where there is something happening every minute."

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I don't mind admitting that a scene that we originally thought would be one of the best of all was entirely eliminated after we had seen the negative. It is not waste; it is willingness on the part of the makers of pictures to make a sacrifice for improvement."

Suburban

CAMBRIDGE CITY, Ind.—Ellsworth Ewers of South Bend, Ind., was home over Christmas with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Ewers. Rev. Reece will preach at the Baptist church next Sunday morning on the subject, "The Valley of Decision," evening subject, "Meeting the Ordeal." Mrs. Laura Richey has returned from a visit with her sister, Mrs. Frank Parson of Richmond. Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Shutz and family entertained on Christmas Day their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Shutz of Hagerstown and Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Alford and children of Cambridge City. A good time was enjoyed by all.

FOUNTAIN CITY, Ind.—Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Wright and daughter, Geneva, motored to Connersville Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. C. N. Hatfield left Monday morning for Pontiac, Mich., where they will spend a few days with relatives. Winston Huff and Geneva Wright returned home the latter part of last week to spend Christmas vacation. Horace Hatfield returned home from New Castle last week to spend Christmas.

C. C. Fulghum and family spent Christmas day with relatives at Richmond. J. C. Dougherty and family from Milton were guests on Christmas of M. C. Harrison and family. Mr. and Mrs. Will Bond and daughter, Helen Virginia, spent Christmas day with Mrs. Bond's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Mikesell at New Madison. Mr. and Mrs. Jacob Showalter spent the week end last week with Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Showalter at

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Mr. A. O. Pierce, Harry Boyd, of Gettysburg, Ohio, came Monday evening to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Calvin Boyd. Life Slegeman is back at work in his barber shop after being out several weeks on account of a blood poisoned hand. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Grubbs returned Monday morning, after spending Christmas at Indianapolis. Earl Ridge has a new engine installed in his butcher shop. The Independent basketball team will play Cambridge City here Thursday evening. Ed Dale, of Cincinnati, is visiting his brother, Ben Dale. Rev. Amburn, of Winchester, will fill his appointment here, both morning and evening, Sunday, Jan. 2. Mr. and Mrs. E. S. Martindale entertained their children and grand-children at a Christmas dinner Saturday. Those present were: Mr. and Mrs. Voyle Martindale, Mr. and Mrs. Alpheus Martindale and daughter Patricia, of Cambridge City, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Gause and two children, Margaret and Donald. E. M. Stanton spent Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Reynolds in Richmond. Mrs. Mary Brown received a letter from Maria Underhill stating that she had arrived in Florida all right, but was sick on the way. Mrs. Mildred McMullen and two daughters, of Cambridge City, spent Tuesday here. Mrs. Charles Crump called on Mrs. Mary Brown, Sunday afternoon. Florence Boyd and son Horace, spent Tuesday in Richmond.

MILTON, Ind.—Mrs. Morrell and daughter Katherine, of Columbus, Ind., were week end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Elwell. Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wallace entertained at a Christmas dinner, Mr. and Mrs. Grigsby, of Centerville, Mrs. Charles Grigsby of Indianapolis, Miss Fessler of Frankton, Rolfe Grigsby of Winchester, Cassius McCormick of Albany, Mr. and Mrs. Linville Wallace and Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. John Coyne and daughter, Blanche, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Doddridge, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Florio and son Lee, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caldwell and family, Dr. and Mrs. Charles Kniese and family, Mr. and Mrs. Carl Williams, Mrs. Oliver Beeson, Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy and Mrs. Mary Kennedy had a co-operative dinner Tuesday at the Coyne home. Mrs. Mary Kennedy, Mrs. Kate Coyne, Mr. and Mrs. Ross Doddridge were dinner guests of Mr. and Mrs. John Coyne and daughter, Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. Earl Crawford and family, Mr. and Mrs. Paul Caldwell and family, Carl Caldwell and daughter Louise, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Caldwell and Miss Mary Caldwell formed a family dinner party with Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Caldwell, on Christmas day. Mr. and Mrs. John Murphy and family entertained at dinner Sunday Mr. and Mrs. James Murphy and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Connell and sons. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Warren of Farmland are visiting Mr. and Mrs. William Wallace. Mr. and Mrs. Monroe Bertsch and family of Pershing, Mr. and Mrs. Royden Wolfgang and family, of Fountain City, spent Christmas day with George Rothermel and son. Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Wallace Christmas night. Prof. and Mrs. Park Lantz of Petoskey, Mrs. Fred Lantz and daughter Deborah, of Pendleton, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Higham. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Manlove of Indianapolis spent the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. L. Manlove. Will Calloway, of Indianapolis, spent Christmas with his brothers, Frank and Charles Calloway. Harry Hoshour was home from Indianapolis to spend Christmas with his mother. Christian Kerber has gone to Hamilton to spend the winter with his son, Jacob Kerber and family. Miss Hattie Sills is spending the week at Muncie with Mr. and Mrs.

wardman. Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Beck and son John and Mr. Chadrick spent the week end with Indianapolis relatives. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Hale were guests of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Coffman at Richmond, Christmas day. Mrs. Luma Doty and Mr. and Mrs. John Thorman and daughter Margaret. Mr. and Mrs. Ed. Wilson entertained at dinner Wednesday evening in honor of Mr. and Mrs. Russell Wilson, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Higham and Mr. and Mrs. Ross Doddridge. On account of much illness in the community, the penny supper, scheduled for Friday night, has been postponed indefinitely.

NIEUW AMSTERDAM SINKS

LIGHTER: TWO MEN MISSING
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The passenger steamship Nieuw Amsterdam, sailing today for Holland, struck and sunk the steam lighter John V. Craven as she was passing the Statue of Liberty. The barge had a crew of three men. One was picked up by the police patrol boat. The two others had not been accounted for early this afternoon.

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