

"BIG BUSINESS" MEN, ARMY HEADS DISCUSS FUTURE WAR PLANS

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 7.—Eight "big business" men, all enrolled in the government service on a "dollar-a-year" basis, have been in conference with army ordnance officials here working out details of post-war plans for the mobilization of ordnance manufacturing plants in any future war. The group is composed of the civilian chiefs of eight ordnance districts into which the country has been divided. Those attending the conference have been B. A. Franklin, chief of the Bridgeport, Conn., district; J. C. Jones, chief of the Philadelphia district; Fred J. Robinson, chief of the Detroit district; M. E. Singleton, chief of the St. Louis district; C. L. Harrison, chief of the Cincinnati district; John Ross Delaford, chief of the New York district; E. A. Russell, chief of the Chicago district; and C. H. Tenney, chief of the Boston district.

Plants Be Supervised
The theory of the ordnance department in creating these civilian chiefs is that all available plants in each district will be under jurisdiction of the district chief, who will keep constantly in touch with plant owners and arrange in agreement with them for the prompt utilization of the plants for munition making in the event of war.

Each chief is himself a large manufacturer with experience in the making of war munitions and to each has been assigned an army ordnance officer as secretary to aid in carrying out the program. Ordnance officials hope to set up through this means a permanent and inexpensive system that will avoid all confusion in getting the flow of munitions started in any emergency to come.

The conference here has been for the purpose of planning with these volunteer district chiefs reorganization of the districts on the lines proposed. Assistant Secretary Wainwright and Major General Harbord, deputy chief of staff, addressed the session, emphasizing the War department view that plan for mobilization of munition resources of the nation were of equal importance with the question of arranging for an adequate supply of man power. Brigadier General W. S. Petree, acting chief of ordnance, presided.

NEWS OF COMING RAIN ENCOURAGES FARMERS

News of rains on the way and due to fall in Wayne and Preble counties Saturday night and Sunday, encouraged farmers whose wheat sowing has been held up by dry weather, and whose hopes were uselessly raised by the slight moisture which dampened the earth Saturday morning. Only six hundredths of an inch fell then.

Wheat seed put in the ground early in the week has been lying quiescent, awaiting a rain, and many farmers also have been waiting for rains before going ahead with seeding. By the end of the week, farmers were anxiously watching the skies and hoping for a break in the dry spell, which has continued since early in September.

News that general rains are in progress over the lake regions and central states, was therefore warmly welcomed, as it probably will mean the success of the wheat crop now being put in.

Garfield School Observes Riley Day With Program

Garfield school observed the birthday anniversary of James Whitcomb Riley, Friday, at the Morton high school auditorium with a special program. Pearl Dixon gave one of Riley's famous readings and Ralph Stutz and Nina Shera, teachers of the school, each sang solos. Principal George Manning gave the opening Bible reading.

Money is almost unknown on Norfolk island, in the Pacific ocean, about \$25 being all that is handled by the entire population in the course of a year.

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The Farm and the Farmer

By William R. Sanborn

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The Farm Journal for October prints a picture of a binder now in use which was made back in 1888. It is owned by Isaac Boyce, of Reynolds, Illinois, who bought it as a second hand machine at a farm sale in 1891. In 1916, the old binder cut 36 acres of wheat and Isaac said then it was good for many more harvests. In 1922 this binder handled a still larger crop and it is said to have worked like new.

In his letter, Mr. Reynolds says: "My binder is 34 years old and is good for 34 years more, if the right men handle it. I should very much like to talk to you about our junk yards being a national crime or a national shame." Moral—take care of your farm tools.

A wayside farmer with a good flock of chickens hung out a sign near the gate setting forth that he had Fresh Eggs for Sale. He found that passing autoists paid not the slightest attention to the sign and on it chalked up the price of eggs in large, white figures that fairly jumped into the eyes of the passer-by. The result was gratifying and immediate.

This seems to show that the lack of buyers had been caused by the distrust of too high prices, and a hesitancy to inquire about them. Tell what you have to sell and give the price, if you are really after business.

The Poland Champion.
When the blue ribbon was won by Highland Goliath in the aged boar class at the Ohio state fair in 1921, not many of the visitors at the ringside knew that there was a feat which represented years of study in breed improvement, says the Ohio Farmer. However, Brent Woodmansee, the owner, had been steadily climbing up the ladder for a dozen years or more, trying to build up a herd of pure-bred Poland China hogs. His dream was to have one of the greatest herd sires in the United States.

"It was not surprising therefore when their boar came back this year stronger than ever, weighing close to 1,100 pounds, strong of back, straight from shoulder clear through, as smooth as a yearling and was chosen as grand champion of his great breed."

Mr. Woodmansee began breeding Poland Chinas in Highland county 15 years ago. He held his first sale at the end of four years and since that date has held at least one sale a year. He also owns a herd of 25 pure-bred Jersey cows, from which he ships the cream to Cincinnati, thus providing him with plenty of skim milk for his sows and pigs. Mr. Woodmansee was the owner of Highland Giant, a son of the shorthorn, by Hercules, a litter mate to Disher's Giant. Highland Giant was sold as a two-year-old for \$2,000 and shipped into Indiana.

Great Duroc Hog Show
The Northwestern Ohio Duroc Futurity show, held in connection with the Hancock county fair, established a new record in the history of pure bred swine. A greater number of pigs were entered and shown than in any district show ever promoted by any pure-bred swine breeders' association.

Over 230 pig payments were made and over 200 spring pigs were driven into the show ring and passed under the observation of Judge R. C. Watt, Duroc breeder and judge of national repute.

Over \$1,600 in prizes was passed out on Duroc pigs under one year of age. Breeders from all over northwestern Ohio were exhibiting. The competition was keen. Highest awards on senior pigs six months old and under one year were taken by C. F. Sprague, of Allen county, Ohio. Highest honors in the junior pig class were won by Zale Barton, of Williams county, Ohio, on pigs sired by Orion's Masterpiece.

One hundred dollars in prizes was also awarded to the breeders in a show for the best five sows six months or older.

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fair, making a total of 375 pure-bred Durocs exhibited. This almost puts Hancock county fair in a class with state fairs in respect to swine shows and marks the achievement of one of the greatest tasks ever undertaken by a district pure-bred swine breeders' association.

Pennsylvania 47th State.
By the time of the annual meeting of the American farm bureau at Chicago, Dec. 11-14, Pennsylvania will have completed its state farm bureau organization and be the forty-seventh state member of the big farm body. Very few counties will be represented, however, but there are now enough members enrolled to make up a state organization. Lancaster county alone furnishing more than 1,300 members at \$5 each. Lancaster is the great tobacco county of Pennsylvania.

Luzerne county, which partly stands on end, and which is underlaid with hard coal, began a membership campaign on Sept. 9. J. C. Brubaker, of Lancaster, has been elected state president. We should be interested in knowing how the old-fashioned, rich Pennsylvania Dutch farmers take to the farm bureau idea, and to co-operative efforts generally.

County Agents as Professors
Under the California plan of organization of extension work in co-operation with the United States department of agriculture, county agents have the rank of assistant professors in the university and are entitled to all the rights and privileges of the resident teaching force.

Accordingly one county agent who has now served eight years in his present position has been granted sabbatical leave, which he will spend in Europe studying rural co-operation. This is the first time in the history of the work that such recognition has been given a county agent.

Showing Poultry Houses
A number of county agents in Texas have hit upon a popular scheme of introducing model, sanitary poultry houses by showing them in the county seats, where they remain throughout the season. These houses are locally built from blue prints furnished by extension workers and are furnished with the proper equipment.

The story of the Franklin county house is typical of others. The agent constructed the house and equipped it with a dry-mash hopper and drinking fountain. He stocked it with eight hens selected on the basis of egg production. The chamber of commerce furnished the money, and a lumber company gave the material. It was easy to get a hen from each of four barred rock breeders and one from each of four white leghorn breeders for an egg-laying contest, which attracted much attention. After the hens had become accustomed to their

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Hundreds of persons visited the house last year. Some came to study the house, others the drinking fountain and dry-mash hopper, as well as to see the hens. The house has been a great factor in determining the plans for poultry houses all over the county.

One of the model poultry houses located on courthouse lawns is to remain until it is awarded to the best poultry club member this fall.

Feeding Brood Sows
A. L. Weaver, of the extension department at the Missouri college, says that a great deal of loss among young pigs can be prevented by proper and liberal feeding of the sows. He states that the ration for suckling sows should contain plenty of protein and mineral matter. Milk is high in these nutrients and unless the sow is supplied them, in her feed maximum production cannot be expected. The ration should also be fairly bulky, that is it may contain more crude fiber than rations for very young pigs or fattening hogs. There are a number of combinations which might be expected to be equally satisfactory for feeding sows, sucking pigs. The following has given good results:

Corn, 50 lbs.; shorts, 25 lbs.; bran, 15 lbs.; linseed oil meal, 10 lbs.

Fox Farmers Invest Millions.
The latest farmer is a "fur farmer," that is he raises wild animals for their fur, notably foxes. According to reports made to the biological survey of the department of agriculture there are at least 500 ranchers now raising silver foxes, and that they own between 12,000 and 15,000 foxes in captivity. This industry has grown because of the rapid development of our fur trade, this being the largest fur consuming country of the world. It is now estimated that fox farmers have \$5,000,000 invested in foxes and equipment.

Many inquiries concerning fox farming are sent to the biological survey. The problems met by fox and other fur farmers require, as in the case of other live stock, a knowledge of species, temperament, sanitation, diseases and parasites. In addition, fur farmers are handling wild animals in captivity, and not domestic stock. A

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UNSETTLED NEAR EAST CONDITIONS BOOSTS GRAIN PRICES HIGHER

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CHICAGO, Oct. 7.—Uncertainty as to peace or war with the Turks has had much to do with making wheat prices average higher this week. Compared with a week ago, wheat this morning was up 3/4c to 2 1/2c; corn showed a gain of 1 1/2c to 2 1/2c; oats 1 1/2c to 1 3/4c advance, and provisions a rise of 10c to 45c.

For the most part wheat fluctuated according as developments in the near east became more or less threatening, but yesterday an exception was noted, the amount of new buying on that occasion failing to prove sufficient to absorb profit taking sales and increased bear ventures due to successive preceding upturns in values.

These upturns had been stimulated in some degree by bullish estimates of the 1922 yield of corn in the United States and by a better domestic flour trade, as well as by increasing demands for wheat available for ready shipment to Europe through ports on the Gulf of Mexico.

Buying of corn on a broad scale during much of the week, with current crop estimates acting as the chief incentive, oats moved up with corn.

Packers' buying, supposed to reflect shipping business, gave a lift to provisions.

NEW YORK, Oct. 7.—Stock prices made a rapid recovery in this week's

market, making up approximately 75 per cent of the losses sustained in the reaction which extended over three weeks.

Several influences contributed to bring about this result but apparently the most potent was the declaration of stock divisions by the Standard Oil Companies of California and New York, the former doubling its capital and the latter declaring a 200 per cent dividend and decreasing the par value of the stock from \$100 to \$25. This action brought a heavy speculation in oil shares, which undoubtedly had a buoyant effect on the rest of the list.

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