SAYS GRAVEST CRISIS IS BEHIND THE FARMER

Hard Fight Is Yet Ahead

Farming in Maryland already has "turned the corner" and is on the upgrade toward normalcy, but it has a long way to go, according to agricultural experts.

"Back to the farm" is being heard again in the cities, according to Dr. A. F. Woods, president of the University of Maryland, and will be heard with increasing strength as soon as the farmers become able once more to buy labor.

"It is true that there has been a fearful decrease in the number of farmers and farm hands, not to mention the resultant decrease in food production," Dr. Woods said in discussing the Federal census figures. "But conditions are not as bad now as at the time the census figures were taken.

Still Basic Industry.

"Farming is shown very clearly to be the basic industry in Maryland still, as it is and always will be in the nation. When the farmer begins to prosper then the nation will prosper, although Congress and the rest of the nation, the big manufacturers along with the rest, seemed to lose sight of that during and immediately after the war.

"During the war the farms were depleted by the suction power of the tremendously high wages paid in the industrial plants, not to mention the men furnished direct from the farms to the army and navy. The farmers suffered nearly as much from the tremendously high prices of fertilizer, machinery and transportation. Then the depression came, and kept them from selling their crops, raised with high-priced fertilizer, labor and machinery.

Grave Crisis Passed.

"Readjustments are finally made in nearly all things, and farmers are coming back. They are in a bad way right now and it will be a stiff fight. Two things which will help them materially are the increase in the discount period allowed by the Reserve Bank act, and the establishment of the constitutionality of the Federal Land Bank act by the recent decision of the Supreme Court. These make loans easier to secure and give longer terms for the loans. But they come too late to have prevented the very grave crisis from which I hope we are starting toward recovery.

"At present farmers are buying nothing—fertilizer, machinery or labor. Many of them can buy nothing and the others have learned caution. Financial conditions have ceased considerably and the labor situation has eased tremendously, and these will help work gradual improvement in the food production of the country.

Maryland Fortunate.

"In Maryland the farmers are more fortunate than in some other districts of the country. Their markets are near by, with a short haul and the possibility of using trucks when railroad rates become prohibitive. And so many of the Maryland farmers are dairymen.

"The great advantage of the dairy industry is the monthly check which the farmer receives throughout the year. He can sell his milk, although right now he is selling it at 4 cents below production cost. He can't sell his hogs, even at the cost of the corn it took to raise them. So the dairyman is able to tide over the hard times while the ordinary farmer sometimes can't."

SEES BETTER TIMES FOR FARMERS OF U. S.

Washington, Jan. 1.—Henry C. Wallace, Secretary of Agriculture, sees unmistakable signs to indicate that the year 1922 will be a better year for the farmer and those who deal with him than was 1921. Among these auguries of good times are improved credit facilities and easier interest rates, reduction in freight rates on farm products and a suitable decrease in acreage.

"Farmers are coming to see more clearly," said Secretary Wallace, "that the task of putting farming on a sound basis is really up to them and that through organization they can reduce marketing costs.

"In this they will have increasing help from the Department of Agriculture and the various State agricultural colleges, which now see better than ever before that they must give the farmer the same sort of help in the marketing of his crops that they have been giving him in the production.

"In the industrial and financial centers there is coming to be a better understanding of the important part the farmer plays in our general economic scheme and consequently a decidedly more intelligent and sympathetic attitude toward him and his problems.

DURABILITY OF WOOD CUT IN COLD MONTHS

Method of Handling Logs Has Greatest Influence.

Fungi and Insects Are Conspicuous by Their Absence in Winter Season—There Is No Difference in Moisture Content.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

Many of the theories advanced regarding the durability of wood attribute too much importance to the time of cutting, say specialists of the forest products laboratory, forest service, United States Department of Agriculture. As a matter fact, the time of cutting has very little effect upon the durability or other properties if the timber is properly cut. The method



Durability of Wood Is Not Affected by the Time of Cutting.

of handling logs at different times of the year, however, does influence their durability.

Timber cut in late fall and winter seasons more slowly and with less checking than during the warmer months, and when proper storage or handling is impracticable, winter cutting is best. Fungi and insects do not attack wood out of doors in cold weather, and by the time warm weather arrives the wood is partly seasoned and somewhat less susceptible to attack. It is for these reasons that winter cutting is advantageous, and not on account of a smaller amount of moisture or sap in the wood in winter, as the popular belief has it. There is practically no difference in moisture content of green wood in winter and summer.

HELPS GROWING WHEAT CROP

Ohio Experiment Station Favors Winter Application of Manure—Fertility Is Added.

Winter application of manure will aid the growing wheat crop, according to the Ohio experiment station Wooster. Spreading manure over the wheat ground at the rate of four to six tons per acre affords winter protection and at the same time adds fertility that will later aid the wheat.

While no experiments have been conducted in the topdressing of wheat, the residual effect of manure on wheat shows that the yield may be increased from six to eight bushels per acre.

If manure is not available, nitrate of soda is sometimes applied in the spring, but this should be used in connection with or following the fall use of acid phosphate to get the best results.

When acid phosphate or steamed bonemeal has been used at seeding, nitrate of soda, which is a coarse salt, may be easily sown by hand. The most favorable time is in April, just as the spring growth of wheat is beginning.

SWINE PRODUCTION IN SOUTH

Gaining Considerable Popularity as Source of Feeders for Corn-Belt Section.

The Southern states, particularly Mississippi, have gained considerable popularity as a source of feeder hogs for the corn-belt states, reports the United States Department of Agriculture. Well-bred boars are now being used extensively in the hog-producing centers of the South, and satisfactory feeding shoats are now being produced in large numbers. In some areas cheap pork is made by the use of sweet-potato cannery wastes, these materials having valuable fattening properties. In large peanut-growing districts good gains are put on at a comparatively low cost.

TOO MUCH HAY IS INJURIOUS

"Haybelly" in Work Horse Is Induced by Prolonged Overfeeding on Bulky Roughage.

"Haybelly" in a work horse indicates inefficiency for labor. It is induced by prolonged over-feeding on bulky roughage. The average farm horse is fed too much hay. Experiments have shown that a work horse when fully fed oats requires daily only a trifle over one pound of good hay for each 100 pounds of his body weight. Feeding more is harmful and wasteful. Feed most of it at night, but also allow a pound or two at noon, while the horse is cooling off. Heaves is caused by over-feeding hay and immediately working a horse after his meals.

ARMSTRONG PREDICTS STATE "DRY" MEASURE

Writes U. S. Attorney-General Concerning Liquor Situation In Maryland.

Attorney-General Armstrong expects that the incoming Legislature will pass legislation for enforcement of the Prohibition amendment; in other words, a State Volstead act.

This was made clear Monday when he wrote H. M. Daugherty, Attorney-General of the United States, promising to assist in the co-operation of the law officers of the State with those of the United States in the enforcement of State and Federal laws, and expressing his entire sympathy with the purposes sought to be achieved by Attorney-General Daugherty.

Mr. Daugherty mentioned specifically the laws in which he thought State and Federal officials could co-operate to enforce, these being the laws relating to the enforcement of the Prohibition amendment and those dealing with coal and food prices.

Discusses State "Dry" Law.

"At this time Maryland is also without a State-wide prohibition enforcement law, although there is a possibility that such a measure will be passed at the present session of the General Assembly, which convened January 4.

"Nearly all of the counties were 'dry' before adoption of the Eighteenth amendment, and in all of these absolutely prohibiting the sale of intoxicating liquor for beverage purposes. Very few of these statutes, however, contain the provisions prohibiting the trasportation of liquor, having liquor in possession, etc., which are embodied in the Volstead act.

Cites Local Police Ruling.

"I have ruled that the police of Baltimore city, where the license system prevailed when national propower to make summary arrests for violation of the Volstead act, although they were advised, and have now been so instructed by the Police Commissioner, that they should render whatever assistance lay in their power short of making the actual arrests.

"I have succeeded, however, in securing from the Court of Appeals an expression of opinion to the effect that State laws forbidding the sales of liquor without a license, remaining effective at the time of the adoption of the Eighteenth Amendment and the passage of the Volstead act, have not been abrogated thereby, and that persons selling intoxicating liquor within the jurisdictions of the State to which these acts apply may be prosecuted thereunder in the State courts.

"Of course, for such offenses the police of the State, as also the several Sheriffs and their deputies, are clothed with full power to make arrests. These laws, like the legislation prevailing in the 'dry' counties, apply only to sales of liquor and not to the transportation or possession thereof.

"In view of the fact that we have no food and fuel supply statutes, and that there is such a lack of uniformity among the liquor laws prevailing in the various subdivisions of the State, I would like to be informed by you whether you feel that a meeting of all of the State's Attorneys held at this time would be productive of beneficial results.

"It may be that you would prefer to have me await the outcome of the pending session of the Legislature, and, if a State-wide Enforcement bill is then passed, call a meeting of the State's Attorneys subsequent thereto. The new measure could, in the meantime, be studied carefully, and if such a meeting of the State's Attorneys be held, copies of it could be provided to each of them and a full explanation could be made of the meaning of the law and of the new duties imposed by it upon them."

IT'S NOT AN IRISH POTATO

Name Was Given To Vegetable Found In The Americas.

Washington, Jan. 2.—The name Irish potato is a misnomer, for the potato is really a native of America. It was discovered here in 1588 by Europeans and first used by them as an article of food. It is found growing wild in various parts of South America. It is used as food all over the world.

The reason it was called the Irish potato is that it was adopted as one of the chief articles of food by the Irish people and is one of the principal food products of Ireland. The potato famine in Ireland in 1845-46 resulted in many deaths from starvation and caused many of the Irish to emigrate to America. The population of Ireland has decreased from 8,000,000 in 1845 to less than 4,500,000 in 1921.

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MILLERS

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Brilhart and family entertained the following at their home on Sunday last: Mr. and Mrs. George Smith and family and Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Wildasin, all of near Manchester.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Dickmeyer, near Hoffmanville, spent last Sunday visiting the latter's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Clinton Bollinger.

Mr. and Mrs. Roswell Hoffacker, of Manchester, spent last Sunday visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Berkheimer.

Mrs. George Bollinger Jr. is still confined to her bed.

Those who spent Sunday last at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John K. Miller were: Mr. and Mrs. Luther Wentz and children Vernon and Marie, of Greenmount; Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Miller and daughter Mildred, of Manchester, and Mr. and Mrs. Everett Miller, and Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Miller and son Melvin, of Millers.

Miss Myrl Miller, of Baltimore, spent from Saturday until Tuesday visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry K. Miller and family.

Mrs. Edward Neuman, of York, Pa., spent several days the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Rinehart.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry M. Miller spent last Wednesday visiting the former's brother Mr. Isaiah Miller and family, of Baltimore, Mr. Isaiah Miller being ill.

Mr. and Mrs. Parker Zepp and son Calvin, of Baltimore, spent last Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown.

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On Tuesday, December 27, Mr. Upton Mehring, of this place, filled his ice house with ice 4 inches thick.

Miss Frances Wetzel spent a few days of last week with Mr. and Mrs. David Wetzel and family, of this place.

Work has been resumed on the electric light line from near Creagerstown to Rocky Ridge.

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