AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES ON VARIOUS KENT PROGRAMS

Soil Conservation Work Simplified

J. D. McVean, Secretary of the Kent Soil Conservation District, which agency represents the farmers in their contacts with the technicians of the District and the CCC, announces that the agreements under which erosion control effrot is undertaken will in future be considerably simplified. In the early days or during the demonstration period it was deemed expedient to do erosion control work only when an entire farm was placed under agreement and the erosion control and Soil Conservation measures were all to be completed within a five-year period. Now the merits of proper land use, erosion control, water conservation etc., are so widely appreciated in Kent that the demonstration era is over. As a result of the widespread demand for erosion control work, it has become necessary for the District Supervisors to do less detailed work per farm through SCS and CCC technicians and CCC enrolee labor and to have the farmers do more for themselves.

Under the sconditions the technicians will in cooperation with the farmer work out a complete erosion control or land use program for the given farm. The farmer decides for himself what phase of the program he is ready to undertake and the order and time in which other phases of the plan are to be installed. He gets free technical help but can use his own equipment and labor in installing the plan or at his option can pay a portion of the cost of construction of terraces or diversions when power equipment belonging to Camp or SCS is used.

Farms now under agreement will have the services of power equipment but farmers signing hereafter will elect to build their own terraces or to pay part o fthe cost of their construction.

Tax Ditch Associations Forming

Farmers in order to attack the drainage problems (in areas in which the silted up and debris filled stream channels cause such high water tables that tile and open ditches on private land are of little service to laud adpacent to or draining to such streams) are, through the cooperation of the County Commissioners and in accord with the tax ditch law, organizing associations which will cooperate with the Kent Soil Conservation District, the SCS technicians and the CCC in securing power equipment to clear such stream beds. Farmer contributions or self imposed taxes will bear part of the expense of making the sterams ready to drain the adjacent cropland whose productivity is lowered due to the drainage problems.

Details will be announced when Ditches are completely organized and the participating farmers have completed their plans. In general the effort is to bring about best land use through organized effort whether such usage calls for drain, erosion control, either or both—water conservation, reforestation, woodlot improvement, retirement of land to permanent pasture etc.—and in each case the farmer benefited help carry the load. All such effort will come to the farmer through the Soil Conservation District. The technical work will be directed by the trained men of the SCS and the CCC. The Tax Ditch Associations are an essential part of the program. They make possible work that the individual farmers are not equipped nor trained to do. All agencies in teamwork are pooling their efforts and resources to do an efficient and practical job in attaining proper land use—erosion control, and drainage as needed.

Wheat Inspection—June 26

Farmers who have high class wheat grown from certified seed of approve dvariety and who want to sell such wheat for seed may have an inspection made at minor cost by a represenattive of the Maryland Crop Improvement Association, Albin O. Kuhn, on Wednesday, June 26. Mr. Kuhn inspects only on request of the growers. Wheat not quite up to the high standards of certification may be listed as "utility" seed wheat. County Agent McVean will receive requests for wheat inspection.

Care in use of seed free of impurities and weeds and treated to protect from disease such as "bunt" or stinking smut an dof adapted and approved varieties does much to insure quality and quantity yield in the following crop. Germination tests are ap art of the inspection and testing preliminary to certification or listing as satisfactory seed.

Kent Committeeman Honored

Edgar D. Lusby of Kennedyville, Chairman of the Kent Agricultural Conservation Asscoiation is one of two Maryland County Committeemen invited to attend the regional conference of the East Central States ACP representatives at a three-day conference held at Ocean City, June 20-21-22. Seven States (Ky., Tenn., N. C., Va., W. Va., Md., and Del.) form the East Central Region. There are 400 counties in the 7 States. The Conference will be attended by administrative men from the Regional Office in Washington and the 7 State Offices—7 State ACP Committees and two County Committeemen from each of the 7 States.

Kent has been a pace setter in matters relating to the "Triple A" or "ACP" as the Agricultural Conservation Program is commonly called. It is gratifying to Mr. Lusby's many friends, to have his ability recognized and appreciated.

At the Conference, the 1941 Program will be discussed and decisions reached. It is hoped that some of the timely details. such as the allotments for 1941, will be announced in early July. It is thought that no new agencies or organizations need be set up among farmers to carry o nagriculture's part of the National defense program. Present organizations are adequate and are doing a splendid job.

The Founder of Norway

There is a saga which tells of Nor, the son of Torres, coming to Norway where he decided to settle because the skiing was so good.

Changing World

Dr. Paul Popenoe, head of the Pasadena, Calif., Family Relations institute, has ascertained that marriage proposals are changing. In the first place, he said, it is rare that marriage proposals are ever made now in the home; in the second place, they are made more frequently away from the home, and in the third place, they are frequently taken frivolously.

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