ALFALFA PLANS FOR 5 COUNTIES

5000 Additional Acres, Goal — Kent County To Support Plan.

The merger vogue has invaded the ranks of Maryland's Extension Service. Five agricultural agents of the Northern Peninsula Group in conference last Friday at Denton pledged to each other their mutual support and cooperation in the launching of Five County Alfalfa Campaign calculated to add five thousand new acres of alfalfa to the acreage in this crop already existing in Kent, Queen Anne's, Caroline, Talbot and Dorchester counties in the heart of the State's most important dairying section, says E. I. Oswald, of the State Extension Service, in discussing the Denton meeting.

"The men in the Northern Peninsula counties have struck at the very keynote of dairy prosperity in this campaign. Figures secured by the dairy organizations delivering milk from this area to Philadelphia show conclusively that milk production per cow is approximately three thousand pounds annually. This is too low for profitable dairying, and the main cause is lack of feed. Alfalfa hay, containing as it does, eleven per cent protein, is the best home grown milk producer known. If this campaign brings about its proposed alfalfa increase, an acre of alfalfa on the Eastern Shore will maintain about six dairy animals while the same acre under the present alfalfa shortage is expected to maintain nearly eleven. Every industry directly or indirectly connected with farmer prosperity interested in the success of this undertaking."

U. S. Department Cooperating.

The Five County Campaign has already secured the support and sanction of the United States Department of Agricultura. H. W. Hochbaum agriculturist of the Eastern States, with headquarters at Washington, has interested himself to the extent of providing Maryland forces with a carefully worked out plan of procedure which has proved egective in a similar enterprise in the Middle West. Intensive publicity for the next few weeks, specified by the Hochbaum plan, is already arranged for.

Local Cooperation Expected.

Present campaign plans include the support of The Farm Bureau, Chambers of Commerce, Banks, Lime Companies operating in the territory involved, seed companies, and other interested enterprises.

Approved Seed To Be Used.

Of first importance in the minds of those in charge of the drive will be the use of approved seed. Plans are already afoot for bringing in one carload of alfalfa seed duly approved by the Department of Agriculture Local dealers will be invited to cooperate in this seed importation.

Three To Conduct Soil Tests.

Queen Anne's and Kent counties carried on exhaustive tests two years ago in which more than eighty thousand acres of land were tested. It is worthy of note that only four per cent of this enormous acreage showed lime enough at that time for profitable production. Two years ago, according to advice from the Extension Service in Queen Anne's County farmers purchased two thousand tons of lime immediately following the completion of the soil tests. Testing will be continued at Chestertown and Centreville.

Vital Results Possible.

For reaching results will be forthcoming from the Five County Campaign, if present plans work out to the satisfaction of those in charge. While the primary motive behind the drive is the increase in the per cow production of milk and the consequent increase in revenue, other items nearly as important can be easily foreseen. Among these is the inevitable land improvement which must come from increasing legume acreage. Another quite important factor will be savings resulting from replacing expensive dairy feeds with home grown high protein hay. It is said that protein secured from Alfalfa is the cheapest protein known to dairymen. Increased dairying efficiency may thus be expected. Many results attractive to dairymen should prove quite as attractive to those interests of the five counties dependent directly upon farmer prosperity for support. It is probable that no enterprise could be engaged in that would have more attractive returns for the entire section, or more universal support and approval from all local interests.

The sponsors of the campaign are the Agricultural Agents of the five counties mentioned: Horace B. Derrick, of Kent County; Ernest W. Grubb, of Queen Anne's; Thomas D. Holder, of Caroline; R. S. Brown, of Talbot, and W. R. McKnight, of Dorchester. These five agents are cooperating under the auspices of the Maryland Extension Service and the United States Department of Agriculture in their regular offices at the county seat in each of the five counties. Mutual cohesion will be obtained from frequent meetings alternating counties. Rivalry is the keynote of the campaign. The fight is on in the five counties.

MILK FLOWS WHERE ALFALFA GROWS.

WEDDING ANNOUNCEMENT

The marrige of Albert Garey Towers, Jr., of Denton, and Miss Katherine G. Anderson, is announced to take place in June. Miss Anderson is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Sellman Anderson, of Baltimore. Mr. Towers is a son of Albert G. Towers, banker of Baltimore, formerly of Denton.

Announcement is made of the marriage of Richard L. Trice, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Arice, of Denton, and Miss Elizabeth Gifford, school teacher of Van Lear, Ky. They will reside in the Consolidated Coal Company offices.

SHEEP GROWERS TO ATTEND SALE

Kent county sheep growers will take part in the forthcoming sale of pure bred Shropshire and Hampshire rams and ewes, to be held at College Park May 26, in connection with the annual Farmers' Day rally, at the University of Maryland.

Kent county producers have increased their flocks in number and interest in quality production has reached a high pitch. It is believed the coming sale will result in further additions of purebred stock to county farms.

Among the sheep growers who will attend the meeting will be Stockton Startt, Mrs. Isaac H. Dixon, William T. Brown, Frank Baxter, J. Bayard Sutton, Walter Walbert, Julian Jones, Harper Carter, Ralph Williams, Walter T. Moffett, J. Frank Shahan, E. Thomas Massey, Holt Woodall, Mrs. Evelyn Harris, Harry Willis, Willian Maslin, William French, J. W. Walbert, Thomas H. Bryan, Ridgely Brown, Edward M. Wilkins, W. H. Morris, George Hendrickson, Robert R. Hill, George Williams, Harry Williams, W. T. S. Rasin, O. S. Dodson, Samuel C. Loller, Paul C. Price, John P. Ahern, John Wood, James Wood, M. P. Edwards, H. M. Rasin, William H. Bonwill, Emory M. Bonwill and W. H. Wood.

CHARLES J. SUDLER DIES

Charles J. Sudler, president of the Smyrna National Bank, died at the Beebe Hospital, at Lewes, at 10.30 Friday night after a long illness. Death was attributed to a heart attack. Mr. Sudler had been ill in the hospital for two weeks after having been removed from the Rehoboth cottage of Rev. and Mrs. R. K. Stevenson, pastor of the Asbury M. E. Church, of Smyrna. He had gone to the cottage as the guests of the Stevensons in the hope of regaining his health, but his condition took a turn for the worse.

Mr. Sudler was unmarried and is survived by two sisters, Mrs. Mary L. Hood and Mrs. Charles W Roth who live in Maryland.

For the past 30 years, Mr. Sudler was president of the Smyrna National Bank after having advanced to that position from the bookkeeping position.

REV. C. P. McGOLDRIC DEAD

Funeral services for Rev. Charles P. McGoldrick, pastor for nearly a quarter of a century of Queen Anne's county Catholic churches, who was found dead at his home at noon Friday, were held 10 o'clock Tuesday morning at Mother of Sorrow's Church in Centreville, with solemn pontifical mass. Rt. Rev. Edmund J. Fitzmaurice, bishop of the Wilmington diocese, officiated. Burial in Wilmington.

Rev. John J. Bollen, chancellor of the diocese, took charge of affairs and Rev. Father Irwin, of Easton, and Rev. Father Earner, of Chestertown, with the assistance of members of the congregations have been managing affairs of the church.

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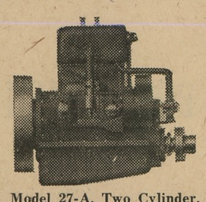

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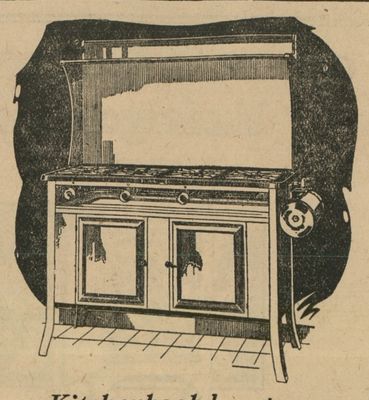

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