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Keeps Bureau Work Moving in Chicago

Most everybody in the farm bureau knows Secretary John W. Coverdale, who has our big organization, the American Farm Bureau Federation, running smoothly and effectively in all its departments. He is the boss in the Chicago office.

John W. Coverdale was born on a farm in Bloomfield township, Clinton County, Iowa, in 1883. Until he was sixteen years old he attended the country school and in the fall of 1899 he entered the high school at Delmar, Ia., driving six miles night and morning for two years in order to be at home in time to help with the chores. He was graduated from the Delmar high school in June, 1902. In September, 1902, he entered the Iowa State College of Agriculture, Ames, as a special student. Here he spent two and one-half years in studying agriculture, and was chosen a member of the live-stock judging team to demonstrate at the St. Louis world's fair in 1904. During his college career he spent considerable time judging stock at county fairs, and grain at farmers' institutes.

On January 1, 1905, Mr. Coverdale left Ames to engage in farming with his father in Clinton County, Iowa. He was married on January 29, 1906, and bought a farm for himself, moving on it March 1, 1906. Each winter, from 1905 to 1909, he returned to Ames for the winter short course in order to finish his training. He farmed for himself from March 1, 1906, to November 1, 1912, at which time he entered the service of the United States Department of Agriculture and the Iowa State college to assist in the organization of county agent work.

On November 20, 1912, he moved to Ames to take charge of the county agent organization work. He was promoted to state county agent leader in 1914. Due to his efforts, Iowa was the first state to have a farm bureau with a county agent in every one of its 99 counties.

When the Iowa Farm Bureau Federation was formed in 1918, Mr. Coverdale was chosen as its first secretary. The membership drive which he organized and carried through to a successful completion is still the talk of the farm bureau members. So conspicuous was Mr. Coverdale's record as an organizer that upon the formation of the American Farm Bureau Federation in Chicago on March 4, 1920, Mr. Coverdale was chosen secretary.

Since then the executive committee of the American Farm Bureau Federation has kept Mr. Coverdale constantly on the job.

Bureau Buys Warehouse to Handle Commodities

As a result of the growth of business done by the purchasing division of the Monongalia County, West Virginia, Farm Bureau, which exceeded $50,000 last year, it became necessary this year to secure a suitable warehouse and place of business to handle the commodities.

To meet this demand, the Monongalia County Farmers' Exchange company has been formed and incorporated under the laws of West Virginia with a capital stock of $50,000, divided equally into common and preferred stock. The shares of stock are $25 each.

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DEMOCRATS WILL CONTROL SENATE

Nothing Short Of Political Upheaval Can Prevent It, Leaders Say.

Nothing short of a political upheaval, which is not expected, will prevent Democrats from controlling the next State Senate, leaders of that party assert. Prospects for the election of the entire State ticket, including a Democratic House, are good.

The next Senate will consist of 29 members, one from each of the 23 counties and one from each of the six legslative districts of Baltimore city.

Of these 29 members, 11 are "holdovers." Nine of the holdover Senators—Cantwell, of Cecil; Mitchell, of Charles; Byrn, of Dorchester; McCullough, of Garrett; Jones, of Montgomery; Sasscer, of Prince George's; Peverley, of St. Mary's; McDaniel, of Talbot, and Harrison, of Worcester—are Democrats—There are two holdover Republican Senators—Robb, of Allegany, and Towers, of Caroline.

Fifteen members being necessary to a majority of the next Senate, the Democrats will have to elect only six in November to obtain control, while the Republicans will have to elect 13.

Leaders expect the election of five Democratic Senators from Baltimore alone, and many of the counties which are to elect Senators this year are strongly Democratic.

The counties which are to elect Senators in November are: Anne Arundel, Baltimore, Calvert, Carroll, Frederick, Harford, Howard, Kent, Queen Anne's, Somerset, Washington and Wicomico. All six Senators will be elected from Baltimore city this year.

On account of adjustments consequent to the quadrennial elections plan, State Senators and members of the House of Delegates elected this fall will have terms of three years, although they will serve in only one regular session of the General Assembly, that of 1924.

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"Why Dad Should Belong to the Farm Bureau"

Farm children in all parts of the United States have entered a contest in writing letters on "Why Dad Should Belong to the Farm Bureau."

The children who write the letters are the first reason. Dad should join the farm bureau because he owes them every precaution he can take for their welfare. He should take an interest in co-operative marketing because he owes his children a strong financial background—as good clothes as other kids wear. He owes his high school junior girl the kind of dresses in which she can meet the merchant's daughter and other classmates without apology.

He owes the little tyke who takes a bucket as big as himself to the corral every morning and struggles back with it full of milk a safe future wth cultural advantages and a proper hospital if he is sick. He owes the twelve-year-old boy who rides a plow through a hot and dusty August day a college education and a good time once in a while. He owes the children who unquestioningly help him produce, luxuries like magazines, trips to the city, comfortable homes, baseball bats, things that money can buy. And there isn't a farmer in the United States who doesn't want his children to have an easier life than he has had.

The farm bureau presents a means to these ends—not so perfect as that of course, but it is an opportunity. Dad should so build up his community and so organize the farming industry that the little letter writers will not become discouraged and sell their heritage for a mess of pottage in the city. The farm bureau stands for better roads, better homes, fair government, just profits, square business, education, things that money can buy—American principles—and interesting agriculture.

"Dad should join the farm," writes an eleven-year-old girl of New Hampshire, "because he will learn how to be a better dairyman."

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TALKS to MOTHERS about THEIR BABIES



By DR. J. H. MASON KNOX, JR.,
Chief, Bureau of Child Hygiene, Maryland State Department of Health.

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ABOUT half of the deaths to mothers associated with child birth are due to two serious conditions—Toxemia or poisoning, often resulting in convulsions, and infection or child-bed fever.

More than sixteen thousand women lost their lives in the United States in 1921 in child birth. In approximately eight thousand the death was due to these two serious conditions, both of which are preventable. Our country loses more of its women at this time than almost every other civilized country in the world. The average citizen simply does not realize the unnecessary risk which he is permitting the women of the country to take when they become mothers.

Fortunately both of these diseases usually can be prevented, and almost never occur to women who have had good care during the whole period of waiting and at the time of confinement.

IT has been pointed out how important it is that the kidneys should be kept in good condition, as during the up-building of a child's body, the amount of waste that must be excreted by the mother is much greater than usual. If for any reason the action of the kidneys is sluggish, these waste products are retained in the body, the woman becomes poisoned, and a condition develops which is called Toxemia.

The most common symptoms of this trouble are:

1. Severe and repeated headache.
2. Frequent dizziness.
3. Constant vomiting.
4. Puffiness of the face, particularly of the eyelids, swelling of the hands or extreme swelling of the ankles.
5. Blurred vision.
6. Muscular twitching, which may go on to general convulsions.

THE surest way to detect the retention of poisoned products is by an examination of the urine. If this is done at regular intervals by the doctor, he may ward off the trouble even before any of the above symptoms arise. The determination of the mother's blood pressure is another aid in diagnosis. A woman with a high blood pressure should be especially watched. In any case, even if but one of the danger signs just spoken of develop, the doctor should be called at once. Unless the condition has been allowed to go on for a long time, it will yield to good medical treatment. It almost never occurs in women who have had satisfactory prenatal care.

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