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FARMERS' COOPERATIVE DEMONSTRATION WORK.

REPORT OF WORK OF THE COUNTY AGENT,

CALENDAR YEAR 191 .

DUE DECEMBER 31, 191 .

STATE, Virginia COUNTY, Augusta

REPORT OF Wm. S. Campfield COUNTY AGENT.

From December, 1st. 1915, to, December, 1st. 1916
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APPROVED:

STATE AGENT.

DATE FORWARDED.

DIRECTOR OF EXTENSION WORK.

ANNUAL REPORT FORM AND INSTRUCTIONS TO AGENTS.

The agent's annual report should be a complete summary of all the work performed during the year. This is the only record that the officials of the Extension Division of the State and the Department have of the agent's activities.

The only means of making such a report is to keep field notes or a field diary of everything that is done each day. It is well to not only keep notes of things actually done, but to make some brief observations of general conditions as found from time to time. Many things which seem of minor importance to the agent may be very valuable to the head offices when asked for detailed information regarding certain localities.

An agent's efficiency and the success of his work is necessarily judged from this office by what is contained in his report. Your District and State Agent may know that you are rendering efficient service, but it is absolutely essential to have something on record to show that the work has been done, when outside parties who can not possibly inspect your work, desire definite and accurate information in regard to the results that are being accomplished in local territory.

Every agent in the work has been instructed, by circular letter and by the supervising force at agents' meetings, as to the importance of keeping systematic records throughout the year. If this advice has been followed you should have no difficulty in rendering your annual report upon the forms which are herewith submitted. These are broad enough to include the activities of the agents in the entire territory covered by the Extension Work in

the South. Some of the questions will not apply to your local territory, and these, of course, need not be answered.

In some instances you will observe that the same form is used for several crops. Be sure to use separate sheets for each crop named under the heading. For example, take the sheet headed "Small Grains", under which are included oats, wheat, barley and rye. In this case all the demonstrations in oats should be included on one sheet, all the demonstrations in rye on another, and so on for all the crops included under this heading.

Be sure to answer the questions in the order in which they are asked, and see that you give the information called for. If this is done all the reports will be uniform when they are sent in to the State Agent's office, and in like manner the State Agents' reports will be uniform when sent to the Director's office in the State and then to the Washington Office.

It should be distinctly understood that these forms are only to summarize the statistical part of the report, and under each crop or heading such remarks, observations or points of interest as may be useful should be briefly written out. The back of the respective sheets may be used for remarks on the crop reported on. No doubt many interesting features will be called to mind, which, if written up and sent in to the State Agent's office along with the replies to these definite questions, would be very valuable in giving the report that personal touch which proves of great value and interest in all reports of this nature.

In collecting the replies to the questions of a personal nature, the agent will have to depend on his tact and good judgment in approaching the farmer. A few, no doubt, will be averse to furnishing you with some of the information

asked for, but if reliable data could be collected with reference to these points, it would enable the Department to get a rather definite idea as to the beneficial effects of the demonstration work in your section.

The forms that we are sending out include the following crops, groups of crops, and other miscellaneous work of the County Agent:

CROPS:

Corn
Cotton
Tobacco
Small Grain
Hay & Forage
Cover Crops
Summer Legumes
Potatoes (Irish & Sweet)
Truck Crops & Gardens
Sugar Cane
Orchards

LIVE STOCK:

Horses
Dairy Cattle
Beef Cattle
Hogs
Sheep & Goats
Poultry
Live Stock Diseases & Pests.

OTHER WORK:

Fertilizers
Farm Manures
Silos
Dipping Vats
Seed Selection
Liming
Rotations
Pastures
Organizations
Farm Buildings
Drainage
Farm Machinery & Tools
Clearing Land, Stumps, etc.
Timber & Wood Lots
Miscellaneous Demonstration Work
Effect of Demonstration Work on
Community and Home Interest
Features
Boys' & Girls' Clubs.

If there is anything in any of these forms that is not thoroughly understood, discuss the matter with your District or State Agent or write to this Office for a more specific explanation.

C O R N.

(INCLUDING KAFIR, MILO, FETERITA)
SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

O. S. A. NO. 202 A

Staunton, Virginia

(Agent's Headquarters)

Wm. S. Campfield

(Name of Agent)

1. Number of demonstrators 14
2. Number of demonstrators reporting 12
3. Total acreage of corn grown under improved methods on demonstration farms 24
4. Average yield per acre on demonstrations (bushels) 68½
5. Increased yield on demonstrations over ordinary methods 25
6. Number of operators _____ Acreage _____ Yield per A. _____ bu.
7. Number who planted pure or selected seed on their demonstrations 9
8. Number of farmers you have influenced to select seed for next year's crop 50. Estimated amount of seed selected 100 bu.
9. Number who fall plowed their demonstration acres no.
10. Number who turned under cover crops on their demonstration acres 2
11. State number of acres harvested for silage 5 Yield per A. 14 tons.
12. State number of acres "hogged down" 4 Value per acre when utilized this way \$ no record.
13. State number of acres treated for diseases or insect pests no
14. How many farmers have you influenced to use better methods in growing corn this year? 250
15. Estimate total number of farmers in county who have been influenced to use better methods in corn growing since county agent work started 1250
16. What per cent is this of total number of farmers in your county? 30½

(FOR REMARKS, INCIDENTS, SPECIAL REPORTS, ETC., USE OTHER SIDE, AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.)

COTTON.

W. S. CAMPBELL,
Agent
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Cotton is not grown in this County.

1. Number of demonstrators _____
2. Number of demonstrators reporting _____
3. Total acreage grown under improved methods on demonstration farms _____
4. Average yield per acre on demonstrations (Pounds seed cotton) _____
5. Increased yield per acre on demonstrations over ordinary methods _____
6. Number of cooperators _____, Acreage _____, Yield per acre in pounds _____
7. Number of demonstrators who planted pure or selected seed _____
8. Number of farmers you have induced to field select seed for next
year's crop _____
9. How many fall plowed their demonstration acres? _____
10. How many turned under cover crops on their demonstration acres? _____
11. State the number of acres treated for diseases or insect pests _____
12. How many farmers have you influenced to use better methods in cotton growing
this year? _____
13. Estimate the total number of farmers in your county who have used improved
methods in cotton growing since county agent work was started _____
14. What per cent of all the farmers of your county has been reached? _____
15. Have you been able to get the farmers in any community to grow but one variety
of cotton? _____ Give particulars _____

TOBACCO.

SPACE FOR AGENT'S SIGNATURE

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Tobacco is not grown in this County.

1. Number of demonstrators _____
2. Number of demonstrators reporting _____
3. Total acreage in demonstration _____
4. Average yield per acre (pounds) _____
5. Increased yield of demonstrations over ordinary methods _____
6. How many farmers have you induced to plant pure or selected seed? _____
7. How many farmers have you induced to field select seed for next
year's crop? _____
8. How many fall plowed their demonstration acres? _____
9. How many turned under cover crops on their demonstration acres? _____
10. How many tobacco farmers did you influence to adopt a rotation system? _____
11. State the number of acres treated for insect pests _____
12. Estimate the total number of acres in your county which were worked by
improved methods due to the county agent's influence _____

SMALL GRAINS.
(OATS, WHEAT, RYE, BARLEY, BUCKWHEAT.)

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Wheat,

DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

1. Number of demonstrators 7
2. Number of demonstrators reporting 5
3. Total acreage in this crop grown under improved methods on demonstration farms 150
4. Average yield per acre on demonstration farms (bushels) 18
5. Increased yield on demonstrations over ordinary methods (bushels) no
6. Number of cooperators _____ Acreage _____ Yield per acre (bushels) _____
7. Number of demonstration acres threshed for grain all of it.
8. Number of demonstration acres cut for hay no.
9. Average yield of cured hay per acre on demonstrations (tons) --
10. Increase per acre of cured hay on demonstrations over ordinary methods (tons) _____
11. Number of acres grazed off no. Estimated value per acre \$ _____
12. Number of acres turned under for soil improvement no.
13. How many acres were treated for insect pests? no.
14. How many bushels of seed were treated for smut, rust, etc? no.
15. How many farmers have you induced to plant this crop for the first time? no.
16. Estimate total number of farmers in your territory who have been influenced to sow this crop since county agent's work started no.
17. What per cent is this of the total number of farmers in the county? --

SMALL GRAINS.
(OATS, WHEAT, RYE, BARLEY, BUCKWHEAT.)

SPACE FOR AGENT'S SIGNATURE

W. S. CAMPPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

1. Number of demonstrators _____
2. Number of demonstrators reporting _____
3. Total acreage in this crop grown under improved methods on demonstration farms _____
4. Average yield per acre on demonstration farms (bushels) _____
5. Increased yield on demonstrations over ordinary methods (bushels) _____
6. Number of cooperators _____ Acreage _____ Yield per acre (bushels) _____
7. Number of demonstration acres threshed for grain _____
8. Number of demonstration acres cut for hay _____
9. Average yield of cured hay per acre on demonstrations (tons) _____
10. Increase per acre of cured hay on demonstrations over ordinary methods (tons) _____
11. Number of acres grazed off _____ Estimated value per acre \$ _____
12. Number of acres turned under for soil improvement _____
13. How many acres were treated for insect pests? _____
14. How many bushels of seed were treated for smut, rust, etc? _____
15. How many farmers have you induced to plant this crop for the first time? _____
16. Estimate total number of farmers in your territory who have been influenced to sow this crop since county agent's work started _____
17. What per cent is this of the total number of farmers in the county? _____

*NOTE. UNDER "REMARKS" STATE THE NATURE AND RESULTS OF TREATMENT FOR DISEASE OR INSECT PESTS.

USE OTHER SIDE OF SHEET FOR THIS.

SMALL GRAINS.
(OATS, WHEAT, RYE, BARLEY, BUCKWHEAT.)

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

1. Number of demonstrators _____
2. Number of demonstrators reporting _____
3. Total acreage in this crop grown under improved methods on demonstration
acres _____
4. Average yield per acre on demonstration farms (bushels) _____
5. Increased yield on demonstrations over ordinary methods (bushels) _____
6. Number of cooperators _____ Acreage _____ Yield per acre (bushels) _____
7. Number of demonstration acres threshed for grain _____
8. Number of demonstration acres cut for hay _____
9. Average yield of cured hay per acre on demonstrations (tons) _____
10. Increase per acre of cured hay on demonstrations over ordinary methods
(tons) _____
11. Number of acres grazed off _____ Estimated value per acre \$ _____
12. Number of acres turned under for soil improvement _____
13. How many acres were treated for insect pests? _____
14. How many bushels of seed were treated for smut, rust, etc? _____
15. How many farmers have you induced to plant this crop for the first time? _____
16. Estimate total number of farmers in your territory who have been influenced to
sow this crop since county agent's work started _____
17. What per cent is this of the total number of farmers in the county? _____

*NOTE. UNDER REMARKS STATE THE NATURE AND RESULTS OF TREATMENT FOR DISEASE OR INSECT PESTS.
USE OTHER SIDE OF SHEET FOR THIS.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

HAY, FORAGE, OR COVER CROPS.

(NOTE:- This form to be used for such crops as Alfalfa, Crimson, Alsike, Red, Bur and Sweet Clovers, Lespedeza, Vetch, Vetch and Oats - Wheat or Rye, Crimson Clover and Oats - Wheat or Rye, Timothy, Mixed Grasses and Clovers, Sudan, Johnson and other Grasses, Sorghum, Millet, etc. Any combination of these or other similar crops should be reported on this form, the name of the crop or combination to be entered in the space below.)

Alfalfa

DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

- Number of demonstrators 21
- Number of demonstrators reporting 7
- Total acreage in this crop grown under improved methods on demonstrations 200
- Average yield per acre on demonstrations 4 (tons of cured hay)
- Number of acres cut for hay all of it
- Increased yield of demonstrations over ordinary methods — (tons cured hay)
- Number of acres grazed off no.
- Estimated value per acre of grazing \$ —
- Number of cooperators ~~54~~ Acreage — Yield per acre cured hay (tons) —
- How many acres of legumes in this class of crops were inoculated? 25%
- How many farmers ordered inoculating material through you from the Dept? 40
- How many demonstration acres were turned under for soil improvement purposes? no
- Estimate total number of acres in county turned under by agent's advice no
- How many acres were sown this fall? 1000 to alfalfa alone
1000 to alfalfa in mixed grasses.
- Estimate acreage grown in county before county agent's work started 10
- What is your estimate of the increased acreage of this crop in the county as the result of the agent's influence? Give increase by year if possible.
First year's increase 250 Third year's increase 2000
Second " " 500 Fourth " " 2000

W. S. CAMPBELL,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

HAY, FORAGE, OR COVER CROPS.

(NOTE: - This form to be used for such crops as Alfalfa, Crimson, Alsike, Red, Burg and Sweet Clovers, Lespedez, Vetch, Vetch and Oats - Wheat or Rye, Crimson Clover and Oats - Wheat or Rye, Timothy, Mixed Grasses and Clovers, Sudan, Johnson and other Grasses, Sorghum, Millet, etc. Any combination of these or other similar crops should be reported on this form, the name of the crop or combination to be entered in the space below.)

Sweet Clover,

DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

- Number of demonstrators 3
- Number of demonstrators reporting 2
- Total acreage in this crop grown under improved methods on demonstrations 5
- Average yield per acre on demonstrations --- (tons of cured hay)
- Number of acres cut for Hay 1 acre cut once.
- Increased yield of demonstrations over ordinary methods --- (tons cured hay)
- Number of acres grazed off 31
- Estimated value per acre of grazing \$ \$15.00
- Number of cooperators _____ Acreage _____ Yield per acre cured hay (tons) _____
- How many acres of legumes in this class of crops were inoculated? _____
- How many farmers ordered inoculating material through you from the Dept? 2
- How many demonstration acres were turned under for soil improvement purposes? 1
- Estimate total number of acres in county turned under by agent's advice ---
- How many acres were sown this fall: some will be sown later.
- Estimate acreage grown in county before county agent's work started no.
- What is your estimate of the increased acreage of this crop in the county as the result of the agent's influence? _____ Give increase by year if possible.
 First year's increase _____ Third year's increase _____
 Second " " _____ Fourth " " _____

W. S. CAMPFIELD.
Agent.
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

HAY, FORAGE, OR COVER CROPS.

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Red Clover and Timothy, DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

1. Number of demonstrators 3
2. Number of demonstrators reporting 1
3. Total acreage in this crop grown under improved methods on demonstrations 31
4. Average yield per acre on demonstrations 3 (tons of cured hay)
5. Number of acres cut for hay 31
6. Increased yield of demonstrations over ordinary methods 4 (tons cured hay)
7. Number of acres grazed off --
8. Estimated value per acre of grazing \$ --
9. Number of cooperators _____ Acreage _____ Yield per acre cured hay (tons) _____
10. How many acres of legumes in this class of crops were inoculated? _____
11. How many farmers ordered inoculating material through you from the Dept? 11
12. How many demonstration acres were turned under for soil improvement purposes? no.
13. Estimate total number of acres in county turned under by agent's advice _____
14. How many acres were sown this fall? _____
15. Estimate acreage grown in county before county agent's work started _____
16. What is your estimate of the increased acreage of this crop in the county as the result of the agent's influence? _____ Give increase by year if possible.
 First year's increase _____ Third year's increase _____
 Second " " _____ Fourth " " _____

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

HAY, FORAGE, OR COVER CROPS.

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Blue Grass,

DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

- Number of demonstrators 3
- Number of demonstrators reporting 1 others just started.
- Total acreage in this crop grown under improved methods on demonstrations 25
- Average yield per acre on demonstrations -- (tons of cured hay)
- Number of acres cut for hay no
- Increased yield of demonstrations over ordinary methods -- (tons cured hay)
- Number of acres grazed off 10
- Estimated value per acre of grazing \$ 10.
- Number of cooperators _____ Acreage _____ Yield per acre cured hay (tons) _____
- How many acres of legumes in this class of crops were inoculated? _____
- How many farmers ordered inoculating material through you from the Dept? _____
- How many demonstration acres were turned under for soil improvement purposes? _____
- Estimate total number of acres in county turned under by agent's advice _____
- How many acres were sown this fall? 15 improved.
- Estimate acreage grown in county before county agent's work started: _____
- What is your estimate of the increased acreage of this crop in the county as the result of the agent's influence? _____ Give increase by year if possible.
 First year's increase _____ Third year's increase _____
 Second " " _____ Fourth " " _____

SUMMER LEGUMES.
(COWPEAS, SOY BEANS, VELVET BEANS, PEANUTS, ETC.)

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Soy Beans, DEMONSTRATION.

NOTE: HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

- Number of demonstrators 5
- Number of demonstrators reporting 3
- Total acreage of this crop grown under improved methods on demonstration farms 24
- Average yield per acre on demonstrations -
Seed (bushels) 10, Cured hay (tons) 2
- Increased yield on demonstrations over ordinary methods -
Seed (bushels) 10, Cured hay (tons) ---
- Number of cooperators --- Acreage --- Yield per acre -
Seed (bushels) ---, Cured hay (tons) ---
- Total acreage of demonstrators and cooperators threshed for seed 100
- Total acreage of demonstrators and cooperators cut for hay 4
- Number of acres grazed off 4; Estimated value per acre of grazing \$ 1.15.
- Total number of acres turned under for soil improvement 8
- Total number of acres inoculated 8 by Department cultures yes.
by inoculated soils ---
- Give estimate of the number of acres in your territory which were planted to this crop due to your influence 50
- If possible give the increase by years -
First year's increase --- acres Third year's increase --- acres
Second " " --- acres Fourth " " --- acres

FOR REMARKS, INCIDENTS, SPECIAL REPORTS, ETC. USE OTHER SIDE, AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY!

SUMMER LEGUMES.
(COWPEAS, SOY BEANS, VELVET BEANS, PEANUTS, ETC.)

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Cowpeas,

DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

1. Number of demonstrators 2
2. Number of demonstrators reporting no.
3. Total acreage of this crop grown under improved methods on demonstration farms _____
4. Average yield per acre on demonstrations -
Seed (bushels) _____, Cured hay (tons) _____
5. Increased yield on demonstrations over ordinary methods -
Seed (bushels) _____, Cured hay (tons) _____
6. Number of co-operators _____ Acreage _____ yield per acre -
Seed (bushels) _____, Cured hay (tons) _____
7. Total acreage of demonstrators and co-operators threshed for seed _____
8. Total acreage of demonstrators and co-operators' out for hay _____
9. Number of acres grazed off _____; Estimated value per acre of grazing \$ _____
10. Total number of acres turned under for soil improvement _____
11. Total number of acres inoculated _____ by Department cultures _____
by inoculated soils _____
12. Give estimate of the number of acres in your territory which were planted to this crop due to your influence _____
13. If possible give the increase by years:
First year's increase _____ acres Third year's increase _____ acres
Second " " _____ acres Fourth " " _____ acres

FOR REMARKS, INCIDENTS, SPECIAL REPORTS, ETC. USE OTHER SIDE, AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY!

SUMMER LEGUMES.
(COWPEAS, SOY BEANS, VELVET BEANS, PEANUTS, ETC.)

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

Spring Vetch, DEMONSTRATION.

NOTE: MAKE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

- Number of demonstrators 1
- Number of demonstrators reporting 1
- Total acreage of this crop grown under improved methods on demonstration farms 4
- Average yield per acre on demonstrations -
Seed (bushels) _____, Cured hay (tons) _____
- Increased yield on demonstrations over ordinary methods -
Seed (bushels) _____, Cured hay (tons) _____
- Number of cooperators _____ Acreage _____ Yield per acre -
Seed (bushels) _____, Cured hay (tons) _____
- Total acreage of demonstrators and cooperators sown for seed _____
- Total acreage of demonstrators and cooperators cut for hay _____
- Number of acres grazed off 4; Estimated value per acre of grazing \$ 1.50
- Total number of acres turned under for soil improvement _____
- Total number of acres inoculated 4 by Department cultures YES
by inoculated soils _____
- Give estimate of the number of acres in your territory which were planted to this crop due to your influence _____
- If possible give the increase by years -
First year's increase _____ acres Third year's increase _____ acres
Second " " _____ acres Fourth " " _____ acres

G.E.W.S. NO. 329 G.

POTATOES.
(SWEET OR IRISH.)

SPACE FOR AGENT'S STAMP.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

No work with potatoes,

DEMONSTRATION.

ENTER HERE THE NAME OF CROP - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

1. Number of demonstrators _____
2. Number of demonstrators reporting _____
3. Total acreage of potato demonstrations _____
4. Average yield per acre on demonstrations (bushels) _____
5. Estimate number of acres treated for diseases, insects and pests, due to your influence _____
6. Estimate number of acres worked by improved methods due to your advice _____
7. Estimate number of acres in potatoes when agent's work started _____ Now _____
8. Estimate number of acres increased due to county agent's work _____
9. How have you been able to assist in marketing the crop? _____

FOR REMARKS, INCIDENTS, SPECIAL REPORTS, ETC., USE OTHER SIDE, AND ADDITIONAL SHEETS IF NECESSARY.

ORCHARDS.

SPACE FOR AGENT'S STAMP.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

1. Number of ~~commercial~~ ^{commercial} home orchards 30
Kind: Apple Yes-Peach _____ (etc.)
2. Total number of trees in these demonstrations 400 Give statement of results on reverse side.
3. Number of orchards inspected - - - - - 80, No. trees 4000
4. Number of orchards pruned due to your influence - 250, No. trees 10000
5. Number of orchards sprayed due to your influence - 50, No. trees 1000
6. Number of peach orchards wormed due to your influence 10, No. trees 500
7. Number of orchards planted due to your influence - no, No. trees _____
- TOTAL 390 15500
8. How many commercial orchards have you assisted in caring for? _____
9. How many trees did you actually spray? no, Prune 250, Worm none
10. Report of special campaigns, results, etc.

Fruit,

One of the main industries of Augusta County is Fruit Growing, and much of my time is taken up with this work at certain times of the season. During the winter months I hold many Pruning Demonstrations in different parts of the county, this year I held 9 pruning meetings with an attendance of about 150 farmers.

From time to time during the season I publish articles relative to spraying and the materials to use as well as the best time to apply the spray. I co-operate with the County Horticultural Society which holds two meetings each year for the purpose of discussing subjects of interest.

I have a great many calls from fruit men to visit their orchards to inspect trees that are not doing well and advise them as to the trouble and remedy, this work is of an advisory nature but is very necessary and of much interest to the orchardist, who get it in his head that there is something wrong with some of his trees but does not know what it is and becomes alarmed and wants some one right away.

The Fishersville Co-operative Packing Assn. which I formed last year among several growers of that section for the purpose of packing their fruit co-operatively at a central point, and which by the way was not very much of a success last year, but several of its members stuck to it this year and with the experience that they gained last year, they were very much of a success this year.

Last year each member sold his fruit after it was packed by the Assn. where and as he saw fit, this year they sold co-operatively, appointing a committee to do the selling for the whole Assn. and found that it was very much better. I have been unable to get a complete report of the Assn. to this date but their expense of

packing this year was very much less than last year, and the conduct of the packing house was very much more smooth.

One of the main benefits of the Assn. showed up this year, very strong, that was; several small growers who did not have a car of fruit of their own and for that reason could not get a buyer to bother with their apples and a price that was anything like right, were able through the Assn. to combine their apples with others and thus make a car shipment and in fact got the same price as members of the Assn. that had large shipments. This Assn. is going to work to the benefit of the small grower as well as the large grower.

The experiment in the Dr R.P. Bell orchard, near Staunton, conducted by Dr Chas Brooks, of the U.S. Dept. in which I assisted as much as possible, was for the purpose of determining if possible whether or not the Rosy Aphis had any connection with the spotting of York apples, or in any way contributed toward the so called York Spot, a spot which heretofore has been laid to other troubles.

We sprayed ten plots for Rosy Aphis, with different sprays and at different times, not only for the purpose of learning the best control of the aphid, but for the purpose of controlling the aphid in a varying degree on the different plots. In this we were very successful. We found incidentally that in this orchard under conditions as they were last year, that the late dormant spray with lime-sulphur and Black Leaf 40 just as buds were swelling gave the best control of aphid. Conditions might change this another year.

During the early summer we went over certain plots and tied tags on each limb or twig on which we found aphid, doing this every two weeks, using different colored tags for each date, as well as

marking each tag. On one plot we removed any aphid that we found for the idea of keeping that plot as free from aphid as possible.

At harvest we went over many trees counting the fruit and counting the spotting, on the different trees, and then comparing the spotting with the amount of aphid infestation as shown by the tags and our notes.

While the results are too long to give here in figures we found that there seemed to be a direct connection between the amount of spotting and the amount of aphid infestation.

However Dr Brooks, pointed out the fact that there were two "SPOTS" one which undoubtedly was caused by some other trouble, and the spot that appeared in proportion to the aphid. After studying and observing the matter all summer with Dr Brooks, I feel sure that there are two kinds of Spotting, at least and feel sure that Dr Brooks has connected one kind of spot up with the Rosy Aphid. This may be of such importance to this section as the York apple seems to be badly affected with this spotting and is one of our main varieties.

Dr. Brooks will in the near future publish the results of this and other experiments run elsewhere for the same purpose.

HORSES.

SPACE FOR AGENT'S STAMP

W. S. CAMPFIELD
 W. 1911
 STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

I have no work with horses,

1. Give number of pure blood stallions _____, and jacks _____, brought into the county this year due to your influence.
2. Give number of brood mares brought in due to your influence _____
3. Give number of demonstrations in feeding horses or mules _____
4. Give number of horses or mules in these demonstrations _____
 (Give results under "Remarks".)
5. Give number of horses or mules fed and cared for according to methods you have advocated _____
6. Give number of pure blood stallions in county when demonstration work started _____, Number now _____
7. Give number of pure blood jacks in county when demonstration work started _____, Number now _____

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

DAIRY CATTLE.

1. How many head of pure bred dairy stock have been brought into the county through your influence? Bulls 3, Cows or Heifers 5.
2. How many grade dairy cows have been brought into the county for breeding purposes through your influence? 7
3. How many cows have been tested at your instance to determine the profitable milk producers? 9.
4. Do you carry or own a Babcock tester? Yes.
5. How many farmers have been induced to feed a better balanced ration to their stock? 25 How many head of stock so fed? 200
(Give results under "Remarks".)
6. How many demonstrations in dairy work have you supervised? 1
7. How many cows in these demonstrations? 7 (Give results under "Remarks".)
8. How many new creameries established this year due to your influence? NO.
9. How many pure bred dairy bulls in the county when county agent work was started? How many now?
10. How many pure bred dairy cows in the county when county agent work was started? How many now?
11. How many new cream routes established this year due to the influence of the county agent's work? 2
12. How many cow testing associations established under your influence? NO
13. How many dairy breeders' " " " " " " NO
We have two Breeders Assn's.

Dairying, continued,

Dairying is rapidly becoming one of the important industries of Augusta County, as shown by the fact that the Waynesboro Co-operative creamery did during the month of June 1916, make 28, 645 pounds of butter, besides making ice cream and selling some sweet cream and milk. This puts the Waynesboro a close second in the state if not in the lead.

The creamery at Staunton is developing more business and at this time there is every prospect for a creamery being built at Cave Station, and there is a prospect of getting a guarantee of between 500 and 600 cows.

Last December I held a series of Dairy meetings throughout the county assisted by Prof. Holdaway, of V.P.I. and Mr Howard of the State Dept., that created much interest in dairying and dairy feeding.

The Holstein Breeders Assn. of this County has been growing since it was organized about two years ago and have done much to create a Dairy interest.

The Guernsey Breeders Assn. held a field meeting at the home of M. H. McComb near Saucers Draft that did much to stir up interest in that section. Members of the Assn. brought one of their best cows, calves or sires to the meeting, and Prof. Hunt of V.P.I. gave a lecture on the use of the score card, after which each member was furnished with a score card and given time to score two or three head of the cows, after which Prof. Hunt scored the same cattle and then read his scoring and discussed the same. This was the first meeting of this kind ever held in the county and aroused much interest and was of much benefit to the members.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

BEEF CATTLE.

- How many head of pure blood beef cattle have been brought in this year through your influence: Bulls 2, Cows or heifers 5.
- How many head of grade cows have been brought in for breeding purposes through your influence:
- How many beef breeding herds were started, due to your influence: no
- How many head of feeding cattle have been brought in through your influence: no
- How many beef feeding demonstrations did you supervise? 2
- How many cattle in these demonstrations: 78
- On how many of these demonstrations were records kept? 2
(Give methods, dates and results in dollars, gains made, cost of gains, total profit, etc., under "Remarks")
- Indicate the number of beef cattle cared for according to methods which you advocated.
Number of cattle where methods were wholly followed 1008
" " " " " partially " 1000
(Give results of these methods and special campaigns along beef cattle lines under "Remarks".)
- Number of beef cattle breeders' associations or clubs formed 1
Number of members 11
- Number of pure blood beef bulls in county when demonstration work started ; Number now
- Number of pure blood beef cows in county when demonstration work started ; Number now
- Give increase in shipments of beef cattle from the county by years since demonstration work started; no increase, this is and has been a beef cattle section, with dairying growing in favor now.

Beef Cattle, continued,

H.B.Sproul, a feeder of many beef cattle, wintered ten head of cattle in Highland, on hay that could have been sold on the ground for cash. Each head eating \$12.00 worth of hay during the winter, and gained about 25 lbs. in weight.

At his farm near Staunton he wintered 68 head of similar cattle on silage cotton seed and straw, at a cost of \$5.25 and they gained about 90 pounds each.

When spring came he turned both bunches on the same blue-grass pasture in Highland County and found by weight this fall that the hay feed cattle had gained during the summer about 410 lbs. each making a total gain for the year of \$ 435 lbs., The silage feed cattle gained during the summer 345 lbs. making a total gain for the year of about 435 lbs. or in other words both bunches of cattle made about the same gain for the 12 months. But there was \$6.75 in cost of wintering in favor of the silage feed cattle.

On his Middlebrook farm Mr Sproul turned one bunch of Silage feed cattle on grass earley in the spring before the grass had much of a start. Another bunch he held in the yard on silage feed untill the grass in another pasture ~~xxx~~ had made a good start and he found that the cattle turned on grass ~~ix~~ late, made a gain of 80 pounds the first month, while thoes turned on grass earley made a gain of only 30 lbs., and that the pasture turned onto late was in much better condition all summer than the other pasture.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STANTON, VIRGINIA.

DIPPING VATS.

No dipping Vats in the County.

1. How many dipping vats have been built this year through your influence? _____
2. How many have you helped to construct? _____
3. How many have you helped to fill with the solution? _____
4. For how many have you tested the solution? _____
5. Total number built in county by all forces during the year _____
6. Total number in the county at this time _____
7. Estimate the total number of cattle dipped during the year _____
8. Give yearly increase in the number of vats in county _____

1st year's increase _____	3rd year's increase _____
2nd " " _____	4th " " _____

Hogs, continued.

Just a year ago I commenced a campaign for more and better hogs and better methods of caring for them. I advocated the use of the "Iowa Self-feeder" for finishing hogs, and was successful in get several farmers to use it and to keep weights of both hogs and feed, thus at the end of the feeding period we were able to determine not only the rate of gain but the exact cost.

Wm Wayland, of Swoope, wa. kept perhaps the most accurate and valuable record of his feeding operations, starting Jan. 14th. 1916 with 12 pigs that averaged 73½ lbs.

Jan. 14th. total weight, 1370 lbs. gain for month, 488 lbs.

feed eaten,			
shelled corn,	- - - - -	1344	lbs.
mill-feed,	- - - - -	425	lbs.
tankage,	- - - - -	100	lbs.
			gain per day,
			1.31 lbs.

March, 14th. total weight, 1938, lbs. gain for month, 568 lbs.

feed eaten,			
shelled corn,	- - - - -	1588	lbs.
mill-feed,	- - - - -	400	lbs.
tankage,	- - - - -	100.	lbs.
			gain per day
			1.69 lbs.

April, 14th. total weight, 2560 lbs., gain for month, 622 lbs.

feed eaten, for month,			
shelled corn,	- - - - -	1648	lbs.
mill-feed,	- - - - -	425	lbs.
(no tankage feed)			gain per day
			1.73 lbs.

April, 22nd. total weight, 2635 lbs. gain for 8 days, 75 lbs.

feed eaten, during 8 days,			
shelled corn,	- - - - -	1247	lbs.
mill-feed,	- - - - -	400	lbs.
(no tankage feed)			gain per day,
			78/100 of a lb.

TOTAL FEED EATEN, for 100 days, and cost.

shelled corn,	5419 lbs. at 90¢ per bu.	- - - -	\$77.44
mill-feed	- - 1650 lbs. at \$1.35 per cwt.	- - - -	22.27
tankage,	- - - 300 lbs. at \$1.00 per cwt.	- - - -	9.00
	total cost of feed,		<u>\$108.71</u>

Total gain for 100 days, 1753 lbs., sold at \$9.10 per cwt.

Total receipts for GAIN, (only) - - - - - \$159.52
 Total proffit on Gain, - - - - - 50.81
 Cost per pound of gain, 6.2 cents. average daily gain, 1.46 lbs.
 made 1 lb. of gain for each 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. of feed.

Mr Wayland stopped feeding tankage for the last 38 days contrary to my advise, and the results show by the decrease in amount of gain and the high cost of gain for the last 8 days. During a part of the month after he first stopped feeding tankage the hogs seemed to keep very well, owing no doubt to the fact that their systems had a sufficient amount of protein and that undoubtedly carried them on for a time.

The Bellview Orchard Co. of Fishersville, self-feed 6 hogs for 34 days, total weight when started 554 lbs. total weight when sold 34 days later, 975 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs., total gain, 421 $\frac{1}{2}$ lbs. or a average of 2.06 lbs of gain per day.

Feed eaten,		
Shelled corn, - - -	840 lbs. - - - - -	\$10.00
mill-feed - - - - -	400 lbs. - - - - -	5.40
tankage, - - - - -	200 lbs. - - - - -	6.00
	cost of feed.	<u>\$21.40</u>

Cost per lb. of gain, just a little over 5 cents. The Bellview Company was fortunate in being able to buy some cheap corn, these hogs were sold for something lite eleven cents dressed. They were in very poor condition when started on the self-feeder.

H.M.McComb, Stuarts Draft, Self-feed several bunches of pigs and hogs of different ages and made a total gain of 622 lbs. of pork, at the rate of 1.16 lbs. per day, at a cost of 5.18 cents per pound. He feed tankage at \$2.75 per cwt., mill-feed at \$1.30 per cwt. and corn at \$1.16 per cwt. shelled. He had some very poor hogs.

E.X. Miller, of Bridgewater, Va. feed 11 hogs that weighed 129 lbs. average, when started, being thin, for 28 days, making a gain of 57½ lbs. per hog or a little over 2 lbs. per day. Mr. Miller did not keep a cost account, but Self-feed, Shelled corn, Tankage, and shorts, and feed some skim milk.

D.L. Evers, Bridgewater, a County Supervisor, bought 7 Duroc's 6 months old total weight 750 lbs. that cost \$75.70 and in 53 days they gained 1037 lbs. and sold for \$187.80

they ate,

35 bbls. corn - - - -	\$40.25
20 bushels of barley chop	15.00
tankage,	1.00
some skim milk,	

cost of feed \$66.25

Proffit \$55.85 Gain per day, 2 and 3/4 pounds.

These hogs dressed out and sold as follows; 287½ lbs. of ham at 17 c/ per lb., 515 ½ lbs. of sides and shoulders at 15 ¢ per lb., 166½ lard at 15 ¢ per lb., 110½ lbs. of sausage at 15 ¢ per lb. 87 lbs. of bone meat at 12½ ¢ per lb., 34 lbs. pudding at 10 ¢ per lb., 52 lbs. (ponhose) at 3 ¢ per lb. pigsfeet, total 84 ¢

The self-feeder is undoubtedly the best known method of finishing hogs for the market, as gains can be made more rapidly than by any other standard of feeding and are proportionally cheaper, the main question with self-feeding hogs is that the corn must be balanced with tankage or milk, and the feed must be placed in separate compartments of the feeder and be before the hogs at all time and the hogs must have access to pure water at all times as they consume large quantities of water. Corn must be shelled for the self-feeder to prevent waste which would accoure in self-feedin ear corn. I have had one demonstration in raising young pigs on a self-feeder and pasture with excellent results. have no weights.

L.W. Wilson, of Staunton, run 11 pigs on pasture all summer feeding them on a little skim milk and ground rye just before and after weaning, and from then on grew them on such pasture as rape, vetch, alfalfa, soy beans cow peas, and turned them in to hog down some silage corn that he did not need for his silo, and in ten months made them weigh 281 lbs. While this is not rapid amount of gain for that time Mr. Wilson is more than pleased with the results of pasture and while he did not keep a cost account because he was running other hogs and calves and cattle in some of the same pasture part of the time during the summer, he is so convinced that he made cheap gains that he has outlined a demonstration by which he will increase his number of hog next year to 50 or 60 and will mature them on pasture rotation and hog down corn for a finishing.

The hog industry is attracting much attention in this county and results have been so favorable that many are increasing their herds and putting in self-feeders. There was not one self-feeder in the County, in fact I have been told that I put the first one in the state, while today I feel sure that there are two or three dozen in successful operation. Many feeders are now using tankage as a result of my instructions and talks who had not heard of it two years ago. One man told me his sows were eating chickens and asked me what to do for it. I told him to feed tankage which he did, and this week he reported that the sows had not eaten a chicken since.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

SHEEP AND GOATS.

No work with either sheep or goats,

DEMONSTRATION.

SPECIFY IF SHEEP OR GOATS - SEPARATE SHEET FOR EACH.

1. How many head of pure bred rams have been brought into the county through your influence? _____; How many Ewes? _____.
2. How many grade ewes have been brought into the county for breeding purposes due to your work? _____
3. How many flocks have been started? _____
4. How many sheep feeding demonstrations did you supervise? _____
5. How many sheep in these demonstrations? _____
6. On How many of these demonstrations were records kept? _____
(Give statement of production in dollars, rate, amount and cost of gain, profit, etc., and attach hereto.)
7. Give results of grazing of crops in same manner as above..
8. Number of farmers induced to grow grazing crops for sheep _____
9. Estimated number of sheep fed or cared for according to methods which you advocated _____
10. Number of pure blood rams in county when demonstration started _____, Now _____
11. " " " " sheep " " " " " " _____, Now _____
12. Give results of campaign for more sheep, eradication of dogs, etc., under "Remarks".
13. Give increase in shipments of sheep from county by years since work started

POULTRY.

SPACE FOR AGENT'S STAMP.

W. S. CAMPFIELD
Agent
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

1. How many poultry demonstrations? _____
2. Number of each kind of poultry grown and cared for according to methods which you advocate.

Chickens _____	Turkeys _____
Ducks _____	Geese _____
Guinea ^s _____	
3. On how many farms has poultry management been improved as a result of your work? _____ Number of birds on these farms _____
4. Do you give advice on poultry diseases? _____ (Give results under "Remarks.")
5. How many farmers have you induced to produce non fertile eggs? _____
6. Give number of eggs produced _____ Average price (per doz.) _____
7. How many communities are raising same kind of poultry? _____
8. Are poultry products collected on cream routes? _____

The main work that I have done with poultry is publishing articles in the newspapers on "Swat The Rooster" and care of eggs and assisting in forming an egg circle.

**LIVE STOCK
DISEASES AND PESTS.**

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
Staunton, Virginia.

1. How many head of stock have you or other extension workers induced farmers to have treated for diseases or pests?

Cattle treated for blackleg no., anthrax or charbon no
 " " " tuberculosis no ticks no, lice no
 " " " digestive and other troubles no
 (Give results under "Remarks".)

Hogs treated for cholera (single treatment) - 15
 " " " (simultaneous treatment) - no
 " " " worms no, lice no, mange no
 " " " digestive and other troubles - no
 (Give results under "Remarks".)

Sheep treated for stomach worms no grubs no, scab no
 " " " ticks no, Digestive and other
 (Give results under "Remarks".) troubles no.

Horses treated for spinal meningitis no, distemper no
 " " " digestive ailments no, accidents no
 " " " anthrax or charbon no, other
 (Give results under "Remarks".) troubles no.

2. How many of the above did you actually treat or test?

Cattle: Blackleg no, Anthrax or Charbon no no
 Tuberculosis no

Hogs: Hog cholera no

Horses: Anthrax or Charbon no

3. Have you instruments for such treatments? hog cholera but never use them
4. Give results of campaigns for eradication or control of diseases or pests.
5. Have you assisted in any way in the control of foot-and-mouth disease:
 if so, how? no

During the past year there has been but one very limited outbreak of hog cholera which ~~xxxxx~~ occurred in a negro settlement infesting herds of three or four owners, most of the surrounding hogs were treated by a Veterinarian, and I co-operated in the cleaning up of the infectious places and to the present time no further trouble has been reported. There was one isolated case back in the mountains, which also called in a veterinarian and proper methods were used there to clean up, in which I co-operated.

There has been no outbreak of any other stock disease, due no doubt to several factors, first of which, no doubt is the excellent natural drainage and sanitary conditions to be found in the county generally. Then there are three very high class veterinarians, and the farmers call them freely. Further a large percentage of the farmers take one or both of the local papers in which are articles from time to time dealing with the necessity of farm sanitation, written by myself and others, as well as Stock Journals and farm papers that are read in most homes.

Many of the farmers are equipped for and do treat not only their own calves but their neighbors, for Black-leg.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

FERTILIZER.

1. How many farmers have you advised regarding proper use of fertilizers? 1000
2. How many fertilizer demonstrations are the farmers conducting with you? 6
3. How much fertilizer used on such demonstrations? 75 (tons)
4. How many communities have you influenced to buy fertilizers cooperatively? 8

Quantity bought cooperatively	-	-	125,000	(tons)
Value of fertilizer bought cooperatively	-		\$	<u>195000</u>
Amount saved	-	-	\$	<u>750.</u>

5. Number of farmers home-mixing fertilizer on your advice no
6. Estimated saving per ton to farmers \$ _____
7. Number of farmers who top-dressed crops with fertilizer at your suggestion _____

MANURE.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

1. How many farmers have you induced to take better care of farm manure? 25
2. How many have provided manure sheds at your suggestion? 12
3. How many are composting farm manure and waste products? no
4. How many manure spreaders are in the county? 3,000
5. How many have you helped to place? no
6. How many farmers are using phosphate or other materials for reenfencing farm manure? very few
7. Estimated quantity of farm manure now being saved in your territory _____ (tons). 50,000

SILOS.

SPACE FOR AGENT'S SIGNATURE

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
SPAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

1. How many silos built in county this year? 200
2. How many silos built as a result of your advice? 5
3. How many silos were in county when county agent's work was started?

How many in county now? about 350

4. Of the number of silos in county now there are:

Tile , Cement , Stave , Stone , Other .

5. Give growth in number of silos by years:

First year	<u>50</u>	(<u>1912</u>)
Second year	<u>100</u>	(<u>1913</u>)
Third year	<u>150</u>	(<u>1914</u>)
Fourth year	<u>250</u>	(<u>1915</u>)
	<u>200</u>	<u>1916</u>

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

L I M E .

1. Number of farmers using lime due to your influence 40
2. Number of tons used due to your influence 400
 Burned lime _____ Limestone or its equivalent 400
3. Number of acres treated first year of demonstration work _____
4. " " " " second " " " " _____
5. " " " " third " " " " _____
6. " " " " fourth " " " " _____
7. " " " " fifth " " " " _____
8. " " " " to date - - - _____
9. Number of local sources of lime developed 5
10. Number of lime crushers installed as a result of your work _____
11. Number of kilns built as a result of your work _____

 Over 2500 tons of lime used in Augusta County for soil improvement, in 1916.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

ORGANIZATION.

1. How many farmers' clubs have you assisted in organizing? 3
2. Give total membership of these clubs 73
3. Give the name and address of each club and state briefly the object of each.
(Use other side if additional space is necessary.)

Augusta Co. Pure Bred Stock Assn., Central Assn. of Farmers Clubs,
Retail Milk Producers Assn., Shenandoah Good Roads Assn.,

4. Is there a central county organization composed of delegates from the local clubs? yes.
5. Is there any central county organization supporting your work? no
If so, what is it called? _____
Who may be members? _____
6. What other organizations of farmers or business men cooperate with or support your work? Shenandoah Valley Fair Assn.
7. State the quantity of each farm product bought or sold by these organizations and the approximate saving to the farmer \$250,000 is about the amount of business done by Co-operative Association's of the County for 1916.
8. Have you attempted to keep a bulletin board in your office, listing things for sale and things wanted? no.

Organization, continued,

I believe that it is a characteristic of the "Valley Farmers" that they like to "Pull Together", "Seperately", and for that reason co-operation has to be developed slowly, but it is making great strides in this county when every thing is taken into consideration.

I have been successful in organizing or assisting in forming the following this year.

Augusta County Pure Bred Livestock Assn. over 30 members.

Central Assn. of Farmers Clubs, 3 clubs,

Swoope Good Roads Assn. 15 to 20 members.

Retail Milk Producers Assn. 10 of 12 members.

Greenville Farmers School 12 to 15 members.

Old organizations, formed last year with my assistance.

Guernsey Breeders Assn.

Holstein Breeders Assn.

Fishersville Packing Assn.

Old organizations, formed before I came here.

Va. fruit Growers Assn.

Fishersville Farmers Club,

Swoope Farmers Club,

Parnassus Farmers Club,

Sangersville Farmers Club.

Waynesboro Co-operative Creamery.

Christian Farmers Club.

All of these are in a live condition and more interest is being taken in the organization by its members than ever before. The Va. Fruit Growers Assn. did something like \$110,000. of business during the pasy in handling and selling the fruit of its members. The Waynesboro Creamery has done close to \$80,000 of business.

Which together with the fruit sold by the Fishersville Packing Assn. and the fertilizer and feed as well as seed bought by the Farmers Clubs will bring the total amount of business done by Co-operative organizations of the county close to \$250,000 which is about \$70,000 more than last year.

On the whole the outlook for co-operation in this county is very bright. It will come slow but perhaps may as a result be more firm and lasting once it does become the habit of the people.

The only way that co-operation will ever become a complete success among the farmers of this state and surrounding eastern states is by instilling in the minds of the boys and girls in our schools, "The farmers of tomorrow" the principals of co-operation the needs and benefits. Their minds can be so trained that they will accept it in their time, and toward that end I have taken the matter up with our county School Teachers at their institute, had them appoint a committee of teachers to work with me and will try to impress upon them the need of a great work along this line and that they must prepare the farmers "of Tomorrow" in the schools today. Many of the teachers have taken very kindly to the idea and I am having many calls for assistance in organizing community clubs, Patrons Leagues, and for literature that would be of assistance to the teachers themselves, in instructing the pupils in this great work.

The success of Rural Organization will depend on the training of the children, in the schools Today, and will not be fully realized until those children, properly trained, will have taken their places as the farmers of tomorrow.

**FARM AND FARMSTEAD
IMPROVEMENTS.**

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

THINGS DONE WITH AGENT'S ASSISTANCE AND ADVICE.

1. Number of buildings erected **3**
2. Number of farm buildings improved **5**
3. Number of new building plans furnished **2**
4. Number of farm buildings painted or whitewashed **2**
5. Number of home water systems installed or improved **--**
6. Number of home water systems in county before demonstration work started **--**
Number now _____
7. Number of home lighting systems installed _____
8. Number of home lighting systems in county before demonstration work started _____
Number now _____
9. Number of home grounds improved _____
10. Number of farm and home sanitary conditions improved _____
11. Number of homes screened against flies and mosquitoes _____
Number of fly traps installed _____
12. Number of sanitary privies erected _____
13. Number of telephone systems installed _____
14. Number of farmers furnished plans and induced to adopt a systematic rotation **3**
15. Total acreage of such rotations **200**
16. Crops commonly used in these rotations:
Corn, wheat and legume hay.

17. Number of new pastures established 2
18. Number of old pastures renovated 4 Acreage 96
19. Number of drainage systems established in county several ready when Mr. Seitz left.
20. Number of farmers induced to drain all or part of their farms _____
21. Number of such acres drained - by tile 80 - by ditch 24
22. Number of farmers induced to remove stumps -- Acreage --
23. Number of farmers induced to terrace their sloping lands _____ Acreage _____
24. Number of home gardens planted or improved _____
25. Number of farmers induced to save surplus farm products for winter use _____
26. Number of road improving demonstrations assisted in helped place 58
drags to cover 100 miles of dirt road, see article.
27. Number of miles of improved roads resulting therefrom _____
28. Number of farmers who planted cover crops to be turned under 7
29. Number of acres in each kind of cover crop:
- | | | | |
|------|-----------------------|---------|-------|
| Crop | <u>crimson clover</u> | Acreage | _____ |
| Crop | <u>sweet clover</u> | Acreage | _____ |
| Crop | <u>soy beans.</u> | Acreage | _____ |
| Crop | _____ | Acreage | _____ |
30. Number of new implements and tools bought:
- | | | | | | |
|-------------------|-----------------|--------------|-------|------------------|-------|
| Binders | _____ | Mowers | _____ | Hay rakes | _____ |
| Hay presses | _____ | Grain drills | _____ | Ensilage cutters | _____ |
| Gas engines | _____ | Disk harrows | _____ | Cream separators | _____ |
| Cultivators: | two horse _____ | one horse | _____ | Small tools | _____ |
| Spraying machines | _____ | Etc | _____ | | _____ |

**MISCELLANEOUS
DEMONSTRATION WORK.**

W. B. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

	DEMONSTRATORS	202	
	COOPERATORS	166	
	OTHER FARMERS	388	
	BUSINESS MEN	28	
	BOYS' & GIRLS' CLUB MEMBERS		
1. Number of visits by agent to			
2. Number of miles traveled	(Railroad	1794	
	(Team		
	(Otherwise	5214	Total 7008
3. Calls on agent relative to work at office or home	(Personal	815	
	(Telephone	572	
4. Number of farmers' meetings held under auspices of agent or Extension Division		59	
5. How many meetings of all kinds did you address?		77	
6. Total attendance at such meetings (approximate)		4816	
7. How many field meetings held by you?		18	
8. Total attendance at these meetings		208	
9. What per cent of time spent at office work?	1/3	HOW DIVIDED	(CORRESPONDENCE 1/3 (CONFERENCE 1/3 (MISCELLANEOUS 1/3
10. What per cent of time spent in field work?	2/3	HOW DIVIDED	(SUPERVISING-REL. GEN. 1/5 (OTHER FARM VISITS 1/5 (AT MEETINGS 2/5 (ABSENT IN SHORT COURSE WORK (ORGANIZATION 1/5
11. Number of official letters written		707	
12. Number of articles relating to your work prepared for publication		77	
13. Number of circular letters prepared by you and sent out (Give list and copy of each if possible.)		200	
14. Number of bulletins or circulars of U. S. Department of Agriculture distributed		100	
15. Number of bulletins or circulars from State College or State Department of Agriculture distributed		50	
16. Number of visits to schools relating to work		6	

17. In how many schools did you assist in outlining an agricultural course? 3
18. How many Extension schools or short courses did you assist in? no.
19. Total attendance at these schools --
20. Total number of days you were engaged in these schools 3
21. Number of farmers who attended short courses at college as a result of your effort 2
22. Number of boys attending Agricultural or other schools or colleges as result of club work 1
23. How many girls attended industrial or other schools as result of girls' club work? no.
24. How many times have you been visited by specialists from college or the Department? 82
25. Was there a county fair held in your county? yes
26. How many demonstrators, cooperators and club members had exhibits? 12 9
27. How many prizes won? 7
28. How many demonstrations have you in truck or small fruit? 3
29. Were they successful from a financial standpoint? yes.
30. How many farmers in your county are keeping cost records at your instance?
 Complete --- Partial 18
31. How many farmers in your county are practicing fall plowing as result of county agent's work? no
32. How many farmers are selecting seed? 150
33. How many farmers are growing any kind of improved seed for sale? 25
34. How many seed lots have been improved at your suggestion? no
35. How many farmers in your county have been influenced to grow sugar cane or sugarbeets for syrup? no

**EFFECT OF DEMONSTRATION
WORK ON THE COMMUNITY AND
HUMAN INTEREST FEATURES.**

SPACE FOR AGENT'S STAMP.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

(The data called for on the other sheets are mostly statistics. The replies to the following questions are intended to furnish a basis from which to make an estimate of the general effect of the demonstration work on the individual and the community. The agent should not restrict his general information to the questions asked, but should give any additional facts that will bring out prominently the good effects of the influence the agent's work has exerted over any individual or over the county in general. Each agent should give at least one human interest story. It would be much better if such stories could take up the work with the individual and follow it through for several years.)

HOW MANY OF YOUR DEMONSTRATORS AND COOPERATORS ARE:

1. Raising practically all their home supplies? **90%**
2. Have opened new bank accounts since beginning demonstration work? _____
3. Have increased their bank deposits since beginning demonstration work? _____
4. Own their farms? **84%**
5. Have mortgages on their farms? _____
6. Have paid off their mortgages since beginning demonstration work? _____
7. Trading on a cash basis since beginning demonstration work? _____
8. Do the bankers and merchants favor demonstration farmers in placing business, such as in the loaning of money and extension of credit?

If so, give examples. **I think not.**

WHAT PER CENT OF YOUR DEMONSTRATORS AND FARMERS ARE:

9. Decreasing their indebtedness along various lines? **80%**
10. Showing increased interest in agricultural meetings? **all of them**

11. Showing a desire to study their farm business and progress? all of them
12. What additional industries have been established in your territory since demonstration work was begun? _____
13. What other signs of progress are apparent as a direct, or indirect, result of demonstration and extension work? _____
14. In how many instances among your demonstrators and cooperators have labor saving devices for the home been installed? _____
15. Name some of the more noticeable effects on the farmer's home and family, of his greater earning power due to better methods; such as increased opportunities for social intercourse, amusements, entertainments, greater contentment with farm life, increased interest in church work, etc. Give instances:

BOYS' AND GIRLS' CLUBS.

W. S. CAMPFIELD,
Agent,
STAUNTON, VIRGINIA.

How long has the Club Work been in your county? — **5 years.**

List the various kinds of clubs organized, and state the enrollment in each, number reporting, average yield, number and value of prizes.

KIND OF CLUB	ENROLLMENT	NO. REPORTING	AVERAGE YIELD	NO. OF PRIZES	VALUE OF PRIZES
Boys Corn Club,	12	12	80		\$ 32.00
_____					\$ _____
_____					\$ _____
_____					\$ _____
_____					\$ _____
_____					\$ _____
_____					\$ _____
_____					\$ _____
_____					\$ _____
_____					\$ _____

"Lancaster Auto Excursion",

The work which perhaps attracted the most interest and attention throughout the County and surrounding country and brought to the attention of many people the efforts of Demonstration Work was the "Lancaster Auto Excursion"

I left Staunton at seven o'clock on the morning of the last day of July, Monday, in charge of 84 automobiles, carrying about 400 people for a trip to Lancaster, Pa. we went via Winchester Hagerstown, Md. Harrisburg, Pa., Hershey, Pa. to Lancaster. Stopping and many points of agricultural interest along the way, such as the Carter farm near Mt Jackson, the Hershey farms in Pa. and spent one day going around Lancaster County, Pa. in charge of the Lancaster County Agent and other State Officials.

From Lancaster we started on the home trip the morning of the fourth day, via, York, Pa. where we went through a large machine manufacturing plant, then to Gettysburg Battlefield where we spent several hours, and via, Frederick, Md. and Winchester Va. reaching home the afternoon of the fifth day, covering over 600 miles in all without an accident to any person and only minor auto trouble which was cared for by a repair car that we carried with us. Only one car turned back and that was on account of sickness.

Mr Jones, Director, of Extension Work of Virginia was with me most of the time and gave valuable assistance in handling the crowd. I had gone over the route the week before making all arrangements as to hotels, garages, entertainment and other matters.

The whole party was most enthusiastic in their praise of the trip, as shown at a Get-together Picnic which we held after our return at which they presented me with a five piece Silver Service costing close to fifty dollars.

So close was the feeling of all who went on the trip that at the Picnic following the trip a permanent organization was formed to arrange for a picnic or get-together meeting each year at some point that accommodate most every one.

To learn whether or not the trip did any real good, and if possible to learn what that good was, a list of questions was prepared by myself and Mr Jones, and mailed to each member of the Lancaster Party, and while I did not receive replies from all a sufficient number answered to give a very good indication of the benefits to the party as a whole.

A summary of these answers I am attaching here with to another article by Mr. Wm Harper Dean, special representative of the Country Gentlemen, who was sent to write up the trip.

One of the greatest benefits of the trip that I have seen thus far is the fact that all members of the party were much impressed with the careful methods used by the Lancaster Farmers in handling their manure, in order to conserve its fertility. This has resulted in many adopting better methods in this County.

The necessary expense of the trip, including a seat in an automobile, was between fifteen and twenty dollars, per person.

LIVING THE "GARDEN SPOT"

A Flying Squadron of Virginia Farmers Capture Ideas From Pennsylvania

THEY mobilized at Staunton, Virginia—400 Augusta County farmers, led by Campbell, their county agent. They ward of seventy transports—farm-owned automobiles—lined the banks of the famous Valley Pike of the Shenandoah, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, was their objective point. A broadened perspective resulting from an interchange of ideas with the farmers of the nation's banner agricultural county was their quest.

Through Winchester and to Harrisonburg there to receive an honored guests; out to the famous Hershey Farms, where the Virginians saw and discussed equally famous dairy cattle; then on to Lancaster, piloted by "Dutch" Bucher, Lancaster's five-acre county agent.

The repair car went spinning down the long line of speeding cars, touching up a faulty tire here, adjusting a contrary carburetor there. The organization of the expedition was nothing but perfect; seventy dust-covered cars rolled into Lancaster the second day out and the Virginians turned in early against a coming strenuous day in the crack farming county of the United States.

The day began at five o'clock the next morning, when the Virginians turned out to see Lancaster's famous farmers' market. The market wares were in, close packed against the curbs, their shafts elevated with a uniformity that bespoke efficient organization among the farmers, their produce temptingly displayed. All Lancaster goes a-maunders. Down the streets fled two streams of townspeople, one with empty market baskets, the other with baskets bulging with the produce from the farms of the hope county. It was a good sight; it represented one of the keystones of Lancaster's agricultural supremacy.

The Lancaster county agents will tell you and the farmers will tell you and the townspeople will tell you that this market pays everybody. Every farm in the county maintains its little truck garden, poultry flock, and the like, not as a major farm enterprise but as profitable outlets for odd-time labor and surplus feed, the returns from which represent nearly all clear profit. The town dwellers are assured of an unending supply of the freshest and best produce at reasonable prices. The surplus of the county farms is marketed in the county. Lancaster keeps her money at home.

Dutch, the Flying Dutchman

"Dutch" Bucher, astride his business motorcycle, known to some as the "road hound," plied the seventy cars through the countryside to the farm of George W. Belier, an Amish farmer with a reputation for coaxing from the soil a market yield that makes the state and government investigators get out their slide rules and give visas to emotions such as taken in their unemotional bulletins.

The Amishman was waiting in his barnyard as a "Dutch" reared up. That is how "Dutch" usually goes about his business. One he got in a real hurry on a visit to one of his farmers, roared through the barnyard through the open barn and very likely would

have roared on into Chester County. It was the Amishman's silo stood in relief, and the Amishman, peering the necks of the conservative, peaceful Amishman. "Dutch's" reputation did not suffer from this. One of the Chester

Campbell, heard from following orders through a megaphone from the pilot car, turned the steering over to "Dutch" as the seventy cars poured into the barnyard and overflowed into the surrounding fields. The Virginians marveled at the Amishman, who, mounting the running board of the pilot car, modestly explained, "His farm 191 acres. It's a very great in excess of that of the average Lancaster farm; about sixty acres is the average of 11,000 farms. He is a general farmer—his crops are corn, tobacco, potatoes being the chief crops. He works under a five-year rotation—corn, tobacco, peas, wheat, grain. How much tobacco do you raise to the acre?" "I do of the visitors from Virginia asked. "About 1600 pounds in the average," replied Belier. "And corn?" "Oh, sir, about 100 bushels." "Great! Do you raise lima?" "Yes, sir; about fifty bushels of lima-burg to the acre every five years. And I make two tons of cured timothy and clover hay to the acre."

"Are you talking about crimson clover?" The Amishman shook his head and smiled. "Crimson clover falls on limestone land."

"How many bushels of crimson clover?" "I am talking about fifteen head of stock, on silage and cutdown meal."

A score of Virginians had out their notebooks and were busy making entries. They pressed round the clear-eyed Amishman, riving him with questions about his system of fertilizing. They found him housing his barnyard manure as though it were a stack of bank notes. Scattered over the silage, beryl and in little groups, the Virginians discussed the points of merit and drew comparisons between his and their methods of farming.

"To whom it may concern be it known that here were represented two distinct types of farmers. The Lancaster farmer concentrates his labor and fertilizer on a small acreage and follows general farming, with tobacco as perhaps the chief money crop. The Augusta County farmer conducts his business on a much larger scale—the average size of the farms in Augusta County is about 200 acres, as against sixty in Lancaster. But there were men in the party

By William Harper Dean

from Virginia who own upward of 2000 acres. The Virginians are essentially cattle raisers, and many of the leaders found on the Lancaster County farms came from Augusta.

From Belier's the Virginians made the run to the farm of D. L. Stolzfus. This man, too, was Amish, a striking figure in powerful physique, peaceful blue eyes, and white hair. He wore the inevitable Amish costume—smart, buttonless coat and wide-brimmed black hat. He has been a farmer all his life, as were his forefathers, and as will be his sons. The Amish farmer handed down his farm, his methods, his ideals to his sons. They stay at home, from the deed to a farm is recorded in the name of one of those hard-working, righteousness-loving men, in addition changed acres to bear the name of the helix.

Stolzfus is a breeder of the Holsteins and conducts all his operations on seventy-seven acres of land.

He practices a five-year rotation, the same rotation as his neighbor Belier. Of course he raises tobacco—about \$200 worth to the acre. Like the rest of his neighbors he takes scrupulous care of every pound of manure.

Under the same roof that shelters his deer, contained Holsteins, under the same roof that shelters the milners, this man stores his manure on a concrete floor.

"But," said a Virginian, following the veteran farmer into this building, "doesn't that manure feed?"

He was answered most emphatically that it did not—never had. It was rich and mellow—ideal for top-dressing grass lands.

"And that is how it is when I top-dress my young grass," said Stolzfus.

"What do you think is the best time for putting in grass?" one asked.

"Why," the Amishman smiled, "in February and March. The frost will put it under the ground."

A question had been bothering one Virginian all the morning, he named Lancaster farmers turning their farms. And now he asked it.

"Just tell me why your farms don't believe in turning corners when you plow," he said.

"Why do you turn corners?" asked the Amishman, his eyes twinkling merrily.

"Well, we all do it—my father always did."

"That is the answer. One of your party has just asked me why so few manure spreaders are used in this section. We should be said with an expressive shrug of his

broad shoulders, "perhaps we will come to that in time. We are very conservative, you see. Nearly all of us place a premium on man labor and you'll find it substituting for farm machinery wherever possible."

Everywhere in the party I heard the Virginians remarking the outstanding factors that make for the prosperity of these small farms—scrupulous handling of manure, judicious use of lime, complete utilization of every square foot of land. I doubt if the Lancaster farmer would know what one meant by waste land.

The party tore right into high-power farming at the next stop. Stolzfus himself knew what was coming, for he left his farm and entered one of the Virginia cars for the farm of Morris T. Phillips, just a little over the line in Chester County. Mr. Phillips is a farmer who is always on the job as one of the most valuable members of the Pennsylvania Agricultural Commission.

A Dairy Farm Without Fences

At first sight his place did not impress us as being more than an ordinary, everyday farm. The number of farm buildings was out to the quick. They were serviceable, but certainly not ornate. Where was the big house to be learned here?

Mr. Phillips himself was waiting near his barn. The cars were parked, and the party leaders megaphoned orders to draw in. The owner and operator of this fifty-eight-acre farm, the major enterprise of which, we were told, is the breeding of pure-bred Guernseys, began to speak.

"Gentlemen," said this aggressive Pennsylvania, "you won't see anything remarkable about this place. The buildings are here to shelter the stock and crops. They do that and do it well. And that's all I require of them."

About seventeen years ago I bought this farm at a sheriff's sale. I was short of capital and had to cut the investment to the quick. I cleaned up the place and put up just as few buildings as I could get along with. Then I got into the business of raising pure-bred Guernseys. I'm at it today!

A Virginian interrupted to ask a question. "I heard this was a Guernsey farm," he said, "but I haven't seen a pasture fence yet. Do you let your stock go all over the place?"

"I have no fences," replied Mr. Phillips. "I don't pasture my stock on the farm proper. You'll find all the stock across the road on a small reservation. I don't believe in letting the stock in on the farm proper. The system has worked out well."

"Now I'm a great believer in grass and I grow every possible variety. Corn, oats and timothy are the principal crops. I concluded that it doesn't pay to grow what when I can produce between sixty and eighty bushels worth of grass to the acre."

"Please say that again!" called a voice from the outskirts of the crowd of eager listeners.

The speaker emphatically repeated his assertion. "It's a mixture of corn and timothy with alfalfa," he added.

The Amishman is the representation of Self-Contentment and Contentment

"What do you do to get such yields?"
 "Lime—lime always; manure—manure
 as heavily. I use a good fertilizer."
 "Do you plow your ground?"

"No, sir! I don't believe in that. I stick
 in the manure to form a mulch. I am
 in putting on lime a good year ahead of
 grain. Now here's what this system did
 for me last year: I had twenty acres of
 grass. I had fifty head of dairy cattle—
 I will sell, you know, and I had a
 hog. I fed them all here and sold forty-
 five dollars' worth of hay from every acre!"

Mr. Phillips paused for a moment's
 moment of silence. Then from the Virginians
 came enthusiastic applause. The crowd
 broke and pressed closer to the speaker.
 Notebooks and pencils began to work
 as the farmer went into greater detail.
 For the balance of that day the Virginians
 drifted about the country in groups of four
 or five cars, stopping wherever some particu-
 larly interesting feature of farm man-
 agement attracted their attention. Some
 went back to Lancaster and took in the
 stockyards, where a \$10,000,000 business
 is transacted annually. And to them men
 the Pennsylvania representatives—county
 agent, chief of the county farm bureau,
 state agent—spoke feelingly of the state-
 wide campaign that is going on for more
 livestock.

"You gentlemen in Virginia raise the feed-
 ers," said one, "and our Lancaster farmers
 will offer you a good market for them."
 That night in the Lancaster hotel a house
 there was a mass meeting of Lancaster
 farmers and visiting Virginians. The Lieut-
 enant Governor of Pennsylvania spoke

The Virginians Crowded About the County, Stopping Wherever Some Particulars Interested

of the Federal Farm Management
 and the Virginians voiced their apprecia-
 tion of Pennsylvania's welcome. It was
 a get-together of two distinct types of farmers,
 yet the interchange of ideas brought them
 all to a common footing.

When we were visiting over the Lincoln
 Highway between York and Gettysburg on
 the return, after having gone through one
 of York's great farm-implement factories,
 I asked Caldwell what he thought was the

most conspicuous benefit of the trip from
 the standpoint of the farmer. He answered
 without a pause: "It's not to be expected
 that on a tour of this sort several hundred
 men can carry back a great number of
 details, even though many of them have
 filled notebooks. But to come from a region
 where big-scale farming is the prevailing
 type into a section of high-power farming

is an experience that will stay with you
 for the rest of your life. It is an institution
 of unlimited possibilities.

on smaller acreages certainly has the effect
 of broadening the perspective, of stimulat-
 ing our men to a better appreciation of the
 problems of their own business.

"We're not going back to Augusta to
 change our mind," said the farmer. "Our
 type of farming suits our conditions. But
 there are factors governing the successful
 operation of the large farm. Our men
 have been quick to see and I believe the
 tour has been worth while."

There is a real business boom. Four
 hundred Virginians said so, and they know.
 And everywhere I heard them men voicing
 the hope that some day Lancaster's
 roads invade the Shenandoah and take back a
 full measure of what Virginia could offer.
 Throughout the country the extended
 farm tour is increasing in popularity. The
 coming of the automobile to the farm is
 destined to obliterate county lines—even
 state lines. The extent to which these tours
 can be made is controlled solely by the
 time the farmers can spare for them. This
 year Augusta County would have brought
 perhaps the most successful results. In
 Pennsylvania had not the season been a
 backward one, so that harvesting was a
 full swing when Campfield had been to
 Lancaster.

Our farm tour is a vacation—and a good
 one. It yields a high rate of interest on the
 time and money invested. This interchange
 of ideas among farmers works a great
 shuttle, weaving to unity the common
 threads of the farm. It is an institution
 of unlimited possibilities.

BONDING THE FARMER

How the New Federal Law Will Revolutionize Farm Finance—By Roger W. Babson

THE most revolutionary piece of farm
 legislation ever enacted in this country
 is the Federal Farm Loan Law. It is a
 thing that is dangerous thing, but I venture to
 say that this law will entirely change the
 method by which our farmers borrow
 United States money. No longer
 need the farmer depend on the local
 association. Farmers can have charge of
 their own loans, determine when and how
 they are to be paid, and, to a large extent,
 decide what the rate of interest shall be.

Although the bill now contains certain
 restrictions which will prevent a rapid and
 immediate change, yet the machinery has
 been set up to give farmers the cheapest and
 most convenient money possible. It is exactly
 the most democratic piece of legislation
 imaginable, and it has been so designed as
 to be practical and efficient.

In a nutshell the plan enables any ten or
 more farmers to associate together and bor-
 row money at a rate less than John D. Rock-
 efeller could obtain if it were his house
 security. This is possible on account of two
 facts: First, that the Federal Land Bank
 bonds shall be deemed and held to be "in-
 strumentalities of the Government of the
 United States"; and, second, that such
 bonds and the income thereon shall be
 "shall be exempt from Federal, state, munici-
 pal and local taxation."

Why the Bonds are Desirable

Of course I do not know how this bill
 may be interpreted or amended, but in my
 opinion the Land Bank bonds will be
 under this act will be in greater demand
 than bonds of the United States hereafter
 to be issued. From the words of the law
 they are deemed "instrumentalities of the
 Government," and thus are a moral obliga-
 tion of the Government. In addition they
 are both nontaxable and are secured by
 definite mortgage on real estate. Such
 mortgages are organized as collateral. Certain-
 ly they have all the advantages of munici-
 pal bonds and much more.

United States Government bonds not
 suitable for circulation purposes sell at
 about a 3 per cent basis. The best avail-
 able municipal bonds sell at a 3 1/2 per
 cent to 4 per cent. A few years ago City of
 Boston bonds sold at a 2 1/2 per cent basis.
 Certainly these Land Bank bonds should
 sell on less than a 4 per cent basis.

The act states that the farmers cannot be
 charged more than 1 per cent in excess of
 the "established" rate at which the last

issue of bonds sold. If the "last issue of
 bonds" should sell on a 4 per cent basis,
 the farmers cannot be charged more than 5
 per cent in excess. And the 1 per cent
 additional just referred to allowed the
 bank for expenses, profit, etc. As, however,
 the farmers will not be borrowing from the
 association, many of the stockholders in
 the bank to the extent of 3 per cent of his loan,
 a portion of this profit will come back in
 dividends.

As the law now stands the largest amount
 which any farmer can borrow is \$10,000,
 and the smallest amount is \$100; but in
 either case the borrowers are treated on
 exactly the same basis and can borrow at
 the same rate of interest. In the same terri-
 tory. Moreover, after the banks become
 well established, there is no reason why an
 unknown farmer one hundred miles from a
 railroad in Texas may not secure a loan at
 practically the same interest rate as a rich
 farmer in the suburbs of Chicago.

There are five main parts of this big
 money-lending machine. They are the
 National Farm Loan Association; the Fed-
 eral Land Bank; the Federal Farm Loan
 Board; the Joint Stock Land Bank; and
 the Federal Land Bank agents. The first
 three make up the chief machinery. The
 last two are the machinery of the local
 sections which have been provided for use
 in emergencies.

The simplest is the Joint Stock Land
 Bank. In order to be fair to certain land
 companies and stock banks which have already
 been established to lend money to farmers,
 a provision to take care of such banks has
 been made in the law. By this provision
 farmers who do not want to form an associa-
 tion and become a part of the big ma-
 chine may go to a private institution—to be
 known as a Joint Stock Land Bank—and
 there borrow their money. These Joint
 Stock Land Banks will be managed some-
 what the same as national banks, each inde-
 pendently and privately operated. To borrow
 money of a Joint Stock Land Bank, it will
 not be necessary to be a member of a Farm
 Loan Association. Moreover, such a Joint
 Stock Land Bank can issue bonds more
 freely than a Federal Land Bank, and is not
 so restricted in any other ways.

As I said the law, however, the bonds
 which these Joint Stock Land Banks will
 be taxable. Certainly, they are not in any
 way a Government obligation. Hence,
 these Joint Stock Land Banks cannot borrow

money as cheaply as the Federal Land
 Bank—that is, the Joint Stock Bank must
 pay a higher rate of interest on the bonds
 which they issue. Therefore, Joint Stock
 Banks cannot lend money so cheaply to the
 farmer as can the Federal Land Banks. Of
 course, if something unforeseen happens so
 that the Federal Land Bank cannot borrow
 smoothly, there will be an opportunity for
 these private Joint Stock Land Banks, but
 otherwise their growth will be slow.

Section 15 of the act enables the Federal
 Farm Loan Board to subordinate, at any
 time, paid agents for the use of the Farm
 Loan Associations, above referred to. For
 instance, if you desire to borrow money
 and cannot get nine other men desiring with
 you to borrow as much as \$20,000, to unite
 with you to form an association in your
 region, you can apply to the Board at Wash-
 ington. This Board may then appoint some
 bank in your locality to act in the capacity
 of such an association and take care of you.
 To my mind this is a very important fea-
 ture of the law and should insure against its
 failure.

The only weakness here is that the local
 bank must guarantee your loan, although
 it receives a half of one per cent per annum
 on the unpaid balance for so doing. This
 section of the act, however, should keep
 the local banks in the territory banks and en-
 able them to push the plan.

The method of procedure to borrow
 money is simple. Let us suppose you have
 a farm, the land of which would be ap-
 praised at \$100,000. You would like to borrow
 and you wish to borrow as much money as
 possible thereon. As the act is now written
 you could borrow only 50 per cent on the
 land, that is, \$50,000, and 20 per cent on
 the buildings, namely, \$500—a total of \$50,500.
 Some farmers object to having such a small
 amount on the buildings. "I'm not," they
 say, "however, this is an advantage to the farmer.
 It enables him to exempt his house and the
 acre surrounding it from the mortgage al-
 together. For instance, if you value your
 land at \$6000 and your buildings at \$2500
 I would advise that you put no mortgage at
 all on your house and the land surrounding it.
 Keep this free and clear for yourself and your
 family. In the event of borrowing \$5000
 on your land, you consent with mortgage
 only \$3000 on the land outside of the
 homestead."

Your first step in securing this money
 would be to hunt round for nine men who
 wish either to borrow new money or else to

pay up their present mortgages and secure
 new ones at a much lower rate. When your
 nine men are ready, you should apply to
 from a National Farm Loan Association at
 from 1 per cent to 3 per cent per annum
 the rate of interest. It is not unusual
 difficulty in getting ten men to form such
 an association. You should select nine men
 such men, including yourself, send to
 the Secretary of the Treasury at Washington
 for particulars regarding the formation of
 the association. He will turn your request
 over to the Farm Loan Board, who will give
 you the necessary blanks to fill out and full
 instructions with it to do.

Provisions for Security

Briefly, these instructions call for the election
 of five men as directors and one man to
 act as secretary and treasurer. You will also
 be obliged to form a local committee of three
 men, who will arrange for the appraisal of
 the property and act as a sort of investment
 committee. At the time of the organiza-
 tion you must also state the aggregate
 amount which the ten or more men would
 like at once to borrow. When returning the
 blanks to Washington you must send sub-
 scriptions to the amount of your own
 money equal to 5 per cent of the total,
 which must be not less than \$20,000.
 The Federal Farm Loan Board will issue
 an equal amount of stock in the big Federal
 Land Bank of the district. This stock is
 valued at \$100 a share. It is not a security
 for the mortgage. For instance, if your
 loan is \$50,000 and you have \$2500 of your
 own money, this would mean that you would
 commence business by borrowing \$20,000.
 Five per cent of \$20,000 is \$1000. This would be
 your capital stock, and each member of the
 association would take a proportion of this
 capital stock in relation to his loan. If your
 loan is to be \$5000, you must invest \$150 in
 the stock, which would mean that you would
 be borrowed as part of the loan.

With this stock goes a vote and this makes
 a real co-operative arrangement. You are
 at least a stockholder and perhaps a director
 in the association which controls your mort-
 gage. You are not a borrower of money from
 the bank. If the association want to raise your
 loan, you have a vote in his favor. If your
 loan might be called upon for \$100 or more,
 like the investor under land bank systems,
 you have a vote in the matter. The other
 parts of the world, this should be the extent
 of your loan. Members of the association
 are held individually responsible, "equally

Worth-While Follow-Up

WHEN the farmers of Augusta County, Virginia, returned home after their automobile trip through Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, their county agent decided to find out how much actual good the trip had done them.

So he wrote a letter to each member of the party and asked exactly fifty-seven pertinent questions. Up to the time this summary of the replies was written all had not been heard from, but there were on hand forty-one representative answers, which County Agent Campfield thinks more than repaid him for the labor incidental to securing them.

Out of forty-one replies to the question whether the trip paid, forty-one said yes; four said it more than paid. Thirty-seven said that the agricultural information alone obtained from the trip into Lancaster repaid them many times over for the money and time expended.

Asked what agricultural features of Lancaster most impressed them, the Augusta farmers returned different answers. Most of them said that the efficient use of barnyard manure struck them most forcibly, others commented on Lancaster's systems of intensive cultivation, others were greatly impressed by the neatness and general order of the small farms, while still others manifested active interest in Lancaster's short rotations, good stock, utilization of waste, and the like.

Thirty-nine of the Augusta County farmers said point-blank that Augusta County could handle barnyard manure so as to conserve more of its fertility, and more declared it would be worth while. This could

be done, they said, by more general use of manure sheds, by feeding under cover, by using manure pits and concrete barnyards, and by hauling direct to the field.

Although Augusta County farms average much greater in size than farms in Lancaster, thirty-five Augusta farmers said that more intensive methods would be an improvement upon the present farming practices in their section of Virginia.

Where the Virginians took a good-natured fall out of Lancaster was in their criticisms of Lancaster's apparent shortage of up-to-date farm machinery. Thirty-eight said that Lancaster County farmers neither had nor used so much modern farm machinery as the farmers in Augusta.

The majority admitted that from observations made on the trip more silos should be advocated in Augusta. The majority stated also that, from observations and inquiries in Lancaster, it was plain to them that Augusta County farmers could use more cottonseed meal to advantage in feeding their beef and dairy cattle.

On the whole, those replying to the question letter gave the palm to Lancaster and frankly admitted that they had learned much of value. And when they were asked to suggest to the county agent ways in which Augusta County farmers could improve their farms as a whole, these suggestions were offered: Better care of manure, more lime, better cultivation, more clover, more alfalfa, more stock, more cover crops used for green manure, selling less feed, shorter rotations and more silos.

Which just about covers all the laws of better farming, irrespective of locality.

The Shenandoah Valley Fair Association, which contributes toward my salary, and with which I co-operate in every way possible, held the most successful fair in its history, during the first week in September, 1916 it was reduced to a four day Fair but the attendance was greater than last year by about 7000.

The Total attendance was about 47000 paid admissions.

After paying all expenses a dividend of about .200% could have been declared. This will be held for improvements on the grounds.

The Assn. offered about \$10,000. in prizes which resulted in 300 entries in the stock Dept.

250 entries in the Agricultural Dept.

300 entries in the Fruit Dept.

4 single Farm entries, which were very much of a feature of the Agri. exhibits, and the winners, "Bailey Bros." took the exhibits to Richmond and at my suggestion and assistance in selecting fruit for them around the county they made a County Exhibit at the State Fair which won FIRST and in addition to the regular prize offered they won \$600. cash prize which went to the county of Augusta to be applied on my salary. They also won first Single Farm prize at Richmond.

In stock Dept. the noticeable feature's were the dairy calves and the Hog Class. Both were larger and better than last year and shows the trend of the times. The hog Dept. showing an increase after the strenuous "Hog Campaign" that I carried on last winter shows the results of Demonstration Work.

In all there are about 1100 miles of road in Augusta County, 120 miles of which has been macadamed, and during the last spring, with the co-operation of the County Road Superintendent we held meetings organizing "Road-drag Clubs", and were successful to the extent of placing about 75 drags among the farmers in the different organizations. The County made the drags under the supervision of the Road Superintendent at a cost of about \$3.60 furnishing them to the members of each club with instructions as how best they could be used. The clubs were so formed that there would be a continuous stretch of road "Dragged" from some out lying point to a town, school store or church. The farmers were to do the work free.

As a followup campaign I induced the Superintendent to mail a list of questions to each user of a drag, with a return attached for reply. About one half of members sent their replies in, a summary of which is interesting.

How many times have you used your Road-drag? Average of replies shows three and three-fourths times during the ~~year~~ spring.

Estimate how many miles each time out? Average of replies, two and one-sixth miles.

Estimate how many hours each time? Average of replies, two and one-half hours.

Do you think the drag work improved your road? 31 answered yes; 7 answered, "very much"; and one said, "In some places"

Do you wish to continue to use the drag another year? 37 said "Yes"; one said "I don't know"; one said "if joined by others" and one said "he could not afford to drag the road for no pay"

A further summary of the answers shows that the total time spent by each man averaged 9 hours and 20 minutes, for the season, or about one days work, and that on the average it took a little over an hour to drag one mile; that is going down one side of the road and coming back on the other side, and some mentioned in their replies the removing of rocks and other slight hand work.

The total time spent on each mile was about four hours for the season, making a total cost per mile for the season of about \$1.20, figuring a man and team at \$3.00 per day, which is the price that the county would have had to pay at that time of the year.

I have taken a great interest in meetings to promote the improvement of certain other roads in the county that needed rocking or macadamizing, and assisted in organizing one Good Roads Assn. for the purpose of assisting the county in rocking one of the trunk line roads coming into Staunton, with the result that the citizens have already subscribed something like \$2000. to suplliment the County appropriation of \$5000. It is hoped that we will be able to increase the subscriptions.

Augusta County, occupies a territory about thirty-two miles in extent in each direction, comprising about 641,920 acres, of which 391, 742 acres are considered Land in Farms, and nearly 300,000 acres are improved lands.

There are, in Augusta County, over 4,000 farmers, 90% of whom are reached by one or both of the local Daily Newspapers.

The Economic or home conditions are of a very high average, a large percent of the Farm Homes having such conveniencies as running water, bath, sewerage, lighting systems etc.

There is only 5.4% of illiteracy among the rural whites.

84% of the farms of Augusta County are operated by owners.

Augusta Co unty is pre-eminantly a diversified Farming County, the main products being, live-stock, corn, wheat, hay, fruit and vegetables.

The Live Stock valuation of Augusta County was according to the census of 1910 greater than that of any county in the State and the combined production of Live-stock and Crops was also greater than that of any County in the State.

Augusta County has 120 miles of macadam roads most of which is asphalt