

OF INTEREST TO RURAL READERS

FARM BUREAU NEWS SERVICE
SUPPLIES ITEMS FOR THE
TRIBUNE READERS

Speaking before the farmers of Lancaster county at the county farm bureau picnic at the state agricultural college Wednesday afternoon, Charles E. Gunnels, treasurer of the American Farm Bureau Federation told briefly and pointedly the necessity of active farm organization with a spirit behind it to go out and do things.

As an illustration of the present condition of the farming industry Gunnels used the report of the recent survey taken by the national City bank of New York, showing that a given commodity produced on the farm in 1919 and sold for \$100, this year is bringing only \$42 and in 1920 \$52. But the fairest way, Mr. Gunnels said, is to take the average price for the past ten years. The survey shows that prices at the present time are 27 per cent below the ten-year average, or a 27 per cent subnormal price for practically all of the larger farm products. Then from that, he said, we must subtract the freight charges which have increased 100 per cent over pre-war rates.

The condition is further aggravated he said by the stringency of credit extended farmers; that out of seven to eight billion in rediscounts turned through the federal reserve system during March, only 1-10 per cent was agricultural paper, according to a report of the federal reserve officials; this in spite of the fact that agricultural interests represent more than a third of the wealth of the nation. It shows, he added, how poorly calculated our federal reserve system is in the matter of productive needs.

The average length of time on paper handled through the federal reserve system in March, he said, was less than fifteen days while the farmer, if he is a stock grower, needs at least two years, or if a grain grower, from one harvest to another.

Mr. Gunnels also reminded his hearers that we have a national debt of approximately \$25,000,000,000 which we must take up or on which we must pay interest. "Various schemes are being proposed to do that," he said, "and it is proposed that a sales tax be levied in lieu of the excess profits tax. That in reality is a consumption tax and falls heaviest upon the people of the middle class—on farmers and laboring men, because a much larger percent necessities of life than the income of the income of the people of the

middle class is spent to purchase the the wealthy."

One of the accepted principles of taxation, he said, particularly in this country, is taxation proportion to the ability to pay. If the sales tax is levied, Gunnels said, it will add to the already overwhelming burden of the farmers and other poorer classes of people. The farmers, he said, are heavy purchasers of staple manufactured products, for instance they purchase three-sevenths of all the steel products manufactured in this country, which applies in about the same proportion on a good many other larger products.

"Now we have destroyed the farmers' ability to buy, because we have made his work unprofitable," he declared, "this fact being reflected in the farm publications where advertising has fallen off more than half."

Mr. Gunnels recalled that he has been told by President Harding and members of his cabinet that our national industries depend upon agricultural prosperity, and he said that that being the fact it is necessary that we set about to remedy the evils that beset agriculture.

The farmer, Gunnels declared, knows better than anybody else what he needs, but the only way the farmer can express himself is through organization. The reason that the farmer has fallen into his present unfavorable situation is largely because he has had no adequate means of expressing himself.

The largest farm organization that has ever been developed declared Mr. Gunnels, is the American Farm Bureau. It is constructive in its policies, and keeps in mind first that the farmer is an American citizen and that he is not asking for any special privileges. He is simply asking for justice, he said, and for an opportunity to take his proper place

in the economic world. To that end there has been developed out of the farm bureau movement, the United States Grain Growers' Inc., the farmer owned and controlled marketing plan; the livestock committee of fifteen which is working out a marketing plan for livestock producers; the dairying committee of eleven; the committee of twenty-one for similar work among the fruit growers.

The farm bureau has called meetings to consider the cotton growers' interests out of which it is hoped a plan will grow for a farm-owned cotton marketing corporation. Another committee, he said, has already developed the national wool pool, and as fast as possible other interests will receive similar attention.

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Mr. Gunnels told of the several service departments of the farm bureau maintained to make for efficiency.

The American Farm Bureau Federation, he declared, is non-sectarian, non-political organization, absolutely representative of the membership, and he stressed the importance of the responsibility of each individual member, and in this connection he pleaded for co-operation upon the part of all farm bureau organizations, and the good fellowship necessary to bring about the big things the organization has set out to do.

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O. N. SANFORD,
Director.

John Grant, Attorney.
NOTICE OF PETITION
Estate No. 1825 of George Lannin, deceased in the County Court of Lincoln County, Nebraska.
The State of Nebraska. To all persons interested in said Estate take notice that a petition has been filed for the issuance of Letters of Administration to Emma Lannin, and for the appointment of Emma Lannin as Administratrix of said estate which has been set for hearing herein on July 12th, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m.
Dated June 20th, 1921.
WM. H. C. WOODHURST,
County Judge.

NOTICE OF BIRDWOOD IRRIGATION DISTRICT.

Notice is hereby given that the assessor in and for the Birdwood Irrigation District, Lincoln County, Nebraska, has completed the assessment for said district and has delivered same to the Secretary. The Board of Directors is hereby called to meet at the office of the Secretary on SE 1/4 of Sec. 36, T. 15, R. 32, Tuesday, July 5, 1921, to act as a Board of Equalization and to hear and adjust all objections to the assessment. The said Board to remain in session as long as necessary, not to exceed ten days, during which time all objections to the assessment and valuation will be heard and determined.
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