

“Cooperation”

Times have taught the farm people that they must work together if they are to progress. The officers and leaders must have high ideals and the members must help each other carry out these ideals.

The Farm Bureau is a great organization. It was organized for one great purpose. This original purpose was and has continued to be, to build a better and finer agriculture to help the farmer and his family appreciate rural life and make the most of its opportunities and to help rural people in working together as organized groups.

From the year 1910 to 1913 many difficult problems arose for the farmers. The most important were the soil problem, the cotton boll weevil in the south and the cattle tick fever in the southwest. Because of the fine cooperative work between farmers and Farm Bureau members these problems were overcome.

Sixty-two counties now have organized Farm Bureaus with delegates from 29 states. Today the Farm Bureau binds together the united thought and action of the people of 45 states.

Agriculture needs organized efforts. The Farm Bureau has provided this organization and so it needs the whole-hearted cooperation of the farm people, leaders and officers.

By cooperation we mean the working together of an organized group of people for accomplishing results. Cooperation is needed in everything if the work is to be a success.

Cooperation among the members must be sincere and whole-hearted. Each should be willing

to help and to keep their meetings as interesting as possible.

Members of the Farm Bureau should cooperate not only in their business programs but also in recreation. One important purpose of the Farm Bureau is to help the farm people learn how to play together. All should keep their meetings interesting and entertaining. This can be helped by the cooperation between other organizations like the 4-H Club, community band and others. The material for entertainment can be exchanged and thus make an interesting program.

Each county should have a county agent. To carry on extension work is an important feature of the Farm Bureau. For this purpose the Farm Bureau, in cooperation with the extension service of the College of Agriculture and the United States Department of Agriculture, hires a county agent to help carry on this work.

The county agent organizes the 4-H Clubs and helps the members with their work. He appreciates a well organized and interesting organization because this helps him to do better work. By cooperating with your county agent you can achieve many of the results you set out to do, and so in all kinds of activities cooperation is the main idea for which to work. Without cooperation one person pulls one way and the other pulls the other way, accomplishing nothing. To be a success in whatever you do, do your best, and cooperate with your fellow men, and don't forget the definition of cooperation, which says—

“Cooperation is so to adjust yourselves that others can work with you.”

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